

TOWN OF CLARKSON  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 14, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M. Instructions for virtual participation were posted.

PRESENT:

Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
Allan Hoy	Councilperson
Patrick Didas	Councilperson
Tom Guarino	Councilperson
Leslie Zink	Councilperson
Sharon Mattison	Town Clerk
Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
Richard Olson	Attorney for the Town

ALSO:

** Kevin Moore	Building Inspector
** Elizabeth Spencer	Assessor
**excused	

Supervisor Filipowicz opened the meeting. She led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for our service men and women, first responders, as well as those on the front lines fighting COVID.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one asked to speak.

**RESOLUTION #345**  
**AUTHORIZE SALE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

Highway Superintendent Bob Viscardi is requesting authorization to sell truck #53, a 10-wheeler International truck that has been part of the fleet for approximately ten years as well as a 2002 Dodge van with a broken frame. He anticipates receiving approximately \$15,000 for the truck and \$500 for the van. He would like to use those funds for plow equipment. This equipment would be listed with Teitsworth Auction at the beginning of August.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino

NAYS: None

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

Supervisor Filipowicz reported that she has received questions from several residents regarding the changes in the rules and regulations at the Transfer Station. The first change is that our vendor for recycling electronics (Sunnking) provided us with a new agreement at our last town board meeting. The guidelines that must now be followed were cost-prohibitive. Basically it said that due to the sensitivity of information on these electronics they must now be in containers, sorted, packaged, locked and with adequate security at all times. The Transfer Station is not a 24/7 facility and we simply could not meet the terms. Sunnking is located in Brockport and may be dropped off there.

The second was the cost of hauling construction materials. Years ago this service was part of the permit at the transfer station, intended for those household projects that come up from time to time, every couple of years. Our town has grown since the Transfer Station was initiated. Over the years loads grew larger and more frequent, so we began to charge per pick-up truck load. That way only users of the construction dumpster would have to pay for what has become an expensive service.

**07.14.20**

We can only afford to have one employee working at the transfer station while open, and they've shared that this service is increasingly hard to manage. We cannot add more employees and push the operation into further deficit.

The transfer station is a service we are happy to provide, and increasingly popular due to the savings it provides to residents for household garbage. The permits do not cover the expenses; however, the town was able to subsidize throughout the years of rising fuel costs and tipping fees. We are no longer able to do so. In addition, our Highway Department is down two full-time employees and will not be replacing staff due to budget projections. Of the remaining eight employees, it takes two of them a full day to haul the materials, now sometimes twice a week. This takes them off revenue-generating projects.

The third issue is the impact of COVID-19 on the Town's budget. Due to a projected decrease in revenues, including sales tax revenues, we've needed to make cuts in all departments. It is doubtful that New York State will provide us with any resources to cover lost revenue or the extra expenses incurred by the Town that were needed in order to be open and compliant.

When asked what residents can do now with their construction materials the answer would be similar to what residents in other towns do; most likely place a dumpster at their home when a large project is planned. We are not equipped to take full decks, full kitchens, etc. at the Transfer Station. Junk Days will continue twice a year and materials could be dropped off at that time.

The Town Board, along with the Highway Superintendent and the Transfer Station operators are discussing ways to better operate the Transfer Station. We welcome all suggestions and are committed to finding a workable solution. Residents were encouraged to contact the Supervisor at 637-1131.

Supervisor Filipowicz also reported that she was invited by Brockport Central School District Superintendent Bruno, to be on the return-to-school advisory committee. We will be meeting tomorrow night at 6 p.m. The Town received a certificate of achievement from PERMA in recognition of no claims over the past coverage year. Leanna Hale informed her that this year's 5K will be a virtual race this year rather than a road race. There appears to be a gypsy moth infestation in the area. Supervisor Filipowicz has personally experienced this with trees at her residence and has done some research. She can share this information with concerned residents as requested. We received an insurance inquiry from Seymour Library to piggyback one of the municipalities' policies. She spoke with Brian Baty, our insurance broker, who feels that this would be a risky undertaking and he advised against it. She has been in contact with Bernie LoBracco, Finance Chairperson for the Library, to discuss bank accounts.

Supervisor Filipowicz also stated that we are finalizing legal agreements with Nexamp, Borrego and Wellington North.

**RESOLUTION #346**  
**APPOINT ARB MEMBER**

Supervisor Filipowicz stated that John Barr is interested in being a member of the Architectural Review Board (ARB).

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To appoint John Barr to the Architectural Review Board effective immediately.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino

NAYS: None

**07.14.20**

Councilperson Guarino stated that he is still working with Nathan Bushnell and Bob Viscardi on the Eagle Scout project. Councilperson Guarino reviewed Nathan's budget which appears to be approximately \$6,276. Nathan will come before the Town Board with a formal presentation.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

S. Mattison reported that she received a phone call from our Dog Control Officer, Dave Maynard. Dave has spoken with the Monroe County Department of Health and they are now willing to schedule a rabies clinic for this year. It will be a drive-through event. No date or time has been confirmed yet.

**TOWN ASSESSOR REPORT**

Supervisor Filipowicz stated that L. Spencer is excused tonight.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Supervisor Filipowicz stated that K. Moore is excused tonight.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

B. Viscardi reported that County work is in full swing now. They are about 500 feet from the end of the Route 18 waterline and they will be following the new plan for the Dakota property. Installation should be completed in the next few weeks. The recent extreme heat slowed down the process.

**RESOLUTION #347****MINUTES**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink  
Seconded by Councilperson Didas  
To approve the June 23, 2020 minutes.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino  
NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION #348****AUDIT 7-01-2020**

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy  
Seconded by Councilperson Guarino  
To authorize payment of audit 7-01-2020 totaling \$23,986.57: AA General \$12,478.75, BB General \$1,179.37, DA Highway \$4,267.26, DB Highway \$418.80, HH Capital Projects \$2,218.84, SL Lighting \$3,351.45, SS Sewer \$72.10. Checks distributed include: Joint Checking #35670-35727; Trust & Agency #6099-6104 (void 6101).

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino  
NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION #349****EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink  
Seconded by Councilperson Hoy  
To enter into Executive Session at 6:17 P.M.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino  
NAYS: None

**07.14.20**

**RESOLUTION #350**  
**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion by Councilperson Zink  
Seconded by Councilperson Didas  
To return to regular session at 8:08 p.m.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino  
NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION #351**  
**COURT CLERK APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Councilperson Zink  
Seconded by Councilperson Guarino  
At the recommendation of the Town Justices, appoint Corey Stepanek and Susan Weiss to the position of Court Clerk for hours not to exceed 15 per week at \$20/hour.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino  
NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION #352**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas  
Seconded by Councilperson Zink  
To adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:11 P.M.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Zink and Guarino  
NAYS: None

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon S. Mattison*  
Town Clerk

Approved 07-28-2020