

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 25, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
Allan Hoy	Councilperson
Patrick Didas	Councilperson
Tom Guarino	Councilperson
Leslie Zink	Councilperson
** Susan Henshaw	Town Clerk
Keylee Gilfilian	Assistant to the Supervisor
Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
Richard Olson	Attorney
Liz Spencer	Assessor
Kevin Moore	Building Inspector

** 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.

OLD BUSINESS

SWBR performed an Existing Conditions Report. Several items both interior and exterior were analyzed. The columns out front as well as the windows need to be repaired. Town Hall has received quotes for windows and doors in the building. The chimney needs to be repaired as well as the flue removed and capped off. The roof is in good shape as it had been replaced in 1997.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway employee – Bryce Gaesser had a military exemption for the CDL test, which the DMV processed for his CDL. Superintendent Viscardi can now upgrade his position from laborer to MEO.

RESOLUTION #116
AUTHORIZE UPGRADE FROM LABORER TO MEO FOR HIGHWAY
EMPLOYEE BRYCE GAESSER

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To approve upgrade from laborer to MEO for Highway employee Bryce Gaesser.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

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Employee Longevity – The Town Board would like to reward our employees with their longevity and commitment to the Town. The 5 employees at this time are:

Mike Farrell – 18 years
 Ursula Liotta – 13 years
 Tom Swanger – 14 years
 Bob Farrell – 10 years
 Liz Spencer – 6 years

All 5 employees were unable to join in the meeting tonight. Superintendent Viscardi wishes to thank the town board and the supervisor on behalf of the employees as he has been with the Town of Clarkson for over 25 years and feels this is a fantastic program.

OPEN FORUM

Martha Clasquin of 34 Sherwood Dr. mentioned she had some issues trying to do the community survey online. Possible placement of an extra character might be causing some confusion. Councilperson Zink will look into this.

Solicitation Permits – have been declined at this time due to COVID.

Reassessment MOU – Assessor Liz Spencer estimated a cost of approximately \$30,000 for the clerk and commercial consultant. She will find out if the state is reimbursing for any of this. A spreadsheet of sales in Clarkson was provided to the Town Board members regarding house sales being, on average, 31% higher than assessed value.

RESOLUTION #117**TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE REASSESSMENT MOU**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To approve the Department of Finance MOU

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Lifetime Assistance – has inquired about using a lodge during renovations of their building. This would run from July, 2021 – December 2021. This would involve 10 people, 2-3 days a week from 9a-3p doing mostly crafts and lunch. They would be using their own cleaning. The Board requested that our cleaner inspect the lodge to ensure that the cleaning is sufficient before granting approval for the entire 6-month period.

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Supervisors Report –

Rabies Clinic – Councilpersons Zink, Guarino and Town Clerk Susan Henshaw all took part in the Clarkson/Hamlin Free Rabies Clinic this past Friday, May 14 at the Hamlin Town hall. It was a very successful event.

Wellington Woods North – Supervisor Filipowicz and Building Inspector Kevin Moore attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Comprehensive Plan’s Community Survey is now live and can be accessed thru our town website.

Memorial Day Flag Ceremony – Supervisor Filipowicz and County Legislator Jackie Smith will be attending the Flag Ceremony at the Oliver Middle School.

Bike Rodeo - scheduled for June 26.

Renewables 2 – Supervisor Filipowicz contacted Mike Cucchiara via conference call live with Nexamp to discuss the community host agreement. The offer is for approximately \$130,000 which is roughly \$27,600 per Megawatt AC. This figure is based on 3 things: past assessments, pilot MPV and a donation. He states there have been changes in the past in regards to incentives. A higher value was discussed due to the market value put forward by the town. Mike Cucchiara said he would contact Supervisor Filipowicz once a decision has been made.

Town Board Report – Councilperson Zink advised that she contacted the Department of Health to discuss Clarkson Good Neighbor Days. They advised everything is in order and to continue to follow any guidelines and protocols for COVID. She is asking everyone to encourage others to take the Community Survey. The Town Board will be placing flags at the West Clarkson and Garland Cemeteries to honor our veterans for Memorial Day. Shred Day is coming up on Saturday June 5, from 10a – 12p at the highway parking lot.

Superintendent Report - Superintendent Viscardi advised that highway has started their summer county work which includes 4 drainage projects. First is the chip sealing of Lawton Rd. The highway has been and will continue spot patching town roads. Flags and Military banners will start to go up tomorrow. Brush bin seems to be very accommodating to our residents even after the move inside the gate. Superintendent Viscardi wishes to thank Supervisor Filipowicz and the Town Board for the approval to hire the 2 highway employees which bring him to full staff.

Building Inspector – Kevin Moore advised that everyone seems to be aware of all the big projects going on in Clarkson. He will be taking a training course on June 8 in regards to soil and water and keeping the town current. Conservation Board member John Barr wanted to thank the town for correcting the flood issue on his property. Once the pipe was removed that was not on the initial plans, things seemed to resolve itself.

RESOLUTION #118

APPROVE MINUTES 5-11-2021

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Didas

To approve meeting minutes of 5-11-2021

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

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RESOLUTION #119
AUDIT 05-25-2021

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To authorize payment of audit 5-25-2021 totaling \$33,822.17 AA General \$11,297.18, BB General- Outside Village \$286.03, DA Highway - Town Wide \$22,112.57, SS – Sewer \$126.39 and Distribution of checks: Trust and Agency #6180-6183, Joint Checking #4170-4205

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #120
ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

To adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYS: None

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 6-8-2021