

TOWN OF CLARKSON  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 27, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 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

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**

Delbra Brown, author of We Are Family, is interested in making a film documentary of a funeral scene at the West Clarkson Cemetery. The book chronicles pre and post slavery from 1870 - 1950. Ms. Brown is interested in filming a funeral scene and feels that the West Clarkson cemetery is the perfect back drop. She advises that the documentary would have limited props, uses green screen to propel people into the past and a make-shift coffin will be used. Ms. Brown notes that it is a heavily narrated documentary. Ms. Brown mentions that they will not focus on any particular tombstones, rather they will scan the cemetery so that no names are noted in the filming. They can film in a back corner of cemetery if needed. Supervisor Filipowicz advises her concern that she would like the filming to be respectful of the families. Ms. Brown would like filming completed by October. Once filming is concluded, this documentary will be on U-tube. Town Attorney Richard Olson advised that Ms. Brown will need to show a copy of her insurance paperwork with Town of Clarkson noted. Then an agreement can be prepared between the Town of Clarkson and Delbra Brown.

Ron and Cheryl Beardslee of 8258 Ridge Rd, would like to mention the drainage problem on their property. It seems to come from Sugar Tree Circle. Whenever there is heavy rain, their yard floods as well as their basement. They have contacted the state for assistance and were told to contact the Town Highway Dept. Supervisor Filipowicz mentioned that she recalls Cheryl Beardslee discussing this in the past and has reference Superintendent Viscardi. He suggests we contact the Town Engineer JP Schepp to further look into this issue so things do not continue to bounce back and forth between the state and the Town Highway Dept. Ms. Beardslee mentioned that the state advised her that when the Sugar Tree Circle development began in 1985, that the town took control of the area and were now responsible for anything that may develop. Both Cheryl and Ron Beardslee mentioned another pipe coming from Sherwood, that when it rains, water disperses all over another neighbors' yard and their basement floods as well. They were told by the state to not touch this particular pipe. Superintendent Viscardi advised that back in the 1950's when someone first moved in, they started adding their own piping to the existing pipe, and stretching out the drainage issue. It was never fully resolved and has since compromised the original piping. Ridge Road is a state road and they are aware of the concerns. Superintendent Viscardi discussed possibly taking ownership of that area from the state, for maintenance purposes. Cheryl Beardslee also mentioned her concerns with the creek running to Veterans Park and all the flooding this year.

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She advised the previous Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry contacted the state to open up the ditch and clean out the pipes. The water issues seemed to subside until this summer. Supervisor Filipowicz advised that she will contact our Town Engineer JP Schepp to come inspect the area and that he will contact the Beardslees' as well at that time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Nexamp** - James Palumbo from Kepler, Hahn and Hyatt and Dave Burn from Renau Energy spoke on behalf of the Nexamp Solar Project. They explained that they have a 25 year agreement with the landowner. That they plan to generate local jobs as well as benefit the resident with energy savings of approximately 10% of the residents energy bill. The solar panels will cover 21 acres and will have a 7 ft high fence surrounding the area. The array is 4.7 MegaWatt AC and will use bifacial modules to attract the sun from both sides as it moves according to the sun's positioning. As we get closer to the start-up, Nexamp will send out informational postcards to all residents with valid marketing data to advise information on allotment for local consumption. We are still a year away from that. They plan to offer an Informational Workshop for all interested residents as well. Harold Mundy of 85 Mission Hill Rd, inquired about the variance height of the array being at its peak of 16ft. James Palumbo advised they need to be this height as they are prepared for significant snow if needed. Each panel is 7 ft x 3 1/2 ft and they are lined up as single portrait. Code Enforcement officer Kevin Moore advised that Nexamp may need another variance for height as other Solar projects in Clarkson have needed them for the same purpose. Councilperson Didas inquired about the landscaping to help assist in hiding the view of the panels. James Palumbo advised that deciduous trees will be used to help screen from the road. He assured everyone that they are within there 100 ft set back from the road. They mentioned there are several accessible roads to reach the rest of the property owners' land so it can continue to be farmed. Town Attorney Richard Olson advised that the next step is to contact Clarkson Planning Board to continue to move forward with this project as well as speaking to Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Moore with any follow up questions and details. Dave Burn mentioned that they will be introducing themselves to the neighboring residents to assist with any questions regarding the Solar Project.

**Water Improvement Area No. 1 SEQR** – Supervisor Filipowicz advised that she will be returning information requested by SEQR in regards to our town wide water improvement. No other local municipalities had any concerns for having the Town of Clarkson be the lead agency. We will now formally declare us as the Lead Agency for this project. Town Attorney Richard Olson read thru the SEQR information with all the descriptions and possible impacts of the project.

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**RESOLUTION #149**

**DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE TOWN OF CLARKSON WATER IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT AREA NO.1 SEQR**

Resolution determination of Environmental Significance for Town of Clarkson Water Improvement Benefit Area No.1

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clarkson Town Board (hereinafter referred to as “Town Board”) has determined the above referenced Action to be a Type 1 Action pursuant to Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and **WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed and accepted the completed Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3 including the supporting information on the Action prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as “Town Engineer”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has completed the coordinated review and public comment period provided for under the SEQR Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has designated itself as lead agency under the SEQR Regulations for making the determination of significance upon said action on a separate resolution at the July 27, 2021 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has given consideration to the criteria for determining significance as set forth in Section 617.7(c) (1) of the SEQR Regulations and the information contained in Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2, and 3

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that said Action WILL NOT result in any significant adverse environmental impacts based on the review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Town Board does hereby make a Determination of Non-Significance on said Action, and the Town Supervisor is hereby directed to sign the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 3, the Negative Declaration, as evidence of the Town Board determination of environmental non-significance.

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #150**

**DESIGNATION AS LEAD AGENCY FOR TOWN OF CLARKSON WATER IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT AREA NO.1 SEQR**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clarkson Town Board (hereinafter referred to as “Town Board”) on June 8, 2021 declared its intent to be designated the Lead Agency for the Town of Clarkson Water Improvement Benefit Area No. 1 project under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has provided written notices to this effect to the involved and interested agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has not received any written objections from the involved agencies to the Board’s being designated as the lead agency under the SEQR Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has previously determined that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and for making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board does hereby designate itself as the lead agency for the Action identified above herein;

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

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**RESOLUTION #151**  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CREATION OF A SOLAR ENERGY OVERLAY**  
**DISTRICT**

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To have a Public Hearing for Creation of a Solar Energy Overlay District

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**Supervisors Report –**

**ARPA** - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund check has been received for \$353,989.58. Half was awarded in July and the other half will be in July 2022. Supervisor Filipowicz mentioned that she and Assistant to the Supervisor Keylee Gilfilian and Superintendent Viscardi all attended a seminar with EFPR Group along with industry experts, advising the different ways this money is allowed to be spent. It is very restrictive and they will have to be very careful moving forward.

**PERMA** – Supervisor Filipowicz has her yearly meeting to discuss risk assessments and management.

**Library Board** – There will be a meeting coming up on August 24 at 7p to discuss the library budget with Brockport, Sweden and Clarkson. There will be a presentation at the same time. A special thank you to Pat Galinski for providing the highlights of the last meeting of the library board. **See attachment**

**Town Board Report-**

**Good Neighbor Days** – Councilperson Zink reminded everyone of the event coming up on August 27 starting at 6p.

**Town Clerk Report-** Susan would like to sell E-ZPass tags at the Town Hall as a courtesy to the residents seeing as the NYS Thruway has now gone cashless. She has spoken to the New York State Thruway Authority and they advised that we could sell the tags for \$25 each to our residents, but Clarkson would only pay \$21 each tag to the NYS Thruway. We have to purchase in bulk, meaning 25 tags at a time. No other hidden charges of any kind. She feels this would be a nice convenience to the residents of the town.

**Assessor's Report** – Town Assessor Liz Spencer advises that she has been working on the Re-Assessment Review for 2022 along with help from her State Representative Peggy Hill. The review is almost complete and she is on target with her timeline. She mentions that she and her State Representative will be putting a video together to help guide and answer questions the residents may of their re-assessment. She has offered to have town meetings to explain and answer any further concerns people may have. She will be sending out notices of informal hearings in February 2022.

**Highway Superintendent** – Superintendent Viscardi advised he billed the county just over \$36,000 for county related work projects. At the Transfer Station, at this same time last year, January – June 2020, the C&D bin cost the town \$6,111 to clear. As of this June 2021 the bin has cost the town \$747. This is quite a difference and is a huge savings.

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**RESOLUTION #152**

**AUTHORIZING CLARKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY TO SELL E-ZPASS TAGS**

Resolution authorizing Clarkson to enter into Agreement with New York State Thruway Authority to sell E-ZPass Tags

**WHEREAS**, Town of Clarkson, in Monroe County, Clerk's Office wishes to retail E-ZPass Tags through the New York State Thruway Authority's E-ZPass On-the-Go Program;

**WHEREAS**, Town of Clarkson, in Monroe County, Clerk's Office will purchase E-ZPass tags for the cost of \$21.00 per Tag from the Thruway Authority and sell the Tags at a cost of \$25.00 per tag, allowing the Town of Clarkson to keep \$4.00 per sale, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson hereby authorizes the Clarkson Town Clerk's Office to enter in an agreement with the New York State Thruway Authority to sell E-ZPass Tags provided all legal requirements are complied with.

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #153**

**APPROVE MINUTES 07-13-2021**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To approve meeting minutes of 7-13-2021

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Guarino, Hoy, Zink and Didas (absent)

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #154**

**AUDIT 07-27-2021**

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Didas

To authorize payment of audit 7-27-2021 totaling \$43,857.15 AA General \$17,037.38, BB General- Outside Village \$2,738.12, DA Highway - Town Wide \$24,034.13, SS – Sewer \$47.52 and Distribution of checks: Trust and Agency #6199-6202, Joint Checking #4340-4370.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Guarino, Hoy, Zink and Didas (absent)

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #155**

**ADJOURN**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

To adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Guarino, Hoy, Zink and Didas (absent)

NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Henshaw*

Town Clerk

Approved 8-10-2021

