

TOWN OF CLARKSON  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 26, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 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
Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
Richard Olson	Attorney
** Liz Spencer	Assessor
Kevin Moore	Building Inspector

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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.

**HISTORICAL MOMENTS**

Town Historian, Leanna Hale handed out a map detailing a portion of Clarkson. She wanted to discuss "Otis", which is a small settlement area on East Lake Rd. Later it became Ladd Rd, then finally Sweden Walker Rd. It had 2 churches, a blacksmith and carriage shops, a store, a brickyard and school #7. She advised about an air-raid bell from WWII at the school, and she discussed different responsibilities of each school and the students. Ms. Hale talked about the 3 Post Offices located in Clarkson. She then talked about the family of Samuel Perry. How young Sam Perry Jr. was summoned by his father to go look into the possible purchase of land on Ridge Rd near the area of "Otis". Young Sam ends up joining the Clarkson Militia during the time of the War of 1812, where afterwards he finds the perfect piece of property to purchase for his father on Ridge Rd in the Lockport area. Moral of Ms. Hales story, all of this was happening to Sam Perry at a very young age of 17. Think of all the good things you can do at such a young age.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Filipowicz opened up the public hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget with a recap of several items, including:

\$45,000 added to the PILOT payments for Wellington Woods  
Highway outside the village increased by \$30,000 from the General Fund outside the village for additional road work.  
\$305,500 Community Host payment to Town Hall Capital Project  
\$10,000 from General Fund outside the village to Seymour Library Capital Reserves  
\$30,000 for a mini excavator  
\$70,000 for 2 pick-up trucks  
2% increase for employee wages  
9% increase in healthcare  
Decreasing AA1410.100 by \$2,778  
Increasing BB7410.400 (library) by \$1412.81  
0% tax rate increase  
\$2,427 below the tax cap

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The Public Hearing will stay open until the next Town Board meeting held on November 9, 2021 at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS****RESOLUTION #202****AUTHORIZE MERIT/STEP INCREASE FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE ADAM JOHNSON**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To approve, based on merit, increase to MEO step 6 @ \$20.60 /hour effective November 2, 2021.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #203****AUTHORIZE MERIT/STEP INCREASE FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT CLERK ANNA BEARDSLEE**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To approve, based on merit, step increases for Building Department Clerk Anna Beardslee

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**Supervisors Report –**

**Healthcare** – Keylee Gilfilian and Eric Bond from Bond Benefits Consulting met with the town employees to review their healthcare options for 2022. The plan offerings remain the same 4 options as 2021. They are Excellus SimplyBlue Platinum 2, Excellus SimplyBlue Gold 1, Excellus SimplyBlue Gold 6 High Deductible and Excellus SimplyBlue Silver 2 High Deductible. Eric Bond was available to visit with anyone who needed assistance.

**Library** – Supervisor Filipowicz met with Bernie LoBracco and Marilynn Brown to review the 2022 library budget and wanted to thank them both for their efforts in trying to balance the budget.

**Monroe County Supervisors Monthly Meeting** – was held on October 15.

**Assessor Information** – Liz Spencer was excused from the meeting but asked to pass along the home sales trend in Monroe County. Huge difference between the home sale value to the assessed value and Clarkson has yet to see a slow-down in the market. 3 housing location examples were provided for over assessed value:

\$82,000 – Larrigan Crossing

\$75,000 - St Katherines Way

\$134,000 - Redman Rd

Clarkson wants to continue to stay at 100% which is the fair share. The 2022 assessment has been planned since the last one in 2019. If the town falls under a certain percentage, we will then be out of compliance with state requirements. There are 2 very informative short videos on the Assessor page on the town website for anyone to view.

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**Town Board Report-**

**Friends of Seymour** – Councilperson Zink helped work the Library Book Sale last weekend. It was a huge success with tons of books and was very well received. They were able to raise \$2350 from the event.

**Comprehensive Plan** – will have more information soon

Councilperson Guarino wishes to thank Bernie LoBracco and Marilynn Brown for their time spent towards the 2022 Library Budget.

**Town Clerk Report-**

**E-ZPass tags-** Susan advised that Clarkson was accepted as an E-ZPass tags facility and will move forward with all information as it comes in.

**Transfer Station** - She inquired about the cost of the 2022 Transfer Station passes and was advised that the cost will increase to \$220 for the year 2022.

**Rental Lodges** – Susan proposed pricing for the 2022 lodge rentals and to add Fridays to the weekend pricing schedule. She would like to change the time to occupy the lodges to 10a–10p.

Monday – Thursday - \$150 (from \$100 at either lodge)

Friday – Sunday - \$200 (Kimball Lodge) \$175 (Goodwin Lodge)

**RESOLUTION # 204**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE PRICING STRUCTURE FOR THE RENTAL LODGES**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To authorize pricing structure for the rental lodges

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**Welcome to Clarkson Signs** – Susan discussed a possible increase on the annual fees to continue advertising on the signs. Town Board felt the \$300 per year fee is sufficient.

**Delinquent Dog Fees** - Susan inquired about a possible return to delinquent dog fees as once held prior to COVID. There is a need as we have many residents behind on dog licensing fees. She suggested a few scenarios and ways to implement low-cost fees. The board declined any changes at this time and felt that we should continue our efforts to provide the residents of the town who own dogs, the free rabies clinic annually.

**Highway Superintendent** – Superintendent Viscardi advised of a request for a maintenance agreement for 3325 Sweden Walker Rd.

**RESOLUTION #205**

**TO APPROVE OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF 160' FRONTAGE OF  
3325 SWEDEN WALKER RD**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of October 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson makes a Resolution with the State of New York under the Town's Annual Maintenance Highway Permit #20210494060 issued on October 22, 2021, to approve the ownership and maintenance of 160' of frontage at 3325 Sweden Walker Road, including replacement of an 18" culvert pipe to an access driveway at the N end of the property.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

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**Junk Days**– Superintendent Viscardi advised that 190 residents attended junk days last weekend.

**Brush Days** – begin on Monday October 25. A reminder the highway supplies a brush trailer to any resident who would like to borrow it, as well as the use of the brush drop off located at the highway garage during business hours Monday through Thursday until November 15. The trailer is popular and utilized frequently and has curtailed the amount of brush for the semi-annual town pick up.

Superintendent Viscardi wishes to mention the sudden loss of the Monroe County Director of Transportation Jim Pond. He was well liked in his short tenure at the county and will be greatly missed.

**RESOLUTION #206**  
**APPROVE MINUTES 10-12-2021**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Didas

To approve meeting minutes of 10-12-2021

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Zink and Didas

OBSTAIN DUE TO ABSENCE: Councilperson Guarino

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #207**  
**AUDIT 10-26-2021**

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To authorize payment of audit 10-26-2021 totaling \$145,819.01 AA General \$14,818.35 BB General- Outside Village \$7,845.93, DA Highway - Town Wide \$34,433.47, DB Highway–Outside Village \$88,628.66, SS–Sewer \$92.60 and Distribution of checks: Trust and Agency #6217-6219, Joint Checking #4553-4590.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #208**  
**ADJOURN**

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

To adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Henshaw*

Town Clerk

Approved 11–13-2021