

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 22, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
Nick D'Amuro	Councilperson
John Culhane	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

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 spoke

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Filipowicz opened the Public Hearing for the Clarkson Comprehensive Plan. Councilperson Zink, Chairperson of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, wished to thank all members of the committee; Conrad Ziarniak, Joe Perry, Harold Mundy, John Jackson, Leanna Hale, Chris Martin, Bob Viscardi, Ralph Rizzo, Nick D'Amuro and Lee Hicks. This process was extensive taking over a year to formulate. First project being the Community Survey which was rolled out in Spring of 2021. The top 3 resident responses from the survey were; 1) Preserve Agricultural Resources and Farmland, 2) Enhance our Quality of Life and Sense of Place, and 3) Support Sustainable Growth and Development. The committee is working towards goals according to these responses. The last Clarkson Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2005 with similar results. The action plan may look different but the expectations remain the same. The average age of the residents is continuing to climb so the plan is to help meet those specific needs as well.

Sheldon Meyers of 223 Darla Drive, wrote a letter he shared with the town board expressing his views on planning for the future. He felt the committee may have put too much weight on responses from the 200 residents, 3% of the population, that chose to do the survey. He felt they relied too heavily on social media and suggested a longer response time to the survey or sending out flyers to each household to improve resident feedback. Mr. Meyers felt that broadband internet and WIFI were missing from the survey. Along with the desire for more restaurants or incentive zoning. He suggested a "Farm to Table" idea on Ridge Road supporting local farmers. Mr. Meyers is hoping the board will take the lead and assist on this action plan for the residents. Councilperson Zink advised that a Business Advisory Committee was established to discuss the requests for restaurants in the town.

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Martha Clasquin of 34 Sherwood Drive, wanted to thank the entire committee for work well done. She referenced global warming and changes of weather patterns that are effecting land usage. She mentioned the possibility of using federal funds towards different broadband usage and WIFI. Ms. Clasquin mentioned the water, sewer and infrastructure plans and the hope the committee sees them to completion. She inquired about an Inter-Municipality Cooperation with neighboring towns to reduce costs. She inquired about properties needing attention and unsafe buildings in town and what possible solutions exist.

Michelle Spagnola of 78 Lynnwood Drive, inquired about an update on Electric Vehicle charges. Supervisor Filipowicz mentioned they were looking into a grant with the Fire Department sub-station, but that did not come to fruition due to unforeseen charges to the fire district. However, they are re-visiting the possibility in the near future. Ms. Spagnola also mentioned that Sweden has a charging station at a cost of .25 a kilowatt hr.

Superintendent Viscardi advised that he attended a meeting last week that also mentioned a Hazard Mitigation Grant for Electric Vehicles as well as broadband internet and that he is currently reading through for more details. He will review and advise feedback. He advised the grant size depends on population of the town. Supervisor Filipowicz mentioned at the Monroe County Supervisors meeting yesterday, that of the 1.2 trillion Infrastructure Funding, New York will receive 13.5 billion and they addressed broadband amongst several other items.

Harold Mundy of 85 Mission Hill Drive, mentioned that if you have a cell phone, you have access to broadband.

RESOLUTION #132
TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE UPDATE TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To close the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

COMMUNICATIONS

No one spoke

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #133
TO APPOINT COURTNEY MILLER FULL TIME-35 HRS

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To appoint Courtney Miller to full time at 35 hours at \$16.30 per hour.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

Budget Transfers –

For Zoning Board & Planning Board (EFPR left these at 2021 rates)

Transfer from B1990.4 Contingency \$398.40

Transfer to: B8010.103 Zoning, Pers Serv, Board \$151.40

B8020.103 Planning, Pers Serv, Board \$247.00

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For Courtney Miller position

Transfer from: A1990.4 Contingency - \$16,000.00

Transfer to: A1410.102 Clerk, Deputy, Pers Serv - \$11,000.00

A1430.102 Personnel, Clerk, Pers Serv - \$ 5,000.00

RESOLUTION #134**TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS FROM EFPR**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To approve above noted budget transfers.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

Supervisors Report –

See attached

Town Board Reports –

Payroll – Councilperson Culhane is working to help establish electronic payroll for all town employees.

Resident Feedback – Councilperson Culhane will move forward with the feedback box to be located within Town Hall as well as our website.

Library – Councilperson Culhane advised he attended a Seymour Library Board of Trustees call where they mentioned the Library is fully staffed. They are working on summer programs that suggests reading 1000 books before entering Kindergarten. They are looking into LED lighting as a cost saver. There is some roof damage they are currently in talks with the manufacturer for financial assistance. They are working on the draft for the Employee Handbook. Spring Book Sale April 6 – 9 at the Library, with a fundraising event on April 7.

Eagle Scout Candidates – Councilperson Guarino mentioned he is working with 2 Eagle Scout candidates who are compiling information through aerial photos to assist with proper flag placement by the veterans' gravesites for Memorial Day. They will also volunteer to participate in flag placement with other town board volunteers. Councilperson Guarino, along with assistance from the highway department, is ready to place the planters that were made last Fall, around different locations in town just in time for Spring.

Highway Meeting - Councilpersons Guarino and D'Amuro will be meeting with the highway employees tomorrow morning Wednesday, March 23.

Website – Councilperson D'Amuro worked with our social media specialist Tyler Jones to combat the website issues that were discovered last weekend. All concerns were resolved within a few days.

Veteran's Outreach – Councilperson D'Amuro and County Legislator Jackie Smith will be meeting with local vets at the Brockport American Legion on April 11. A mobile unit will be coming to Clarkson Good Neighbor Day, Brockport Arts Festival and the Hamlin Wheelfest over the summer to provide services to our local vets.

Assessors Report - Liz Spencer handed out a letter to all town board members at the conclusion of the board meeting.

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Superintendents Report – Superintendent Viscardi wants to remind everyone of the Special Brush Pick up that started Monday. One pass through all town roads and will be completed by end of this week. Highway will still have the Spring Brush Pick up at the end of April. Once completed, highway will return to lawn damage concerns and drainage issues. He will update Facebook, our website and the town Newsletter with upcoming road maintenance dates. He has received the Monroe County schedule and Clarkson Parma Townline Road is noted to have the shoulders redone this year, with paving next year.

RESOLUTION #135
APPROVE MINUTES 3-08-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Zink
 Seconded by Councilperson Culhane
 To approve minutes from 3-08-2022.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink
 NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #136
AUDIT 3-22-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino
 Seconded by Councilperson D’Amuro
 To authorize payment of audit 3-22-2022 totaling \$27,409.81 AA General \$13,344 34, BB General- Outside Village \$1,431.44, DA Highway - Town Wide \$12,558.11, SS – Sewer \$75.92 and Distribution of checks: Trust and Agency #6252, 6254-6255, 6253-void, Joint Checking #2039-2078.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink
 NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #137
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino
 Seconded by Councilperson D’Amuro
 Motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink
 NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw
 Town Clerk

Approved 4-12-2022

Supervisors Report - March 22, 2022

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- American Manufacturing.

He also spoke about the Rebuilding American Infrastructure, Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grants.

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- RGRTA and the loss of services due to reducing costs
- FEMA mapping and the impact on resident's insurance costs
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