

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 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
Keith O'Toole	Deputy Attorney

** 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 and veterans, particularly those who have paid the ultimate price.

HISTORICAL MOMENTS

Historian Leanna Hale advised that the Academy will be open for summer camp, grades 4-5 the 3rd week in August. She advised that she has prepared brochures for walking tours of the Town of Clarkson, that are placed by the community board in the entrance to Town Hall. On this tour is the Philip Boss House on Ridge Rd. He painted portraits of the residents and one of his portraits was displayed in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A family with 5 children has recently purchased the house. Leanna also wanted to discuss today, the anniversary of the Continental Congress of 1777, July 14 – Flag Day. A resolution was adopted stating - “the flag of the United States be thirteen alternate stripes red and white” and that “the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.” In 1885 a teacher started the tradition of honoring the flag and in 1916 Woodrow Wilson proclaimed July 14 as Flag Day. Celebrations are enjoyed in many different ways through out the country. Betsy Ross is credited with making the first American flag.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued Employment Policy – Councilperson Culhane explained that an employee has a limit to how many months you may be out of work due to an illness, and your work position would be protected to the end of this policy. Its important to have a policy in place for the town employees.

RESOLUTION #189

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

A motion to approve the continued employment policy.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

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Cypress Creek – Kaitlyn Vigers, attorney with Phillips Lytle, advised she is representing Buck Run Solar LLC, and the property located at 2540 Redman Road. The project size is 5 Megawatts and sits on 26.4 acres of a 128 parcel in Clarkson. It is zoned RS20 and is mostly vacant land with a few small out buildings located on it. This will include 2 acres of tree clearing that will avoid the wetlands. They have been working with town Attorney Richard Olson on the Host Agreement. Bernardo Urdaneta has worked with the DEC concerning the 480A program and the county to have the land portion removed from the 480A program, as to continue to move forward with the solar project. Kaitlin requests we schedule a public hearing for July 12. She will then contact the county. She requests that the Town Board declare their intent to act as Lead Agency for the SEQRA.

RESOLUTION #190

MOTION TO DECLARE TOWN BOARD AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA FOR THE BUCK RUN SOLAR, LLC PROJECT

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to declare Town Board as Lead Agency for SEQRA for the Buck Run Solar, LLC Project.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

**TOWN OF CLARKSON, MONROE COUNTY
BUCK RUN SOLAR, LLC
REDMAN ROAD**

WHEREAS, Buck Run Solar, LLC, has made application to the Town of Clarkson to rezone property located at 2540 Redman Road (parcels 028.03-1-17) and construct a 5 MW solar development; and

WHEREAS, to be developed as proposed, the project will require rezoning of the parcel as a Solar Energy Overlay District and site plan approval by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been prepared and presented to this board by the developer; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that The Project is subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, The Project is classified as a Type I action pursuant to SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the FEAF lists potentially involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson wishes to act as SEQR Lead Agency for the project, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson hereby declares its intent to act as SEQR Lead Agency for The Project;
2. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute the "Notice to Establish Lead Agency" form.
3. The Notice to Establish Lead Agency and appropriate attachments shall be promptly forwarded by the Town Clerk to the involved agencies on the Agency List and appropriate correspondence shall be forwarded to all interested agencies.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION, was put to vote as follows:

RESOLUTION #191

MOTION TO CALL PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUCK RUN SOLAR, LLC

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

Motion to call a Public Hearing for Buck Run Solar, LLC to be held Tuesday, July 12 at 6p.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

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NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Code Proposal – Councilperson Zink advised John Steinmetz from Bergmann Inc. has sent a quote for updating the town zoning code and maps to its entirety, to be completed within 10 – 14 months. This project is not to exceed \$54,000.

RESOLUTION #192

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONTRACT FROM BERGMANN TO UPDATE THE ZONING CODES

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

Motion to accept the contract from Bergmann to update the Zoning Codes.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Lodge Rental Refunds - Town Clerk Susan Henshaw reviewed the COVID Waiver Form that all renters have been required to sign for contact tracing purposes, since the start of COVID. She is suggesting to discontinue the use of the form as the CDC is no longer doing contract tracing and no other towns in the area are using the form. All board members approved. Also, I had a late cancellation of a rental lodge due to a death in the family and would like to provide a refund, minus the \$25, back to the renter. All board members were in agreement with the Town Clerk.

Supervisors Report –

Shred Day – Was held on Saturday June 4 and was a success. Many residents utilized this service and were very appreciative. Those who participated in the Shred Day also received COVID test kits.

Town Hall Renovations – Supervisor Filipowicz has spoken to Dave Strabel and he is working on some new updated drawings from past years for possible renovation ideas. She also reached out to get updated window and door quotes as well. She is meeting with several stakeholders of the town on June 23 to discuss possible future plans.

Lifetime Assistance - Supervisor Filipowicz and Councilperson Zink attended the ribbon cutting ceremony this morning for the new 6500 square foot addition to the Lifetime Assistance Lowry Center building. This will be a newer, open space concept that offers better mobility.

Town Board Reports –

Website - Councilperson D’Amuro discussed working with Tyler Jones, our website technician, on a video series of all departments within the town. He would like to start at the Highway Department and work their way through all areas.

Eagle Scout Badge - Councilperson Guarino mentioned the information that soon to be Eagle Scout Zachary Kelly has worked on for the West Clarkson Cemetery. He has prepared a map and video to assist in locating all Veterans laid to rest as well as a website with information on each veteran. It can be found at www.westclarksoncemetery.com. Zachary and fellow scout Nathan Bushnell will be presented with the Eagle Scout badge along with a Proclamation from the town on Friday, June 24 at the Exempts Club. Tom and Dawn Guarino will be supplying planters in all the newly built benches prepared by Nathan Bushnell, that are placed around town at our cemeteries and parks.

Flag Placement - Councilperson Zink wanted to thank all board members, their spouses and those that came out to help with flag placement from Memorial Day. Councilperson Guarino wanted to mention how helpful the flag markers at the veterans’ gravesite are in holding the flags in place.

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Best Neighbor Slogan – is underway in hopes of uniting the town from much country wide discourse. Hoping this may be a way to bring neighbors together. This contest runs through July 20 with the winning slogan being announced at Good Neighbor Days.

Good Neighbor Day – will be held on Friday, August 19.

Conservation Board/ARB – Councilperson Zink mentioned that she is trying to have these 2 boards meet on a more regular basis, post COVID.

Comprehensive Plan – Councilperson Zink advised that the committee is working on the action items with Bergmann and the Conservation Board.

Broadband – Councilperson Zink is in contact with Greenlight, a fiber optics group in the process of expanding into Clarkson. They currently are working on a project on Drake Road. This will be good to have competition with Spectrum.

Highway Department – Councilperson Culhane wanted to thank some of our highway employees who happen to be first responders to assist with an accident on Lake Road last week in front of the Millhouse. They immediately helped direct traffic away from the scene.

Town Hall Renovations – Councilperson Culhane has reached out to town engineer JP Schepp for prior town hall designs and pictures that may assist with new renovation ideas.

Charging Station - Councilperson Culhane and Supervisor Filipowicz are finding that Clarkson is in a high need area for battery charging stations. A few ideal locations have been discussed in Clarkson in the past and continue to search for the best space. Councilperson Culhane will reach out to an approved contractor, O'Connell Electric, for more possible assistance with funding.

Town Clerk Report – Susan advised that she has collected \$5.7 million in town and county taxes and the season is now complete. Susan also discussed the Round A'Bout and how the Lions Club, Kiwanis and Sara's Farm Market have offered to clean up and tend to it on a regular basis. Susan also wanted to review the incoming revenue that the following areas contribute in the clerk's office, going back to 2019 pre-covid. Those areas are, Transfer Station, Lodge rentals, Dog Licenses, Passports, EZ Pass and Marriage Licenses. She wanted to show how revenue is climbing to the standard levels for Clarkson.

Town Attorney – Richard Olson has been in contact with Attorney Buddy Lester regarding the Solar farm and its shared revenue from the lease that was donated by Richard Booth to the towns of Sweden and Clarkson. The money is set to be distributed quarterly with first check due to arrive in June. Mr. Olson is working on the title and abstract at this time. At the end of the lease, which is anywhere from 15-40 years, the town will then own that entire parcel of land. At that time, they may wish to sell the excess land located around the solar farm.

Building Inspector – Kevin Moore wanted to share that RENUA also can possibly assist with the charging station. They have different ways to accept payment for them. He suggests talking to Dave Byrne for further information. Kevin now has access to a highway truck to assist him during the day when he needs to travel to different sites.

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RESOLUTION #193

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUPERVISOR'S MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Acknowledge receipt of Supervisors May Financial Report.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #194

APPROVE MINUTES 05-24-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To approve minutes from 05-24-2022.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #195

APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 06-01-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To approve Special Meeting minutes from 06-01-2022.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #196

AUDIT 06-14-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

To authorize payment of audit 06-14-2022 totaling \$60,556.13 AA General \$17,851.27, BB General- Outside Village \$4,084.29, DA Highway - Town Wide \$34,271.15, HH Capital Projects \$650.00, SL – Lighting \$3,624.42, SS Sewer \$75.00 and Distribution of checks: Trust and Agency #006263, Joint Checking #002241- 002303.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

RESOLUTION #197

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

Motion to adjourn at 6:56PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 6-28-2022