

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 26, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 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
**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 and veterans, particularly those who have paid the ultimate price.

OPEN FORUM

Martha Clasquin of 34 Sherwood Drive asked a few questions:

"I have several questions to ask about the public sector of the board meeting on July 12. Sometimes it is really difficult to keep up with the fast pace when going through the agenda, especially when there are side conversations with the attorney to clarify matters before going to a vote. So please, if you would hear me out, I have a list.

First off, if I heard correctly there was motion to make Ursula in title only, as deputy counselor to the board. This was curious especially when later in the meeting Mr. Viscardi reported that Ursula was retiring and would be replaced in 2 weeks. I didn't understand that.

Then there was a vote to appoint Courtney Miller to be secretary to the supervisor instead of working for the clerk's office? Hasn't the town been we advertising for months to fill the need for staff in the clerk's office? Perhaps you can explain this apparent contradiction. Finally, clerk Henshaw asked how she is to handle numerous inquiries from residents about their assessments; you replied that she should "handle what she could and refer the rest to the supervisor". Is that right? Clearly, we have a town assessor who has done a superlative job, just as clearly the town cannot do without a town assessor who is qualified and experienced to do the job. So now what? Just punt the phone calls?

Recently you hired Leadership Logic to help with personnel matters. Good luck. I know from experience that all the executive sessions you have will not fix these problems. I also know we residents are going to have to pay for all of the settlements and lawsuits from staffing issues through our taxes, and this, to me, is not acceptable.

Thank you for letting me speak."

COMMUNICATIONS

Seymour Library – the joint operating agreement between Clarkson, Sweden and the village of Brockport will be signed this week for all municipalities involved.

Historical Preservation Grant – Councilperson D'Amuro advised he has been working on completing this grant that offers funds up to 75% of restoration costs towards historical buildings. The Town Board would like to renovate Town Hall and this grant would be helpful in this endeavor. There is a possibility of adding a museum where college kids can assist in volunteering their time at it. Councilperson D'Amuro is in contact with a professor at SUNY Brockport where he has students that could work at this museum as well as display their projects.

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RESOLUTION #221
MOTION TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQR FOR TOWN OF
CLARKSON 2022 TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkson is making application for a New York State grant to support the renovation of the Clarkson Town Hall located at 3710 Lake Rd N, Clarkson, NY 14420; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkson has determined that the renovation project is a Type II Action as defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1)); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkson Town Board is the sole Involved Agency; and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been completed and reviewed by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clarkson Town Board classifies the Clarkson Town Hall project, including its related grant application, as a Type II Action under SEQR, thereby terminating further review under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Clarkson and the Town Board, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

Motion to act as lead agency for SEQR for Town of Clarkson 2022 Town Hall Renovations.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: July 27, 2022

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted on July 27, 2022 and is recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Town of Clarkson.

Ursula Liotta

Deputy Town Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

Town Wide Water – Scott Mattison from MRB Group advised that Town of Clarkson has applied for a grant from Rural Development Project which offers \$2,955,000.00 in grant funds, \$4,700,000.00 in loans at 1.5 interest rate for 30 years. The town has been approved for this grant. The project takes place on the following town roads;

Sweden Walker Road (remaining)

Redman Road (2 sections)

Drake Road

Monroe Orleans Countyline Road

Lawton Road

East Avenue

West Avenue

Ireland Road

The town has completed the preliminary study and the forming of the water district and design element can begin. This project can take approximately a year to survey work, design and improvements, obtaining permits and approvals are part of this phase. It is up to the town as to how this water district is formed. Town Board action is subject to permissive referendum. 5% of the town would have to submit a petition of appeal to the

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town within 30 days, at that time it would be subject to a vote. Amount to be charged depends on the number of parcels in the district. Approximate cost is \$600 a year for an EDU (equivalent dwelling unit), or a single-family home. He explained how the home owner would be responsible for all costs to hook up to the water line that runs to the individual home. Rate seems to be approximate \$15 a foot. Hydrants will be placed every 600 feet and near intersections.

RESOLUTION #222
MOTION TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH MRB FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES-THE CLARKSON WATER IMPROVEMENT
BENEFIT AREA #1

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

Motion to sign agreement with MRB for Professional Engineering services – the Clarkson Water Improvement Benefit Area #1

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Generator – Scott Mattison discussed a back up generator at the end of Benita Drive. In case of expansion, a pump station will be in place. Superintendent Viscardi mentioned that when power goes out, we have approximately 2 hours to have a back up before possible issues arise with water backing up into the residents’ homes. He currently is using a 3-phase generator that is aging. Gilmore Road pump station services about 225 homes. He proposes using some ARPA funds towards a new generator. He feels with the loss of power of late and the aging current generator, it would be safest to purchase a new one.

RESOLUTION #223
MOTION TO APPROVE A NEW BACK UP GENERATOR FOR GILMORE
ROAD PUMP STATION

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D’Amuro

Motion to approve a new back up generator for Gilmore Road pump station.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Parks and Recreation– Scott Mattison mentioned for the planning and construction phases of town parks, it would be best to apply for a CFA grant which becomes available next May. He suggests getting public input by possible online survey, mailing survey or open public forum. Forming a park committee is also an option. Depending on choices, there is a state bid for equipment available. Skate park, Splash park, possible connection to the canal may all be available funding options. Councilperson D’Amuro will work with MRB Group for assistance in the next step of this project.

Town Board Reports –

Seymour Library- Councilperson Culhane advised the 50/50 raffle going on at the library. They are also having a garage sale August 9-10 to help raise funds. The library will be receiving a grant for electric work. They are hoping to obtain a crosswalk sign that Superintendent Viscardi will assist with.

Healthcare – Councilperson Culhane visited with the highway employees regarding the changes in healthcare and discussed some concerns.

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Good Neighbor Day - Councilperson Zink reminded everyone that the event will take place on Friday, August 16. Ice Cream and Chill ice cream truck has been added for the event. Layout is all secured with highway department. Volunteers from the local food pantries will be on hand to accept donations. Signs are in and will be placed around town this week.

RESOLUTION #224
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FIREWORKS
DISPLAY FOR YOUNG EXPLOSIVES

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane.

Motion to accept the resolution to allow fireworks display for Young Explosives.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ARB Board – Councilperson Zink advised there is a meeting coming up in middle of August. Several members of the ARB Board are assisting in spreading the word about the committee and the history surrounding the Town Hall. The renovations have been discussed with many ideas from all interested. The handicap parking will be addressed in the configuration as well.

Website – Councilperson D'Amuro advised there will be a place on our website to email thoughts and ideas to him regarding the renovations to Town Hall and the historic elements involved.

Veterans Town Hall – Councilperson D'Amuro discussed he is working with other leaders from Sweden and Hamlin and our County Legislator Jackie Smith, to bring permanent resources closer to Clarkson and the west side for our veterans and their needs.

Superintendent Report - Superintendent Viscardi discussed the road work being done on Drake Road that is scheduled August 10. Town wide milling in the Gilmore Road area will take place starting September 12, with paving the following week. They continue with town-wide drainage and the flooding issues on Lake Road. Clarkson Parma Townline Road is scheduled for milling, from Ridge Road to Ireland Road, on August 22, with paving the following week. New electric has been hooked up at Hafner Park near the Goodwin Lodge grassy fields. Monroe County is releasing their ARPA funds and he is applying for a project on Gilmore Road. Kelly Sprague is scheduled to start on August 8 with Ursula Liotta training her in the Highway Clerk position.

Budget Meeting – the Town Board members have scheduled August 9, 2022 to discuss the budget after the town board meeting.

RESOLUTION #225
APPROVE MINUTES 7-12-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To approve minutes from 7-12-2022.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Zink

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RESOLUTION #226
AUDIT 7-26-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To authorize payment of audit 7-26-2022 totaling \$43,533.52 AA General \$22,623.75, BB General- Outside Village \$955.89, DA Highway - Town Wide \$19,803.21, SS – Sewer \$33.83; TA – Agency \$116.84 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #002422-002462 and Trust and Agency 0006266

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Zink

RESOLUTION #227
MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A PERSONEL MATTER

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to enter into executive session for a personnel matter related to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal of a particular person or corporation under section 105F at 6:40 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Zink

RESOLUTION #228
MOTION TO EXIT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

Motion to exit out of executive session at 7:46 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Zink

RESOLUTION #208
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Zink

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 8-09-2022

