

**TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

September 27, 2022

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

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Seymour Library – The Library board has accepted the resignation from Director Jennifer Caccavale. The board is actively searching for a replacement. There is a book sale coming up on October 12-15.

EFPR – Bob Fox did the annual check list report for the Town Clerks Office and found everything to be satisfactory and in proper order.

Fiscal Stress Report – from the state Comptroller office where they receive the financials for the town which is an objective assessment of governments and school districts. In 2021 Clarkson received a score of 3.3 which is designated as no fiscal stress. The Comptroller will be releasing the full report to the public soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Wide Water- WIBA#1- attorney Richard Olson advised of two minor wording adjustments in the Public Hearing statement. He advises that the Public Hearing and Schedule A must be published together for the papers' next edition.

RESOLUTION #256

**MOTION TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CLARKSON
WATER IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT AREA #1**

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to call for public hearing for the Clarkson Water Improvement Benefit Area #1 to be held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6p in Kimball Lodge.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Budget Workshop – will be held Thursday, September 29 in the Town Hall at 6p where the tentative budget will be presented.

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NEW BUSINESS

PT Cleaner – Part time Court Clerk Cody Steffan has been searching for extra hours within the town. He will be appointed as a PT Custodian to work with current PT Custodian Paul Tantalo.

RESOLUTION #257

MOTION TO APPOINT CODY STEFFAN AS A PART TIME

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

Motion to appoint Cody Steffan as Part Time Custodian at his current rate of pay of \$18.51/hr.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Supervisors Report –

Seymour Library – Supervisor Filipowicz met with Patty Hayles, Councilperson from Sweden and Anne Crane from the Village of Brockport, to discuss the recent community survey. A summary will be prepared and shared soon with all boards.

EFPR - Supervisor Filipowicz and Superintendent Viscardi met with Shelby Bennett from EFPR to discuss the budget. They are still gathering info from county work and healthcare options.

Monroe County Supervisors – meeting was held last week to discuss ambulance services across the county. Same concerns are lack of staff and training which leads to stress across all communities. Monroe Ambulance will be invited to a future Town Board meeting for further discussion.

Senator Ortt – Supervisor Filipowicz and Superintendent Viscardi will be meeting with Senator Ortt on Wednesday, October 5 to discuss needs of the town.

Town Board Reports –

Healthcare - Councilperson Culhane advised of the recent staff meeting where we discussed healthcare concerns and some possible recommendations from Leadership Logic.

Zoning Code – Councilperson Zink has been communicating with Bergmann who is reaching out to some residents regarding their zoning applications. They will interview them to hear their experiences with the process.

Martin Farms – Councilperson Zink has been working with MRB and County Legislator Jackie Smith, as well as county planning, regarding an attempt to stretch current water lines to cover the property owned by Martin Farms.

Battery Storage – Councilperson Zink, Harold Mundy and Building Inspector Kevin Moore met to discuss the safety concerns that occur with battery storage. They mentioned a brochure to advise battery safety to present to the residents. Larger storage units at the solar sites are also a big concern. They met with attorney Keith O’Toole who suggested a ban on any further large-scale units. Some of the solar sites are located in more remote areas, making it difficult for the fire departments. They do not have the capability to handle that size fire from a larger unit, regarding the amount of water required. Keith O’Toole is working to amend the Solar Code to include a caveat stating that, this does not include battery storage for those larger scale tractor trailer size units. This will be reviewed once again in a few more years. Residential, Commercial and Grid Feed Codes are all in good order and simply need to be captured in a document for the town.

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Solar Law Updates – Councilperson Zink advised about recommended changes to the solar law with focus on decommissioning. Harold Mundy discussed the amount of projects within the town, and familiarity of each project. They include setbacks, landscaping, fencing and other issues that need to be factored in to the solar laws. The idea is to cap the amount of solar in the town. Council members discussed how they have not allowed enactment of solar farms on good soil and farmland. As well as certain areas being more ideal for a solar farm. By updating the zoning law this will aide in continuing best placement for each solar farm. The Solar Committee working on these updates consist of Harold Mundy, Leslie Zink, Kevin Moore, Shawn Lessord, Keith O’Toole and John Jackson.

Website – Councilperson D’Amuro along with Social Media Assistant Tyler Jones created a video of the Highway Department, describing their day-to-day operations. This will be a first of a video series of the town to come.

Veterans Health – Councilperson D’Amuro is working with a current student and a Senior Civic Readiness group. His student is working with VOC – Veterans Outreach Committee to help train her to assist the VOC in the future.

Cultural Resource – Councilperson D’Amuro is drafting an RFP- Request for Proposal, to expand the historic district in Clarkson.

Town Clerk – Susan Henshaw advised she has collected \$2 million of the \$8 million in school taxes thus far. Continual glitches with bank codes appearing on bills when they shouldn’t be and vice versa. This was the reasoning for the initial delay in tax bill delivery. A Rabies Clinic was held on October 16 and we were able to service approximate 200 dogs, cats and ferrets. A big thank you to council members Guarino, Zink and Supervisor Filipowicz as well as highway employees Corey Johnson and Adam Johnson for their assistance that evening. We are accepting lodge reservations for the winter months of January, February and March of 2023. All other dates are set to become available January 2023.

Town Attorney – Richard Olson discussed that NYS is requiring new construction code requirements and that he has met with Kevin Moore with these changes. There will be many mandates, permits and more reporting will be expected for 2023.

Superintendent Viscardi – advised that they are finishing up county work on Clarkson Townline Road. This should be completed by the end of next week. He will send four employees to Town of Sweden to assist with paving on White Road to West Sweden Road. Interior town roads will be paved next week. He has purchased an 8x8 programmable bill board from a municipal auction, for \$1500. He wishes to thank Mike Farrell for this great find. This is easily driven to locations to advise residents of upcoming work in that area.

RESOLUTION #258
APPROVE MINUTES -9-13-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To approve minutes from 9-13-2022.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

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RESOLUTION #259

AUDIT 9-27-2022

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To authorize payment of audit 9-27-2022 totaling \$90,819.35 AA General \$36,594.57, BB General- Outside Village \$2,244.50, DA Highway - Town Wide \$36,140.78, DB Highway-Outside Village \$5,886.60, HH – Capital Projects \$9,902.50, TA – Agency \$50.40 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #0002638-0002681 and Trust and Agency 0006270

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #260

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 6:31PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #261

MOTION TO EXIT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

Motion to exit out of executive session at 7:57 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #262

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 10-11-2022