

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 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
Keith O'Toole	Attorney
** Kevin Moore	Building Inspector
Tammy Baker	Assessor

** 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 -

Leanna Hale reminded us of the handwriting contest currently taking place. She mentioned how cursive writing is no longer taught in public schools. She discussed John Hancock's birthday on January 23 and how he was disliked by the British. It is said that when he signed the Declaration of Independence, he signed so large so his majesty could read it. Ms. Hale advised of many Irish and Scottish settlers in Clarkson, and discussed February 2 as Candlemas Day, the blessing of the candles. This day eventually became known as Groundhog Day.

OPEN FORUM

Lee Hicks of Big Time Service, 7978 Ridge Road, inquiring about what is needed for him to have the ability to sell cars at this location. The zoning was changed 30 years ago from highway commercial zoning to industrial zoning. He advised this property is set-back and has plenty of frontage and drainage. His friend was allowed the ability to sell cars when Lee, a Clarkson resident for 30 years and business owner for 24 years, was denied. Councilperson D'Amuro mentioned he realizes all concerns and discussed the need for set-backs off of Ridge Road. Supervisor Filipowicz mentioned the current zoning has not changed and the idea was to avoid having the main road through Clarkson be car sale lots. Councilperson Zink advised that after review of the Comprehensive Plan, they are looking to update zoning. Councilperson D'Amuro asked if there is a possibility of capping the number of cars to be sold on a specific lot, to avoid a large car sales business. Councilperson Zink believes that to be possible. Supervisor Filipowicz mentioned that once the zoning changes to highway commercial, that it creates the ability for any business to sell cars that are within that permitted use zone. Attorney O'Toole confirmed this to be accurate. Lee Hicks mentioned that auto sales is labeled a like natured business and was under the highway commercial stipulation. He advised if you see a business where they work on cars, they are also selling cars at that business. Councilperson Zink advised she will review the code updates.

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NEW BUSINESS –

Dog Control – An Intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Hamlin regarding the Dog Kennel and mileage has been provided to the town. Supervisor Filipowicz mentioned she is reviewing a new proposed agreement where Clarkson would contribute towards leasing on the kennel at an annual rate of \$3,250. She advised Hamlin has supplied a new truck for the Dog Warden. Hamlin proposed charging \$20.00 per trip for calls within the Town of Clarkson. That amount equated to 30 miles per trip, if using IRS reimbursement standard, and she felt this to be in excess of how far the dog warden would actually need to travel per possible pick up. This charge could potentially be passed on to the resident involved. She has spoken with Steve Baase, the Town of Hamlin Supervisor, and he agreed to reduce that rate to \$15.00 per trip. She mentioned after reviewing a 2018 agreement, that perhaps utilizing the NYS reimbursement per mile rate is worth considering. Supervisor Filipowicz would like to table this agreement until both towns have further reviewed the options. Councilperson Zink mentioned that if this is to become immediately effective, our budget is already in place and would need to be reviewed as this is in addition to what we believed we were to be paying. Town Clerk Susan Henshaw provided a copy of both towns' codes to the board members, reviewing the Redemption policy. Dave Maynard, the dog warden would like Clarkson to mirror the codes noted from Hamlin. He wishes that Hamlin, Clarkson and Sweden all have the same information in our codes regarding redemption and pricing. For those owners that have a continued impoundment, he is requesting the rates to increase per visit. This subject will also be tabled until further review.

Real Property Tax Exemption Limit – Assessor Tammy Baker spoke regarding the increased income limit exemption that was passed in October 2022 by the Governor. The state threshold has increased from \$37,400 to \$58,400. Monroe County opted to pass the exemption at the full rate of \$58,400. She explained the sliding scale shown on the handout, as well as the potential of adding 200 more low-income seniors to the tax base. This would increase the exemption amount to approximately \$10 million that the remaining resident tax-payers would need to absorb. Thus far, 2 towns within the county have voted in favor, Brighton and Henrietta, while most other towns have tabled this until further review. Tammy Baker advised that by September she will have a better understanding of all that qualify and will have numbers for budgeting purposes. Supervisor Filipowicz added that at the last supervisors meeting, the general sentiment was to take the time needed to review all information so individual towns could learn more about numbers effected and make decisions based on town budgets. Board members further discussed this years' re-assessment and the new fireman and ambulance members exemption that passed in February 2022 that is also being absorbed by the residents. The board agreed to table this item for further review.

RESOLUTION #64

**TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH TIMOTHY MCGILL AS BOND COUNSEL
FOR WIBA #1**

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

To approve agreement with Timothy McGill as Bond Counsel for WIBA #1.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

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RESOLUTION #65
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUPERVISOR'S DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Introduced by Councilperson Zink
 Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro
 To acknowledge receipt of Supervisor's December Financial Report.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION #66
MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED 2023 WAGE & SALARY CHART

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane
 Seconded by Councilperson Zink
 Motion to approve the updated 2023 Wage & Salary chart.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

Supervisors Report –

Just Solutions – Supervisor Filipowicz and Courtney Miller met with our IT provider to discuss the annual service contract. All are in hopes that any communication issues are resolved.

Neighborhood Safety Meeting - was held on January 12 at the Courthouse. Councilperson Guarino hosted along with Monroe County Sheriff Deputy Payne. There was a lower than expected turn out but was a great opportunity for residents to ask questions.

Storage Unit Proposal – Supervisor Filipowicz along with Kevin Moore, Tony Grasta, property owner; Chris Schultz, developer's engineer; JP Schepp, MRB Group and town engineer; and John Jackson, Planning Board chair, to discuss the storage unit proposal on West Ave that would require a zoning change. A plan including improvements to the Garland House property as an incentive for the town, were discussed at length. They determined the two projects were unrelated. Options will continue to be explored for the West Ave property.

All Hands Employee Meeting- Councilperson Culhane hosted the monthly meeting and he will advise all updates.

WIBA#1 – Dick Olson, several people from MRB Group and Supervisor Filipowicz met to discuss paperwork and the Rural Development reporting on the project.

Monroe County Supervisors Association – met last week and Supervisor Filipowicz has moved from secretary to treasurer. Discussion was based on the increase in income level for property exemptions.

Narcan Community Meeting – will take place tomorrow along with other municipalities and groups. They will discuss the needs in the community and where best to place Narcan boxes that are to be supplied by Monroe County. Legislator Jackie Smith is hosting the meeting and coordinating the effort.

Leadership Logic – On Monday, Councilperson Culhane, Superintendent Viscardi, Highway Foreman Mike Farrell, Courtney Miller and Superintendent Filipowicz will be meeting to discuss items remaining from the culture survey.

1-24-2023**Board Reports –**

All Hands Employee Meeting – Councilperson Culhane discussed how during the meeting he reviewed all the hi-lights and celebrations along with the accomplishments made by the employees to help serve the residents best. He reminded us how Leadership Logic has helped assist the employees in all around communication.

Zoning Code – Councilperson Zink advised the next meeting is coming up in early February and they are continuing to update the codes.

Good Neighbor Days – Councilperson Zink advised we are adding a second day to the event, being geared towards kids. Friday, August 18 will be the adult night with the band, car show and food supplied by the Lions Club. Both Brockport Fire Department and Police Departments have been notified of the event. Saturday, August 19 would be the children’s portion. Planning is still in progress.

Historical District - Councilperson D’Amuro regrets to inform all that the NY State Parks and Preservation Office has advised the Historical District grant for Clarkson was not approved. There were over 223 applicants requesting a portion of the 20 million offered. He plans to re-apply in the near future. He advised that the Comprehensive plan called for expanding the historic district. He feels it may be a better long-term strategy to be designated as a Certified Local Government. They would be able to designate properties to be preserved within the town. This would require a commission based off the ARB that have those specific qualifications required by the state Preservation Office. He advised that 10% of that 20 million is set aside for Certified Local Governments only. He feels this would give Clarkson a better chance to be eligible for some of that grant money. Other properties in town, outside of the historic district, would be eligible. The CLG commission board would have the power to make decisions on that historic property over the home owner. Discussion entailed regarding which board is best to oversee the historic entities of the town.

Town Clerk – Susan Henshaw discussed the tax collection is going smoothly and to date we have collected \$1.3 million of the \$6.3 million due. She advised her new Deputy Stacey is blending in just fine and seems to have a good understanding of the tax concepts.

Assessor- Tammy Baker advised that the post cards she brought for the resident seniors will need to be sent out this week.

Superintendent Report- due to the slower than normal snowfall, the highway department is able to continue to complete maintenance projects, including drainage and equipment. Superintendent Viscardi advised he would traditionally order 3000 tons of salt per year, and to date he has ordered 600 tons. Town Clerk Henshaw wishes to thank the highway guys who fixed the men’s bathroom flooring at the Goodwin Lodge, just in time for the striping and waxing of the floors to be done this Thursday, January 26.

RESOLUTION #67**APPROVE MINUTES 01-10-2023**

Introduced by Councilperson D’Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To approve minutes from 1-10-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

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RESOLUTION #68
AUDIT 1-24-2023

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

To authorize payment of audit 1-24-2023 totaling \$684,659.74 AA General \$84,556.82 BB General- Outside Village \$3,272.59, DA Highway - Town Wide \$27,812.81, DA Highway – Outside Village \$1,193.13, HH- Capital Projects \$448.00, SF – Fire \$566,143.95, SS – Sewer \$310.77, TA – Agency \$921.67 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #0003047-0003101.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

RESOLUTION #69
MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A PERSONEL
MATTER

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

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 6:49 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

RESOLUTION #70
MOTION TO EXIT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

Motion to exit out of executive session at 7:00 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

RESOLUTION #71
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Guarino

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 2-14-2023