

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 25, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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| 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 |

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 – Rick Davis, 2764 Redman Road, wanted to discuss the “zombie” house located at 8438 Ridge Road. He is concerned about the time it has taken for the owner to complete his work on this house. The house appears to be in disrepair with tarps on top of the home. He is concerned with the general safety of this home and all who are near it and for his rental property located next door. There is garbage surrounding the property, with visits from animals all day. Supervisor Filipowicz advised that the town board and the building inspector are aware and trying to rectify that situation. Kevin Moore advised there is a new owner who has been working on and off at the house. Violation notices have been sent to the owner with a response returned from his architect. An order of remedy has also been sent and all steps have been taken by the town to rectify the situation. The building inspector advised that there is not a set timeline but be assured the town is doing all it can to expedite. Paul Kembrowski, 8428 Ridge Road, mentioned how the property is an eyesore and he would have a hard time selling his own house with this property next door. Supervisor Filipowicz stressed that the town is waiting out the proper timeline and doing all possible. We are waiting to hear what our structural engineer advises, which may be as soon as next week.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Landmark Preservation Law – The Town Board finds that within the town, there are places, sites, structures and buildings of historic or architectural significance, antiquity, uniqueness or exterior design or construction, which should be protected and preserved to maintain the architectural character of the town, to contribute to the aesthetic value of the town and to promote the general good, welfare, health and safety of the town and its residents. The purpose of the law is to promote the general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of buildings, structures, signs, features, improvements, sites, and areas within the town that reflect special elements of the town’s historical, architectural, cultural, economic or aesthetic heritage. This law will provide the town’s ARB board a defined purpose, more leeway and a new title. It will now be called The Clarkson Historic Commission. This new commission will be able to apply for and secure grant funds. Currently the new board has 4 members and is looking for the fifth. The town board, as elected officials, will have final decision on any property concerns within this commission. Rick Davis, 2764 Redman Road, discussed one of his rental properties that is located within the historical district and advised that several homes within the district have already been renovated several years ago and he hopes that the board will be lenient on decisions made within. He expressed his content to work with the town board on any issues. Councilperson D’Amuro mentioned that this new commission will help bring in more money through funding and will be helpful to those within the historic district. He mentioned that this will be a better long-term option for all.

RESOLUTION #137

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LANDMARKS
PRESERVATION LOCAL LAW #2-2023**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by councilperson Culhane

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson closes the public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

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RESOLUTION #138
MOTION TO APPROVE TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA

Introduced by Councilperson Zink
 Seconded by Councilperson Guarino
 Motion to approve Type II Action under SEQRA.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION #139
MOTION TO ADOPT TOWN OF CLARKSON LANDMARKS PRESERVATION
LOCAL LAW#2-2023

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro
 Seconded by Councilperson Guarino
 Motion to adopt Town of Clarkson Landmarks Preservation Local Law#2-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

COMMUNICATIONS –

Pinpoint – Security cameras will be installed tomorrow at the town hall.

All Hands Staff Meeting – is postponed from May 3 to May 25. Main topic is payroll transition.

Town Hall – window bids are out. Bid packets are ready for pick up from bidders.

Good Neighbor Days Newsletter – was distributed in Sunday's Westside News.

Library Fundraiser – will be this Saturday, April 29.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION #140
MOTION TO APPROVE MERIT INCREASE FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE
ADAM JOHNSON

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino
 Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro
 Motion to approve merit increase for Highway employee Adam Johnson from MEO step 8 @ \$23.55/hr to MEO step 10 @ \$24.01/hr.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

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Solar Update – Harold Mundy from the Planning Board discussed how we are on the fourth solar project of the town. He mentioned how we have learned so much as time progresses. The board was given handouts to review and discuss. They mentioned the “surround fence” that will look green and stay green around the solar array. He discussed a two-year expiration of approvals and how one needs to start construction in that time or re-start the process of approvals over. An approved project needs to have time limits whether dealing with solar or other. He discussed the construction schedule for solar and after further discussion within the board, increased the setback to 500 feet. Battery storage has been removed and placed in a proposed law. He mentioned the landscaping of the different solar arrays. CIAM, commercial, industrial, agricultural and municipal. He advised that not all should have the same scope. Mr. Mundy discussed how the Village of Brockport utilizes solar service and how it is handled differently than Clarkson. Discussion led to the Solar Law and Battery Storage Law to be put in place simultaneously. Concerns over public safety and feeding the grid were mentioned and the sudden fires that are known regarding battery storage have prompted further individual group meetings to revisit many issues.

Pole Barn Residence Design Standards Law – Kevin Moore mentioned that a few residents have inquired about an interest in building pole barns as a residence versus storage facilities. He advised that the current law does not depict specific restrictions and he feels that this needs to be reviewed. The need for residence should not be secondary to a pole barn being a storage unit.

Assessor Update – Tammy Baker has advised that she will have met with over 200 people by the end of next week regarding their new assessments. She advised that she places the value of a home for what she feels it would sell for. Those residents that meet with her try to show pictures and provide information from the inside of their home, to say why it would not sell for that amount. She advised that after explaining to the resident how the assessments work, they often feel more comfortable with the process. She advised that anyone wishing to dispute their assessment, is welcome to. They need to bring supporting documents as proof that their house would not sell for what she has assessed it. Grievance Day will be Thursday, May 24 and you must have an appointment. If additional days are needed for grievances, they can be obtained as long as all information is submitted requesting a meeting by 8:00 pm on May 24. The average increase for the assessments across the board was 38 percent.

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Supervisors Report –

Planned Unit Development (PUD) – Supervisor Filipowicz Kevin Moore met with the Birnbaum family, owners of the PUD property. They wish to build a small self-sufficient community with schools right here in the town. The family is sensitive to the historic district and good ideas were explored and discussed.

Monroe County Supervisors Meeting - was held last week and some topics discussed ranged from assessments, county-wide dog kennel and the state budget.

Solar Eclipse - County Legislature Jackie Smith, held a meeting at the courthouse this morning with Supervisor Filipowicz, Bob and Mike Farrell, along with NYS and Monroe County DOT, Monroe Ambulance, MC Sheriffs Office and the village police. The goal was to discuss traffic capacity, assess hospital and logistics specifically to our area. They are trying to understand the impact of the roads within the town of Clarkson. There is a potential need to pull in resources from other areas of the state that will not be effected by the eclipse.

Carrier Property – Supervisor Filipowicz, Kevin Moore and attorney Keith O’Toole will meet this week with Frank Aloï and the engineers regarding the property.

Windows for Town Hall – due to the potential of the price exceeding our procurement threshold, we sent it out for bid.

Monroe Ambulance – Supervisor Filipowicz spoke with Tom Coyle regarding the starting location of the ambulance at time of call. Due to HIPAA, they can no longer advise that information. They can however advise length of time to respond to a call.

Town Board Reports -

Town Hall – Councilperson Culhane has put a spreadsheet together to advise all the repairs needed for the building, at a greater picture, which includes costs. He discussed prioritizing all repairs to make it more conducive to the needs of the town. Councilperson D’Amuro would like to apply for a possible historical grant which could help to be used towards our bathroom concerns. Discussion on preparing bid packets and painting of the town hall ensued. The filling of the vault rooms in the near future was also discussed.

Good Neighbor Day - Councilperson Zink advised that she would like to incorporate employee recognition in some way and requested some assistance in doing so.

Zoning Board – Councilperson Zink advised she introduced a new member, Peter Connell. The board is currently reading the code in preparation for updates.

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Farmers Group – Councilperson Zink met with a farmers focus group, with representation from 8 different local farmers. They discussed many different ideas and she felt the meeting was a success.

Zoning Code – Work continues to progress with the next meeting scheduled for mid-May.

Monroe County Youth Awards – Councilperson Guarino will be attending the ceremony this Thursday with his three nominations for the award.

Grants – Councilperson D’Amuro mentioned that the applications are due in July. He discussed the bathrooms being a priority. He also discussed a trail from Hamlin to the canal. This would involve several other neighboring towns and would be a large project, that would be quite popular. A call to National Grid will need to happen first just to verify proximity for a possible bike trail.

Historic Commission - Councilperson D’Amuro advised they are seeking at least 1 more member for this board, as they have 4 of the 5 needed.

Veterans Outreach – Councilperson D’Amuro mentioned that Lilly had a vet come in for support today as well as a few phone calls during the week.

Town Clerk Report – Susan mentioned that she has collected \$5.6 million of the \$6.2 million required. Rabies clinic scheduled for Thursday, May 4 is full, with approximately 225 animals being vaccinated at that event. Shred Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 3 from 10a – 12p in front of the highway garage. No appointments needed.

Highway Superintendents Report – Bob Viscardi mentioned they are in the middle of Junk Days which runs all week from 1pm – 5pm, and ends Saturday, April 29 from 8a-4p. Brush week just began and he anticipates at least 2 weeks for them to make their way around the town for pick up. Gilmore Road construction project starts on May 8 and will take 2 days. They will lay stone and oil, 1 lane per day. They will have a message board on the road to advise the residents. He mentioned the 12 acres at Hafner Park, that is full of mostly dead ash trees at this time. They have been clearing an acre or two at a time and bringing them over to the transfer station. From there, they will grade the soil and seed over time. It may take 2 years to complete.

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RESOLUTION #141
APPROVE MINUTES 4-11-2023

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino
Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro
To approve minutes from 4-11-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION #142
MOTION TO MODIFY MINUTES REGARDING RESOLUTION #115

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro
Seconded by Councilperson Zink
Motion to modify minutes regarding Resolution #115

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION #143
AUDIT 4-25-2023

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino
Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro
To authorize payment of audit 4-25-2023 totaling \$48,559.11. AA General \$17,182.64, BB General- Outside Village \$1,190.78, DA Highway - Town Wide \$9,336.27, HH-Capital Projects \$20,702.74, SS – Sewer \$146.68 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #0003353-0003387

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

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RESOLUTION #144
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 5-09-2023