

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 24, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Ursula Liotta	Supervisor
Nick D'Amuro	Councilperson
John Culhane	Councilperson
Tom Guarino	Councilperson
Sharon Mattison	Councilperson
Susan Henshaw	Town Clerk
Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
Keith O'Toole	Attorney
Kevin Moore	Building Inspector

Supervisor Liotta 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. Along with thanks to healthcare workers who tirelessly work to save lives every day.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #294
CRIME BOND FOR TAX COLLECTOR FOR 2024

Motion by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

AUTHORIZING SURETY, FORM AND AMOUNT OF OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF THE TOWN CLERK AND RECEIVER OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Be it resolved by the Board of the Town of Clarkson as follows:

Section. 1. The Board hereby approves the surety, form and amount of the official undertaking for the faithful performance of the duties of the town clerk and receiver of taxes and assessments, as follows:

Type of undertaking: Crime Bond

Insurance company: New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal

Amount: \$250,000.00

Policy Premium: \$785.00

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Section 2. A true copy of this resolution shall be affixed to the undertaking to indicate this Board's approval thereon in accordance with Town Law section 25 and filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #295**AUTHORIZE MERIT/STEP INCREASE FOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES ADAM****JOHNSON AND ROBERT FARRELL**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To authorize a merit/step increase for Highway employee A. Johnson from MEO, step 10 @ \$24.26 to MEO, step 12 @ \$24.99 per/hr effective November 2, 2023. Also for R. Farrell from MEO, step 19 @ \$27.74 to MEO, step 20 @ \$28.57 per/hr effective November 7, 2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

Lawn Mower for Parks – Superintendent Viscardi discussed the need for a replacement mower. He advised as of November 1 the price will increase by 15%. There are funds in the parks budget for a new mower and would like to secure a mower prior to the increase. He would like to sell the old at the same time.

RESOLUTION #296**MOTION TO ALLOW PURCHASE OF A NEW LAWN MOWER**

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

Motion to allow purchase of a new lawn mower.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

OLD BUSINESS

Solidago Solar – Attorney Doug Warden from Snyder & Snyder discussed the project and their request for a solar overlay district. The project is located at 3070 Lake Road with the parcel being 100 acres. The proposed solar facility is approximately 30 acres at 3.5 MW and is large enough to span 600 households. This will not be visible from the road or any neighboring properties. Discussion on zoning districts ensued. They are asking for this property to be rezoned from RS10 to RS20. The current land owner Steve Licciardello, was present and has submitted a statement in support of this application.

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He has been unable to develop this land for residential uses due to a wetlands area and the requirement of an expensive pump station. Approval from town board allows them to speak to the planning board for a possible special use permit and site plan approvals. Keith O'Toole advised to refer this on to the planning board as their response is required to move forward with the project. Supervisor Liotta mentioned that planning board will decide on the proposed change in zoning. Then the project moves forward to the different boards for further approvals.

RESOLUTION #297

MOTION TO REFER SOLIDAGO SOLAR TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

Motion to refer Solidago Solar to the Planning Board for recommendation letter.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

Doug Warden further inquired about the need to move forward with Monroe County planning and SEQRA. Supervisor Liotta mentioned we will wait for further information from the planning board.

LGSS – was formally known as EFPR our accounting firm, has had a name change to Local Government Support Services and the need to resign an engagement letter to continue services, status quo, for remainder of the year.

RESOLUTION #298

MOTION TO ALLOW RESIGNING OF LGSS CONTRACT

Int,roduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to allow resigning of LGSS contract.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

Gilmore Pump Station – one bid was received in the amount of \$100,000. Scott Mattison, from MRB Group, advised after dicussion with local electrical contractors, they currently have too much work to acquire this job. They did hear from one additonal contractor that would like to Abid if the project went up for re-bid. Mr. Mattison suggests the town have a new open bid. Kevin Moore mentioned a possible FEMA grant through Monroe County to assist with this project. Superintendent Viscardi will do further research of this grant. The board has decided to table this discussion until the November board meeting.

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RESOLUTION #299

MOTION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

Motion for a Public Hearing on 2024 Preliminary Budget set for Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

Local Law – The State Department in Albany requires us to send all Local Laws in numerical order in order to be processed. We will need to re-number LL#6 to LL#3 to accommodate.

RESOLUTION #300

LOCAL LAW #6 of 2023 RENUMBERING LOCAL LAW

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

WHEREAS, the numbering of Local Laws is required to be done in successive numerical order; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of renumbering Local Law #6 of 2023 so it becomes Local Law #3 of 2023, so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson renumbers Local Law #6 of 2023 so it becomes Local Law #3 of 2023

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

Supervisors Report –

Supervisor Liotta wished to mention the smooth transition into her office, along with support from her assistant Tammy Blanchard.

Town Hall – Patriot Painting has had good weather while they continually work to complete the painting of town hall.

Telephone Lines – new lines have been installed by Spectrum and new equipment is due to arrive in the next few days.

Town Board Reports -

Historic Commission - Councilperson D'Amuro advised final revisions for the local law have been sent and awaiting approvals. He will re-visit the website to find possible better

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town-wide communication strategies. Letters have been sent this past week to all 57 residents in the historic district advising them of the change in the commission.

Town Hall – Councilperson Mattison advised that new windows are to be installed on November 2.

Sweden Clarkson Recreation Center – Councilperson Culhane discussed the shared expenses and revenues between Clarkson and the Town of Sweden regarding the Center. He showed a presentation of the \$739,00 budget with description of payroll, activities and program expenses along with costs to the residents in detail. Clarkson pays 1/3 versus Town of Sweden paying 2/3. Payroll is 70% of all expenses. He offered the change in funds over the last several years.

Town Clerk – Wished to congratulate Deputy Stacey Gahagan on her recent nuptials. The cost for glasses for the Solar Eclipse is .35 each up to 1000 pairs. She is also able to secure porta johns for the event if need be. The new 2024 transfer Station permits will be available in the next few weeks and the cost will remain at \$235. The Umpteenth Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 8 at the Courthouse.

Building Inspector – has just completed 298 inspections at Autumn Woods, along with 47 other building inspections. There were 7 violations written in the month of October.

Highway Report – Superintendent Viscardi mentioned construction is nearing completion, along with Sherwood Drive and other road projects. Approximate 4 inches of millings from road work were screened and then placed around the highway garage and throughout their parking lot, to fill potholes and gaps. Then it was finalized with a blacktop. This job costs under \$10,000 to complete. Junk Days was very busy over the weekend and was a success. Brush pick up started Monday and will take approximately 2 weeks. They are continuing to pick up leaves as well. The highway has some drainage items to tend to and hopes to complete all before preparing the plows for the winter.

RESOLUTION #301
APPROVE MINUTES 10-10-2023

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino
Seconded by Councilperson Mattison
To approve minutes from 10-10-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison
NAYES: None

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RESOLUTION #302
APPROVE MINUTES 10-11-2023

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

To approve minutes from 10-11-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #303
AUDIT 10-24-2023

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To authorize payment of audit 10-24-2023 totaling \$87,205.97. AA General \$18,796.13, BB General- Outside Village \$1,806.87, DA Highway - Town Wide \$12,891.61, DB-Highway-Outside Village 27,236.76, HH- Capital Projects \$26,401.00, SS – Sewer \$23.20, TA – Agency \$50.40 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #3873-3907.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #304
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to adjourn at 6:51 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Liotta, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Mattison

NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 11-14-2023