

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 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.

OPEN FORUM

Martha Clasquin, 34 Sherwood Drive, wishes to thank everyone for sending along budget 2024 to reference. She inquired for more detailed information on solar project money and where it is being spent. Councilperson Culhane advised where money has been invested and used on Town Hall projects to date. That the town has one account for the funds but they are noted separately as to the specific project those funds came from. Martha would like to know the exact amount of the funds and how it was spent. She wanted to acknowledge how well Councilperson Guarino has done and to thank him for his time on the board. She has enjoyed her time spent with him and is thankful for his assistance in live streaming all the town board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #322

MOTION TO SCHEDULE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to schedule Organizational meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

12-12-2023

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #323

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUPERVISOR'S NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

Acknowledge receipt of Supervisors November Financial Report.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Supervisors Report –

Town Hall Repairs – The holes in the rooftop have been fixed along with leaks from the attic. The concrete steps out front will be tended to as soon as available. Potholes have all been filled in the parking lot. Loose bricks from the south side chimney have been removed and they have used mortar to secure the area. The faucet in the kitchen as well as the window screens on the lower level have all been replaced. Thank you to the highway department for fixing all of these concerns.

Solar Eclipse – meeting was held last week at the Court House, sponsored by the Clarkson Historical Society, and meeting was well attended. Dan Schneiderman from RMSC gave the presentation.

MRB Group – advised that Clarkson received the grant award for the Hafner Park Planning Project. Certain conditions must be met prior to executing the contract. This was a matching grant of up to \$45,000, the funds are to be used for planning towards enhancing the character and quality of life in our community.

Town Board Reports –

AARP – Councilperson Mattison spoke with Laurie Fox from MRB Group, regarding the AARP Community Challenge grant program. This grant is designed to enhance the community in several different ways. Some ideas are to resurrect public gardening, needed lighting, repainting and install public seating areas where allowed. Potentially an empty parking lot could be turned into community space. Awaiting word from MRB Group for further steps.

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State Preservation Office - Councilperson D'Amuro is waiting to hear back with possible law changes.

Clarkson Historic Commission – first meeting will be held on Monday, February 5 at 6:45p at Town Hall. First project is to re-designate homes as historic sites and to have them listed on our town website.

Kimball Lodge – Councilperson Culhane along with Highway Foreman Mike Farrell mentioned updates to the lodge during the winter months.

Thank you – Councilperson Guarino discussed his time on the board and the opportunity to work with Councilperson Mattison and Supervisor Liotta for these last few months. He is confident the board is heading in the right direction. He wished to thank the highway employees and their involvement in creating a better environment. He thanked his wife Dawn, Martha Clasquin and Bill Fine for their support. He thanked Superintendent Viscardi for his assistance with many matters.

Town Clerk – Susan Henshaw reviewed the many different roles and aspects Councilperson Guarino has had the last four years on Town Board and reminisced about how active he was in all community events.

Building Department – Kevin Moore mentioned the Zoning committee met last week and reviewed the map and zoning codes. He wished to welcome new members of the committee Sharon Mattison and Mike Farrell. He wished to thank Councilperson Guarino for his service to the town.

Library Trustee – Jill Akyuz will be the new Clarkson Representative starting in January 2024.

Town Attorney – Keith O'Toole wished to thank Councilperson Guarino for his service to the town.

Highway Report – Superintendent Viscardi mentioned the bleachers at the rodeo arena are from the early 1970's and they have not been used in over 15 years. He would like to sell half of the bleachers hoping that someone might want to repurpose them. The highway will keep the other half and repair them for possible future use. He will place the bleachers out to bid with an end date of December 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION #324**MOTION TO PLACE BLEACHERS OUT FOR BID**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

Motion to place Bleachers out for bid.

12-12-2023**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #325**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES 11-28-2023**

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to approve minutes 11-28-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #326**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES 11-30-2023**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to approve minutes 11-30-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #327**AUDIT 12-12-2023**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To authorize payment of audit 12-12-2023 totaling \$83,462.37. AA General \$23,087.88, BB General- Outside Village \$1,271.88, DA Highway - Town Wide \$12,252.43, DB-Highway-Outside Village \$1,613.84, HH- Capital Projects \$40,277.00, SL – Lighting \$4,427.16, SS – Sewer \$532.18 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #4018-4051.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

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BEFORE WE GO

Highway employees Bob Farrell and Foreman Mike Farrell wished to thank Councilperson Guarino for listening and responding to the highway employees and their needs and for being a “game changer” in many aspects. Superintendent Viscardi appreciates Tom’s honesty and openness to visit about any employee issues. He mentioned a saying in politics that; “you want to leave it better than when you arrived”. Tom will be missed. Councilperson D’Amuro added how dependable and trustworthy Councilperson Guarino is. That he is the backbone of the board and the town and knows that he will continue in this path in the future. Councilperson Culhane wishes to echo those sentiments. He thanked Dawn Guarino for sharing her husband with the town. Supervisor Liotta enjoyed watching the pattern that Councilperson Guarino made for this role as town board member. He is wise, business minded and a great listener. He is tech savvy, which is also very helpful. Tom can slip in wherever needed. He was instrumental in the efforts to assist highway on several different occasions. Councilperson Mattison thanked Councilperson Guarino for their many conversations and for being so calm in the storm. Tom Guarino wished to extend his thanks and appreciation for all the kind words, his thanks in working with all the board members and especially the highway employees.

RESOLUTION #328
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Supervisor Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 12-26-2023