

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Ursula Liotta	Supervisor
John Culhane	Councilperson
Nick D'Amuro	Councilperson
Sharon Mattison	Councilperson
Evan Wexler	Councilperson
Susan Henshaw	Town Clerk
Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
Keith O'Toole	Attorney
Kevin Moore	Building Inspector
John Jackson	Chairperson of Planning Board
Darryl Fleischer	Planning Board

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, had the opportunity to visit with Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo regarding the mobile DMV and if Clarkson would be obtaining that service in the future. After her discussion, Jamie suggested the town revisit this once again. She also attended a meeting led by Dan Schneiderman from the RMSC regarding glasses for the Solar Eclipse as well as thoughts on the traffic flow in our area. Supervisor Liotta mentioned that we have 1000 glasses on order. Superintendent Viscardi has been in contact with MC DOT regarding the traffic concerns for the event. Town Clerk Henshaw discussed her conversations with Jamie Romeo regarding the mobile DMV and its return to Clarkson. That she and County Legislature Jackie Smith have been relentless is the need for this service in our community. This subject will be discussed again with the county clerk in the near future. Supervisor Liotta also advised that the town board is currently working on the solar funds obtained by those projects and will have a report to share soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Park's Grant – Supervisor Liotta explained the proposal from MRB Group for the park's grant.

RESOLUTION #52

MOTION TO ACCEPT MRB GROUP PROPOSAL OF THE PARK'S GRANT

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to accept MRB Group proposal pf the Park's grant.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Fee Schedule – has recently been updated. Kevin Moore compared the schedule to neighboring towns to ensure that rates are comparable. He found that a few items needed to be added.

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RESOLUTION #53

MOTION TO UPDATE THE TOWN OF CLARKSON FEE SCHEDULE

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Wexler

Motion to update the Town of Clarkson fee schedule.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #54

**MOTION TO APPOINT WILLIAM SCARBROUGH AND JOSCELYN RUSCIO
TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to appoint Williams Scarbrough and Joscelyn Ruscio to the Board of Assessment Review each for a 5-year term.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

OLD BUSINESS

Solidago Solar – Doug Warden from Snyder and Snyder, LLC is here on behalf of Solidago Solar which is owned by Cypress Creek Renewables. The property owner Steve Licciardello is also present. Supervisor Liotta read aloud the Planning Board's recommendation letter regarding this project. The Planning Board members unanimously agreed that this parcel should not be used for a community solar project. Doug Warden mentioned this letter being a non-binding recommendation and continued with his points of interest regarding this project. Steve Licciardello then addressed the board. He provided hand-outs from his engineer, builder and a local real estate agent with details favoring this solar project. A lengthy discussion took place with much input from the town board, planning board, town attorney, building inspector and others in attendance. This topic was tabled to January 23, 2024 for further review.

RESOLUTION #55

**MOTION TO TABLE SOLIDAGO PROJECT TO JANUARY 23, 2024 FOR
FURTHER REVIEW**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to table Solidago Project to January 23, 2024 for further review.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION #56

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUPERVISOR'S NOVEMBER FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Acknowledge receipt of Supervisors November financial report.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

Hoffman, Hanafin & Associates – Brian Baty was available to discuss our town insurance, claims and workman's compensation.

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Supervisors Report –

Notary Public – Tammy Blanchard and Building Department Assistant Andrea Rookey have passed the notary test and will be able to assist with notarizing material shortly.

B-380's – all disbursements have been tended to by the Assistant to the Supervisor at this time.

Town Board Reports –

Councilperson D'Amuro – is waiting to hear word from the State Historic Preservation Office. He mentioned the Historic Commission has their first meeting on Monday, February 5 at the Town Hall at 6:45p.

Councilperson Mattison- is waiting on information from Laurie Fox from MRB Group, regarding the AARP Community Challenge grant program. She also attended a few meetings to date for The Zoning Committee and feels things are moving in the right direction.

Councilperson Culhane is working on putting a clear visual of the funds that have come in from our Solar Projects and those anticipated funds and where the funds have been utilized within the town.

Town Clerk – Susan Henshaw reminded all that the Town and County tax season is underway. She has been packing up and preparing all 2023 materials to bring to the records retention room. A thank you to Kathy Kemp for her assistance in the clerk's office. She mentioned the revenue from passports and from the rental lodges for 2023 has seen a large increase from 2022.

Building Department – Kevin Moore mentioned that the engineers will be at the next zoning committee meeting for review. Regulations and permitting requirements are on the agenda. He is working on the end-of-year report regarding permits, planning and zoning applications. There will be new updates to the solar law that will be incorporated into the new zoning code.

Highway Report – Superintendent Viscardi mentioned the highway is doing winter items, luckily without the snow.

Town Attorney – Keith O'Toole mentioned that all notary public's must be using a journal according to the new law.

RESOLUTION #57

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES 12-26-2023

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to approve minutes 12-26-2023.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: None

OBSTAIN: Wexler

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RESOLUTION #58
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES 1-02-2024

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane
Seconded by Councilperson Mattison
Motion to approve minutes 1-02-2024.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION #59
AUDIT 1-09-2024

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison
Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro
To authorize payment of audit 1-09-2024 totaling \$133,014.15. AA General \$46,580.60, BB General- Outside Village \$7,309.96, DA Highway - Town Wide \$47,176.84, DB-Highway-Outside Village \$1,019.00, HH- Capital Projects \$26,732.75, SL – Lighting \$3,994.63, SS – Sewer \$91.25, TA Agency - \$109.12 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #4103-4144.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION #60
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Supervisor D'Amuro
Seconded by Councilperson Mattison
Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw
Town Clerk

Approved 1-23-2024