

TOWN OF CLARKSON  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 10, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 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

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Local Law #7-2024-Tax Cap Override** - Supervisor Liotta advised that the Public Hearing has been cancelled. This may be revisited once there is further discussion on the 2025 budget, although that is not the intent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption** – Assessor Tammy Baker discussed the changes in the law regarding income exemptions for senior citizens.

**RESOLUTION #222**  
**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW:**  
**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #8-2024**  
**TOWN OF CLARKSON**

A LOCAL LAW "Amending Maximum Income Eligibility for the Senior Citizens  
Property Tax Exemption"

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has before it proposed Introductory Local Law 8 of 2024 to amend maximum income eligibility for the senior citizens real property tax exemption by increasing the allowable amount of income for the 50% exemption from \$40,000 to \$43,600; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to adopt said Local Law, the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson is required to hold and conduct a public hearing thereon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson shall hold and conduct a Public Hearing on the 8th day of October, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Town of Clarkson, New York, 14430 to consider the changes which are contained in the Local Law; at which Public Hearing all interested persons will be heard concerning the subject matter thereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the Town Clerk shall cause due notice of such public hearing to be published as required by law.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

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**RESOLUTION #223**  
**TO AUTHORIZE ONE-YEAR MERIT INCREASE FOR THE ASSISTANT TO**  
**THE SUPERVISOR TAMMY BLANCHARD**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson Wexler

To authorize a one-year merit increase for the Assistant to the Supervisor Tammy Blanchard from Clerk 1, Step 17 at \$24.64/hour to Clerk 1, Step 19 at \$25.39/hour effective September 13, 2024.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION #224**  
**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUPERVISOR'S AUGUST**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Acknowledge receipt of Supervisor's August Financial Report.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**Cellular Phone Service** - Supervisor Liotta read a letter drafted by County Legislators Jackie Smith and Robert Colby regarding distinct portions of their respective towns that are underserved with cellular phone service. The letters were addressed to Verizon and the FCC-Federal Communications Commission. They spoke of the need for communication being not only a convenience but a necessity. That the residents count on cellular service to connect with loved ones, navigate travels, conduct business as well as emergency services when needed. They wish to advise Verizon and the FCC that there are gaps in their service and they are requesting attention to the matter to remedy it. The Legislators are both asking that the Town Board also draft a similar letter in support of their residents.

**RESOLUTION #225**  
**TO AUTHORIZE A LETTER TO THE FCC & VERIZON IN AN EFFORT TO**  
**HELP UNDERSERVED AREAS IN TOWN**

Introduced by Councilperson Wexler

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To authorize a letter to the FCC & Verizon in an effort to help underserved areas of the Town.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

**Healthcare** – Supervisor Liotta mentioned the need for the board to search other healthcare options due to rising costs. Rates are not available as of yet, however, Excellus has mentioned possible price increase up to 25%. Town Board has agreed to change to Daniel Botsford with Tri-Ben Insurance Agency for 2025.

**RESOLUTION #226**  
**TO AUTHORIZE A BROKER LETTER W/TRI-BEN INSURANCE AGENCY,**  
**DANIEL BOTSFORD, REGARDING HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR 2025**

Introduced by Councilperson

Seconded by Councilperson

To authorize a broker letter with Tri-Ben Insurance Agency. Daniel Botsford, regarding Healthcare Coverage for 2025.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

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**Supervisors Report –**

**Seymour Library** – after the last Town Board meeting, board members attended the 2025 budget meeting for the library. Supervisor Liotta was happy to report their budget balanced. The 3 municipalities will have a 2% increase in 2025. She feels the library is a great asset to our communities. / Progress continues to be made on the milling of the parking lot at the library. Construction and demolition of portions of the building are scheduled for September 16. There will be weekly meetings to inform each of the towns, the status of the library project.

**2025 Budget** – Clarkson will follow the timeline set in place by NYS regarding the upcoming budget. The first meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks. The Legal Notice will be posted accordingly.

**Town Board Reports -**

**Town Clerk** – Susan Henshaw mentioned that school tax season is under way with no major hiccups to report. / Susan mentioned her satisfaction with her new Deputy Carla Ward. She started in July and is acclamating very well into her position in the clerk's office.

**Building Inspector** - Kevin Moore advised there is a new home being built on Sweden Walker Road and a new mobile home in Maple Ridge Mobile Home Park. / Planning Board has 2 site plans for single family homes to review. Another coming up soon with 8 lots for a subdivision at Ridge and Gallup Roads. / He is continuing work on Stormwater with a 6-month certification update due soon with NYS.

**Highway Department** – Superintendent Viscardi mentioned they just completed their paving schedule on Sunset Center, Wedgewood Drive, Woodstock Lane, Valley View Dr and Crescent Dr. Craig Hill Drive will be the next road to pave. / Story Brook Lane at the Seymour Library was being worked on today.

**RESOLUTION #227**

**MOTION TO APPROVE 8-27-2024 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to approve Special Meeting minutes 8-27-2024.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION #228**

**AUDIT 9-10-2024**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To authorize payment of audit 9-10-2024 totaling \$66,922.95 AA General \$9,559.89, BB General- Outside Village \$3,960.00 DA Highway – Town Wide \$11,952.09, HH-Capital Projects \$37,511.90, SL – Lighting \$3,939.07 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #4809-4835.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

**9-10-2024**

**RESOLUTION #229**  
**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to go into executive session for discussions relating to proposed, pending or current litigation. Matters relating to collective negotiations under Taylor Law. Matters relating to medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Matters related to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal of a particular person or corporation.

That the Town Board enter into a private session with its attorney to discuss legal matters at 6:18 PM.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #230**  
**MOTION TO EXIT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to exit out of Executive Session at 7:05pm.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #231**  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Introduced by Councilperson Wexler

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to adjourn at 7:06pm.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Henshaw*

Town Clerk

Approved 2024-09-24