

OWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 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

**excused

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.

HISTORICAL MOMENTS

Historian Leanna Hale discussed The Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) conference she attended last week. She gave a speech on "Bringing Back Cursive". This was a very successful event, where Leanna discussed the Cursive Summer Camp held at the Clarkson Academy annually in August. She mentioned the latest Science Report, which discussed the advantages of cursive writing versus using a keyboard. Leannas' desire is to make Clarkson the Cursive Capitol of Western New York. /* There is a new informational society recently formed, called The Triangle Tract society, which includes Clarkson, Hamlin, Brockport, Bergen and Leroy. They plan to post events from each town on a newly formed website. First meeting scheduled for October 17 at Whitehall Mansion. /* Pioneer Day for 4th and 5th graders at the Hill School will be held Friday, October 25 at the Clarkson Academy.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law #6-2024 Keeping of Chickens. Supervisor Liotta read the legal notice regarding the proposed Introductory Local Law. The Town Board is re-visiting this law after input from neighbors and residents, along with further research, in efforts to improve on this proposed law. *Mike Fitzgerald, 114 Delaina Rose Circle*, mentioned he has 6 chickens and feels that he has appropriate space for his chickens and is a model chicken owner. He was unfamiliar with the proposed modifications to the law and the details. He feels he offers a clean, fair amount of space for his chickens and the neighbors never complain. *Daniel Payne, 9410 Ridge Rd W.*, inquired about the proposed law and why this was even being discussed. Supervisor Liotta advised that complaints are on the rise regarding chickens in residential areas along with concerns from residents. She referenced Cornell University and an article about the adverse effects of having chickens and improper maintainance. Discussion on details of the proposed law ensued. This new law stems from mounting complaints about nuisance chicken owners and to protect smaller neighborhoods. *Daniel Payne* inquired about tending to those residents directly and avoid painting a broad brush across the town by making this chicken law. Supervisor Liotta mentioned that the law is being created for that exact reason. Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Moore, mentioned the growing concerns for fox, rats, wildlife and the possible diseases that they carry, happening in residential areas regardless if they have a clean living space.

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Gwyn Parkhurst, 3412 Lake Road, mentioned her concerns with the chickens next door. Kevin Moore advised that chicken complaints supercedes any other resident complaint in the Town of Clarkson. *Daniel Payne* mentioned differences of free range chickens and if legislation will be regarding them as well. Supervisor Liotta mentioned the Town Board wants people to contact the Building Department with any questions on the subject, especially new residents. *Tim Murphy, 18 Lynnwood Drive*, wished to applaud the Town Board in reviewing this growing concern within the town, and proposing this law. Kevin Moore advised the procedures, if necessary, to a resident who is cited for their chickens. He would visit the property owner; then a give a notice of violation; followed by an order to remedy within 30 days. If needed, an appearance ticket will be issued. Councilperson Wexler inquired about an area variance. Kevin Moore advised procedures of doing so.

RESOLUTION #232

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #6-a of 2024 - CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson close the public hearing for Introductory Local Law #6-a of 2024. Keeping of Chickens

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

RESOLUTION #233

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW#6-a of 2024 -- SEQR

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson classifies Introductory Local Law #6-a of 2024 Keeping of Chickens, as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and 6NYCRR615.5(c)(4 & 21) and not subject to review pursuant to SEQRA.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

RESOLUTION #234

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW#6-a of 2024—RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
Keeping of Chickens

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson adopts Introductory Local Law #6-a of 2024 entitled “Keeping of Chickens.”

Section 2. That upon filing with the Secretary of State, the Town Clerk is authorized to assign a final "Local Law" number so that the Local Law is filed in numerical sequence as required by law. An appropriate entry to this effect shall be made by the Town Clerk in the Clerk's records. This law will now be known as Local Law#6-2024.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

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NEW BUSINESS

Green Area Trust Fund - Supervisor Liotta explained this bank account, its origination and intended use; that when a new home is built, a fee is charged and used specifically towards parks within the town. That the account had a \$70,000+ balance at the beginning of the year; that \$25,000 was approved in February; that the upgrades to both parks cost an additional \$27,370.24 to date. Recently some of the funds have been used towards upgrades to both town parks.

RESOLUTION #235

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES FROM THE GREEN AREA TRUST FUND FOR THE PARKS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,370.24.

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Wexler

Motion to approve additional expenditures from the Green Area Trust Fund for the Parks Project in the amount of \$27,370.24.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

Clarkson Historic Preservation Commission – Councilperson D'Amuro advised it is time to call for a Public Hearing as all the properties have now been designated in the local historic district. That they have all been identified through the Preservation Commission, and can now be "rubber stamped". Clarkson is a Certified Local Government, which means it allows more grant opportunities to homes within the district. This designation also means homeowners must maintain the historic nature of their property. Clarkson is 1 of 50 towns in New York State with national designation.

RESOLUTION # 236

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW:
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #9 of 2024
TOWN OF CLARKSON**

A Local Law amending the Town of Clarkson's list of designated historic landmarks.

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it proposed Introductory Local Law 9 of 2024 which would amend the Town of Clarkson's list of designated historic landmarks.

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 on the attached 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, Mattison and Wexler

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

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RESOLUTION #237
MOTION TO APPROVE MERIT INCREASE FOR HIGHWAY
EMPLOYEE JESSE CROSS

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson Wexler

Motion to approve employee merit increase for highway employee Jesse Cross from Working Foreman step 17, \$32.45 per/hr to Working Foreman step 19, \$33.43 per/hr. effective September 25, 2024.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

RESOLUTION #238
MOTION TO SET 2025 RENTAL FEES FOR KIMBALL AND
GOODWIN LODGES AT AN INCREASE OF \$25 PER LODGE

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to set 2025 rental fees for Kimball at \$225 and Goodwin Lodges at \$200 an increase of \$25 per lodge.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

RESOLUTION #239
MOTION TO SET 2025 PERMIT FEES FROM \$235 TO \$260 FOR THE
TRANSFER STATION

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

Motion to set 2025 permit fees from \$235 to \$260 for the Transfer Station.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

Supervisors Report –

Tax Cap – flyers provided by the State Comptrollers' Office are in the lobby, regarding the tax capped at 2% for the 4th year in a row. Supervisor Liotta read portions of the flyer. She mentioned the 2025 budget and the upcoming workshops and meetings, after meeting with the financial department. As of now, the town board is able to stay within the tax cap as that is their goal.

WIBA#1 – there was a pre-construction meeting this morning with Pilon Construction and MRB Group, the engineers for the water project. A flyer was provided showing the contractors schedule of roads and dates. Construction is to begin very soon.

Hafner Park – the redesign project survey is complete. MRB Group shared a draft review of the survey with residents input. It is not ready for public viewing at this time, but will be soon after Town Board review.

Monroe Ambulance – we have been contracted with them since 2014. The town continues to receive a monthly review of all calls within our jurisdiction. The response time is within all guidelines set in the contract. They are very accountable for the service and work they provide. The contract is automatically renewed annually.

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Monroe County Sheriff's Office – a letter has been received from MCSO regarding an overview of how they are serving their constituents. She read from the flyer provided that is located in the lobby.

Monroe County Legislator Jackie Smith – is holding a community event at the Jubilee Church on September 28, where she is emphasizing the many county service programs provided through-out the area.

Town Board Reports -

Seymour Library – Councilperson Wexler discussed how pleased the Library Director Patrick Pittman is with how little disruption on a daily basis for their visitors, even with the construction in the parking lot.

Building Inspector - Kevin Moore advised construction is on track at the Seymour Library, regarding the plumbing. /* Stormwater requirements are also in order at this time, according to the constraints of the DEC-Department of Environmental Conservation.

Highway Department – Superintendent Viscardi mentioned for residents to be vigilant of the work being done on and near area roads, due to the water project. Traffic will be reduced to one lane and be slower where work is being done. Pilon Construction has a tight schedule to complete this project within 180 days.

RESOLUTION #240**MOTION TO APPROVE 9-10-2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Wexler

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 9-10-2024.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

RESOLUTION #241**AUDIT 9-24-2024**

Introduced by Councilperson Mattison

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To authorize payment of audit 9-24-2024 totaling \$216,612.89 AA General \$12,064.14, BB General- Outside Village \$5,129.70, DA Highway – Town Wide \$11,269.23, DB Highway-Outside Village \$181,551.97, HH- Capital Projects \$6,422.60, SL – Lighting \$175.25 and Distribution of checks: Joint Checking #4839-4876.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

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RESOLUTION #242
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by Councilperson D'Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Mattison

Motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: Councilperson Culhane

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Henshaw

Town Clerk

Approved 2024-10-08