

TOWN OF CLARKSON  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
February 8, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
Nick D'Amuro	Councilperson
John Culhane	Councilperson
Tom Guarino	Councilperson
Leslie Zink	Councilperson
Susan Henshaw	Town Clerk
Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
Richard Olson	Attorney
Liz Spencer	Assessor
Kevin Moore	Building Inspector

Supervisor Filipowicz 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, as well as those on the front lines fighting COVID.

**OPEN FORUM**

**No one spoke**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Filipowicz opened up the public hearing for Local Law #5 for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers. Martha Clasquin from 34 Sherwood Drive wanted to mention she is in favor of the tax discount for our volunteers. She advised of other neighboring towns' requirements and would like to know the qualifications for our town. Attorney Richard Olson advised that a summary is provided for all towns to help explain their requirements. Assessor Liz Spencer mentioned that she is working on the exemption forms at this time. She advised town requirements as follows for: lifetime members; at least 2 years of service; the 10% exemption applies to their primary residence only; fire department provides a list of active members annually to Assessor; forms will be available soon in Assessor's office; need to apply by March 1 and renew annually. Harold Mundy of 85 Mission Hill Drive wanted to add that he was past treasurer of the fire district for 7 years and encourages our town board to stand behind our volunteers and their commitment to our town. Attorney Richard Olson shared different exemptions that are offered in area towns and how this will help make a difference for our local volunteers. Harold Mundy advised the resolution passed with all 5 of the commissioners in the fire district, so this exemption would be applied to fire district taxes as well.

**RESOLUTION #87**

**TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #5 TAX EXEMPTION  
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE  
WORKERS**

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D'Amuro

To close public hearing on Local Law #5 Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

**2-08-2022**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #88**

**LOCAL LAW #5 AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSON TO ADD A TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE**

**Whereas**, on January 25, 2022, this board ordered that a Public Hearing be held to consider this proposed local law and set February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road Clarkson as the date, time and place of the Public Hearing; and

**Whereas**, the notice of this hearing was duly published and posted as required by law; and

**Whereas**, the Public Hearing was duly held on February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, New York and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

**Whereas**, the Town Board after due deliberation finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved:**

**Section 1.** That the Town Board of the Town of Clarkson hereby enacts Local Law #5-2022, “Local Law #5-2022: Amending Chapter 122 of the Code of the Town of Clarkson to add a tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers”.

**Section 2.** That the Town Clerk is ordered to file a copy of this Local Law with New York State as required by law.

**Section 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To adopt Local Law #5 Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #89**

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF SUPERVISOR’S JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Culhane

To acknowledge receipt of January report

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

**Seymour Library** – is holding the Annual Meeting with Village of Brockport, Town of Sweden and Town of Clarkson on March 22 at the Sweden Lodge at 7:00 PM.

**Appointment of Part Time Clerk** – Courtney Miller who is assisting in all departments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #90**

**TO APPOINT NEW CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBER MARILYN BROWN**

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D’Amuro

To Appoint New Conservation Board Member Marilyn Brown

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

**2-08-2022**

**REPORTS**

**Town Board** – Councilperson Zink advises that things are moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan Committee hosted a successful Open House and Public Hearing on January 27.

**Stop Signs** – Attorney Richard Olson advised that Local Law #4 regarding stop signs has been sent to Albany and Councilperson Guarino will be able to move forward soon with his portion of the project.

**Veteran’s Outreach** -Councilperson D’Amuro will be meeting with County Legislature Jackie Smith to help bring this program to the west side. Assessor Liz Spencer has assisted in providing him with a list of Clarkson Veterans’ exemptions.

**Website** – Councilperson D’Amuro and Supervisor Filipowicz met with a SUNY Brockport student regarding updating our town website and expanding our content.

**RESOLUTION #91**

**AUTHORIZE MERIT/STEP INCREASE FOR URSULA LIOTTA**

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D’Amuro

To approve, based on merit, step increase for Assistant to the Highway Department Ursula Liotta from Office Clerk I, Step 20 @ \$22.47 to Step 23 @ \$23.49 retroactive to January 1, 2022.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro and Guarino

NAYES: Zink

**Highway Superintendent** – Bob Viscardi advised that Councilperson Guarino will be the liaison between the highway and the town board. He will be vacating his position as liaison with recreation. Superintendent Viscardi also advised that he will have more info in the next meeting regarding salt usage and truck mileage. He advised they are sending the smaller snow blower into neighborhoods to plow around mailboxes. This has been quite helpful and popular with our residents.

**Building Inspector** – Kevin Moore advised the Lifetime Assistance is finishing up with Phase 1 of their expansion. Wellington North should be completed by end of the month for the new Senior Living building. Seldon Square has started renovations on buildings #1 and #2.

**RESOLUTION #92**

**APPROVE MINUTES 1-25-2022**

Introduced by Councilperson D’Amuro

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

To approve minutes from 1-25-2022.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #93**

**AUDIT 1-25-2022**

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson D’Amuro

To authorize payment of audit 1-25-2022 totaling \$95,026.87 AA General \$49,076.78, BB General- Outside Village \$2,833.10, DA Highway - Town Wide \$42,322.12, SL – Lighting \$794.87 and Distribution of checks: Trust and Agency #6238-6242, Joint Checking #4867-4908

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D’Amuro, Guarino and Zink

NAYES: None

**2-08-2022**

**RESOLUTION #94**  
**ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane  
Seconded by Councilperson Zink  
To enter into Executive Session 6:30 PM.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink  
NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #95**  
**EXIT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane  
Seconded by Councilperson Zink  
To exit out of Executive Session 7:31 PM.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink  
NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #96**  
**TO APPOINT COURT OFFICER STANLEY SANGER**

Introduced by Councilperson Zink  
Seconded by Councilperson Culhane  
To appoint court officer Stanley Sanger.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink  
NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #97**  
**TO APPOINT SUSAN HENSHAW TO TOWN CLERK AT SAME SALARY**

Introduced by Councilperson Nick D'Amuro  
Seconded by Councilperson Guarino  
To appoint Susan Henshaw as Town Clerk at same salary.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink  
NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION #98**  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Introduced by Councilperson Culhane  
Seconded by Councilperson Guarino  
Motion to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Culhane, D'Amuro, Guarino and Zink  
NAYES: None

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Henshaw*  
Town Clerk