

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
FEBRUARY 19, 2014
AT THE GLENVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTER
18 GLENRIDGE ROAD, GLENVILLE, NEW YORK

Supervisor Koetzle called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM;

Supervisor Koetzle asked the Town Clerk, Linda C. Neals, to call the roll.

Present: Supervisor Christopher A. Koetzle, Councilmen James M. Martin, John C. Pytlovany and Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

Absent: Councilman Sid Ramotar

Also present were Attorney Michael Cuevas; Jason Cuthbert, Comptroller and Tom Coppola, Highway Superintendent.

Town Council Reports:

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “Just a reminder that if you have a hydrant in front of your home please try to clear it out should there be a fire. I would like to extend a very heartfelt to all of our employees who worked many, many, many hours away from their homes, away from their families trying to keep our roads safe and clear. I know that sometimes it may seem like your neighborhood isn’t plowed as quickly as it usually is but we have had quite a lot of snow in a very short period of time. They do the best they can and they get there as soon as they can and sometimes things break so they have to stop and fix it. I think they do a fine job and I would just like to thank them for all that they do for the town.”

Councilman Martin – “Planning has started for the upcoming April 24th event, “Let’s Talk Business” at the Riverstone Manor. More details to follow.”

Councilman Pytlovany, - “I attended the DARE Advisory Board meeting last week and Officer Dunbar is starting the DARE program at Pashley School either this week or next week. We are now starting our preparation for the DARE Golf Tournament which will be held on the first Saturday in June which is the only fund raiser for this program.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “I received a couple of comments about DARE not being held in a few of the schools because of family leave by the officer. There seems to be a belief that the Town had stepped back from the program but that is not the case. I don’t know if there is a way of communicating this to the school or communicate it to the parents that it was a family leave situation. It wasn’t that we were stepping away from it. I did receive a few emails about it and they were geared towards, I’m sorry the Town isn’t invested in this anymore and that’s really not the case.”

The following spoke during privilege of the floor:

Pete Looker, 1965 Amsterdam Road – Mr. Looker delivered a petition from eighteen (18) of his neighbors requesting that we immediately enforce the town zoning ordinance about light glare trespass from Old Dominion terminal that went in there. He read that the ordinance states that the glare shall be confined to the property; he informed the board that it is not confined to the property. He stated that if you are coming from Amsterdam, before you go under the railroad bridge you will be getting what is much more powerful than any headlights I have ever seen. He stated that it is not safe and that he can sit in his bedroom with the lights off and we can read the paper.

He asked that the board push to have shades put on these lights to direct the light downwards. We are also concerned that the facility in the old tank farm is going to do the same thing.

He also stated that the intent of the law was to have no significant impact on

environmental or reduction of property values. He thinks a good point could be made that now their property values in that 25 house neighborhood have been reduced.

Supervisor Koetzle – “I have been working with the building inspector on this issue. As I understand it my last update from him was that he had reached out to them and they agreed to make some modification that will mitigate this problem. I know there has been some progress with this situation and I will make sure that we stay on it.”

Supervisor' Comments to the Board:

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following information with the board:

I agree with Councilwoman Wierzbowski 100% about our road crew. I had the opportunity to ride as a wing man on one of the routes. There is a lot more than people think that goes into it.

Some of us toured the Socha Building and it is coming along nice. If you still want to go we can arrange it. The restaurant area looks beautiful already.

I attended the Capital Region District Delegation lunch regarding our legislative agenda. We discussed a few things with our State Legislature that are important to towns. Mandate relief was the first thing we talked about. Unfortunately some of our state legislatures have different ideas as to what mandates are and how they should be paid for. One of the things we talked about was that publications of legal notices should no longer be required in newspapers. In today's day and age we feel that posting it electronically on the web page would suffice and save us a significant amount of money. Right now we spend a lot of money, when ever a local law is proposed or we enact a local law or we put in a request for bids or hold a public hearing we need to post that in the newspaper and it becomes quite expensive for us. We talked about abandon property and how mortgage companies that are closing on these properties should be forced to contact us and make sure they give us contact information. Pension reform, this group supports the state to reinstate the 3% employee pension contribution that was eliminated in 2000 for tier 3 & 4 members of the State Retirement System because we see that as a cost shift from employees to the taxpayers and funding to municipalities, aid from the state which has stayed pretty stagnant over the years.

I attended a UCC meeting a couple of weeks ago. They are looking to take our dispatchers by Memorial Day. They are pretty solid in that, although I have heard that their labor negotiations have stalled. They are behind schedule on that but I don't know how it affects the rest of their schedule. We should see a budget from the County to the municipalities by mid-March. If we like the budget we'll have to adopt it. We would have to then do budget amendments. We would have to eliminate our lines for dispatch, collapse that and put in the County line for what it will cost us for the rest of 2014. We would have to pass a resolution in April.

The court consolidation issue was a good effort. I still think there is a merit to it. I think the Village pulled out way too quick and didn't really look at it seriously. They tried to pin a lot of it on maybe some of the concerns that the Town raised. We certainly did have concerns but I didn't think there was anything that we can't overcome if we just figure out a way. Some of the issues were space problems, parking problems, how long court night might go, what night's court might be held but there was nothing logistically there that was a deal killer without really looking at it. It is sad to say but that consolidation effort seems to be dead again from the Village point of view.

I have been speaking with developers regarding a variety of options for development in the town. Dick Usas, Jim Martin, Kevin and I have been focused on trying to work with a few national chain restaurants for certain areas here in town. We have meetings set up through February and hopefully we will have some progress on that front. People are looking at Glenville very seriously.

Gina and I had the opportunity to be guest servers at the Glenville Rotary Pasta Dinner. We had an excellent time and it was well attended.

I attended a presentation “Shop Scotia-Glenville” by Peter Russo at the Scotia Theatre. He is trying to launch a shop local effort on showing before the movies the great aspects of Glenville and Scotia and then asking local businesses to buy advertisement space.

Kevin and I met with representatives from Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) related to the plume, that seems to be growing on Freemans Bridge Road. We met on a variety of issues down there and it is starting to infringe on Sunnyview Gardens. There is a water supply issue. There is some positive news on that front and also some things that DEC is trying to get done in the legislature that would be helpful to getting it cleaned up.

Steve Hamor has done a great job in leading our efforts regarding the town’s concern that relates to protecting our water fields and our water supply. We have an agenda mapped out but we are going to be talking with them about the wellfield protection issues.

The Amedore Project, I have gotten a lot of emails. We have heard from a number of residents on it. Some people are confused on how the process works. So Kevin put together a nice process that we will put on our website. The process is that it is going to Planning and Zoning. At some point they are legally required to hold a public hearing for the residents to have an opportunity to give their input. They are only required to hold one but the board has asked the Chairman to hold two hearings so the public has a greater opportunity.

Finances – We have a projected surplus in our General Fund of \$260,000 without using any of the \$268,000 that was appropriated in fund balance. Our mortgage tax finished higher, about \$228,000 more than what we budgeted but they were really one shot big projects that happened over the course of 2013. Our court revenue ended up \$16,000 above budget. Expense highlights both the Supervisor and the Comptroller budgets were under budget by about \$20,000 each. The issues in this fund to worry about because it is nice to get good news but we have to look at what is ahead, mortgage revenues for 2014 are down considerably for the last four months. I think we are going to be hard pressed to hit our 2014 budgeted revenue of \$675,000. That is going to be a challenge and negotiating the three contracts. The town outside fund, the B Fund, we have a surplus of \$20,000. Franchise fees are down from Time Warner Cable. The highway fund is doing well. We bought the front loader, we paid cash for it, so that would have had a surplus but because we paid cash for it there is going to be a little bit of deficit in that fund.

Just to explain quickly regarding a couple of things that the newspaper maybe made seem like was going on; there is no MGM Grand coming to Glenville, there is nothing like that being proposed, there is no huge project that is on the boards right now that we are trying to circumvent anything. What we are trying to do is re-task the Glenville Environmental Conservation Committee (GECC) to do what they originally intended to do which was to drive environmental policies for the town, so we are trying to give them from our Strategic Plan more things to do. Kevin looked at our sister communities and in most of those communities this is what the (ECC) does. We still would benefit from their Insight on larger projects; we’re not proposing that we wouldn’t look at the environmental review through them on larger projects but on smaller projects, 90% of what goes through to them doesn’t apply to them and they have no input on it. The SEQRA process will continue to happen, that does not change, the only thing that changes is the GECC will not initiate it; the Planning and Zoning Commission will initiate it. All we are trying to do is free up, we are trying to make a shorter time for the developer to get through the process and still make sure there is integrity in the system. We are trying to not waste the GECC’s time and give them something more relevant to do and we are still trying to make sure the environmental review is happening.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “I would just like to point out that that cartoon that came out about the proposal to redefine the GECC’s role, the Gazette didn’t even cover that story so I think it was pretty irresponsible that the paper that is supposed to be

the town's newspaper to not send reporters to meetings to get the facts to report them appropriately and then to put a derogatory cartoon about a process that we take very seriously in the first place. I just think that was very irresponsible."

Supervisor Koetzle – "There is no reporter here again this evening. They are not covering anything and they never called to ask one question, not one question they just drew a cartoon."

Councilman Martin – "I agree with the comments on the GECC. I think that was a disingenuous cheap shot. I don't know where that comes from, I am at a loss. The process here is taken very seriously, the role of those volunteers are taken very seriously. It is just inexplicable."

Supervisor Koetzle moved ahead with the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2014

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, Thomas R. Coppola, Commissioner of Public Works has informed the Town Board the need to replace one water department van that was determined non-repairable by the town's insurance company; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works found one 2014 Ford E350 van on New York State OGS Contract Award No. 22737 Lot I Item No. 4, therefore the formal bid process is not necessary;

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available for purchase in the 2014 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to purchase one new 2014 Ford E350 from Webster Ford Inc. dba Hendersen Ford, 810 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY in a sum not to exceed \$23,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding for such purchase shall:

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Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Pytlovany, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Ramotar

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2014

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville has approximately thirty-five (35) computers running the Microsoft Windows XP operating system; and

WHEREAS, Microsoft will cease support of this operating system on April 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town requires a secure and supported operating system for its computer network; and

WHEREAS, Repeat Business Systems, the Town's technology vendor,

has advised that the Town would be best served by replacing the computers running Windows XP instead of only installing a new operating system on these machines, such action recommended due to the age and equipment specifications of the machines now running Windows XP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Comptroller is authorized to purchase new computers available at New York State contract pricing to replace all existing computers running the Microsoft Windows XP operating system, with purchases charged to account 01.00.1680.2000 Computer-Equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Glenville 2014 Adopted Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Appropriation Codes:

01.00.1680.2000 Computer-Equipment, by \$19,500

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance

A-599 Appropriated Fund Balance, by \$19,500

Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Pytlovany, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Ramotar

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2014

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for January, 2014 as received from the following:

Dog Control
Economic Development & Planning Department
Justice Department
Receiver of Taxes
Town Clerk's Office

be, and they hereby are accepted, approved for payment and ordered placed on file.

Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Pytlovany, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Ramotar

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2014

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meetings held on November 6, 2013 and November 20, 2013 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

Ayes: Councilman Pytlovany, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Ramotar
Abstentions: Councilman Martin

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2014

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby adjourns into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Pytlovany, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Ramotar
Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Supervisor Koetzle adjourned this portion of the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and entered into Executive Session.

Time being 9:23 p.m.; Supervisor Koetzle reconvened the meeting and announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilwoman Wierzbowski; Seconded by Councilman Martin, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

ATTEST:

Linda C. Neals
Town Clerk