

**MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
JANUARY 18, 2023
AT THE GLENVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTER
18 GLENRIDGE ROAD, GLENVILLE, NEW YORK**

Supervisor Koetzle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM;

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Supervisor Koetzle asked the Town Clerk, Julie Davenport, to call the roll.

Present: Supervisor Christopher A. Koetzle, Councilmen James M. Martin, Sid Ramotar, Michael R. Godlewski and Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

Absent: None

Also Present: Jason Cuthbert- Comptroller, Jeffrey A. Siegel- Attorney for the Town, Paul Davenport- Judge, Anthony Tozzi-Director of Planning, Nicholas Chiavini- Planner 1, Stephen Janik-Chief of Police, Arnold Briscoe Building Inspector/Code Enforcer.

Town Council Reports

Councilman Godlewski: There'll be a lot of nice things said tonight about our colleague, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Gino Wierzbowski. I just wanted to, add my thoughts to it and just say what a wonderful experience it's been sharing the dais, sitting next to you here working with you meeting with you, collaborating with you and how much you're going to be missed. You were very gracious to me when I got on the board 5 plus years ago, you were very kind and reaching out and setting up time to sit down with me and I greatly appreciate that. Our conversations together have ranged from the most salient town business to just kind pleasantries amongst friends so, Thank you for that. I wish you well and hope that you find happiness and success in the future.

Councilwoman Wierzbowski: I don't have a formal report, but I would like to try to get through the next couple of minutes without ruining my eye makeup. This is my last meeting and it's very good, this seat on this day has been something that has been an honor to hold. The residents are the ones who put me here and the residents and the entire staff of the Town of Glenville are the ones who supported me when I needed it. They're the ones who gave me the information I needed to do my job, to be well informed. The rest of you, every single one of you I've served with, including past members of our board, have always engaged in respectful and productive debate. I think that we've done a tremendous job together bringing the Town of Glenville forward. I remember Chris, shortly after we got on the board, said to me one day we have so much to do, how are we going to get it all done? I said we're going to just going to get it done, one thing at a time and in 10 years, Glenville will be a different place. And in 10 years Glenville is a different place and I think it's a much better place. I think it has a lot more to offer our residents and the people that visit our town and I will greatly miss the honor of sitting in this seat. I'm also very excited for my next chapter and I think it's going to be another tremendous run, just in a different direction. So again, thank you to everybody, the residents to everybody that I've worked with over the years, all our boards and committee members, everyone. I'll miss you very much, but I know what time the meetings are so I may just stop by for a visit.

Councilman Martin: I want to join in as well. I had, as you know, served with Gina previously for a term. Preparing for this term, we campaigned together and it's a lot of hours, walking and spending time at people's homes, various fundraisers, campaign events and it was some of the best times. Anything to do with the Town Board is being out on the on the road and walking with her. A fond memory is we decorated the pickup truck and we drove the neighborhoods, music blaring, signs all over the truck and that was the culmination of the campaign and that that was a lot of fun. On the work side of it, she's always been a very dedicated board member, always well prepared, well informed on the issues, very caring and always putting first what would be best for the residents. It was through that filter that I always seeing you make your decisions and it's been absolute honor to serve with you in this capacity and it's just been much better having you as a friend. So, I wish you all the best.

Councilman Ramotar: So, Gina your true friend, true professional, you're going to do awesome in your new job. I'm going to see you around, so not going to say goodbye, see you soon, good luck.

Presentation for leaving Town Board member Councilwomen Gina Wierzbowski

Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh: I'm so glad to have a chance, I'm glad that everything worked out so I could be here tonight. I usually don't read these, but it's actually pretty good.

“Whereas the community is only as strong as those who help it grow and flourish through their vision, dedication and drive, and is only as great as the individuals who provided them through service to their community. Through steadfast involvement, personal or professional achievement, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry;

And whereas, Gina Wierzbowski, began her career in public service in 2010 when she secured the role of town board member of the Town of Glenville. She served the community dutiful through progress and growth and through the difficulties of COVID, she was appointed to Deputy Supervisor and served in that role since 2018;

And whereas during her tenure as Board Member and Deputy Supervisor, the Town of Glenville experienced an increase in revenue and services and growth in the business and industrial districts. Your time spent liaising for the Police Department shined a spotlight on the needs of the officers;

And whereas Gina enhanced her community in immeasurable ways, as she also serves as an emergency services first responder, beginning as a medical provider in 1996, with the Glenville Hill Fire Department, her role progressed to the position of EMT before becoming a paramedic with the Clifton Park Capital EMS;

And whereas she will long be remembered for her positive impact on her constituents and her community, and recognition of all her accomplishments and dedicated service to the Town of Glenville. Now, therefore, be proclaimed that the State of New York, along with myself and the Members of the 112th Assembly District, offer most sincere congratulations and best wishes to you, Gina Wierzbowski and celebration of your 13 years of service to Glenville”.

Assemblywoman Walsh shared that she and Gina have been friends for a long time, knows she will continue to serve in her community and wishes her well in her new job.

Supervisor Koetzle: So, it's a difficult day today, Gina. It seems like yesterday Gina and I as you all know, are the only two real originals that started on day one together when I became a Town Supervisor back in 2009. We've been through a lot together, I can be here all night about, talking about all the battles we fought together. We grew together. We grew, coming to understand each other and respect each other work well together those early days, wanting to do what's best for the town and you always did whatever was best for the Town. We made difficult decisions together and we knew we were going to take heat for those decisions. I respect the fact that you stood there and like me, and the others were willing to take the heat for the right decision even when they wouldn't understand it. Even people disagreed with it, but you knew it was right, and a lot of people don't have that courage, and we're going to miss that. People ask me who's going to replace you? It's going to be hard to find someone who's got that courage, got that passion, who's that dedication and we're going to miss you.

We did want to give you a certificate of appreciation for all your service to the Town. our budget is. But your appreciation reads;

“Awarded to Gina Wierzbowski, the Town Board expresses its appreciation and gratitude for the 13 years of dedicated service to the Town of Glenville, and for your work on behalf of all of our residents. In recognition of your devotion to the Town, I, Christopher A Koetzle, by the power vested in the Office of Supervisor, proclaim Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 is Gina Wierzbowski Day throughout the Town of Glenville”.

So, congratulations, good luck.

Councilwoman Wierzbowski: Thank You, Mary Beth, for your kind words, thank you for being here for me tonight. It means a lot to have you here, you are my friend, somebody who has been a mentor to me and has guided me along my professional decisions as well.

Thank you, Chris for your kind words. When people ask, “what do you like best about being on the board?”, It's a couple of reasons. It's the people, meeting people that work and live in our community, meeting people who have a different opinion and who educate me on their point of view. I always learn and open to hearing from residents who don't agree with something that we're contemplating because it makes our decisions better. It makes our decisions stronger. It makes the decisions more comprehensive and complete for the community. I'll miss my ride along with the police and thank you everybody for your kind words and this isn't goodbye, it's just see you later.

Privilege of the Floor

Mark MacDonald; 6 North Court.

I would like to ask if we could get the ordinance on raising chickens at home changed in residential sections of the Town. Currently there are sections that allow it and sections that don't and I'd like to see it open to all residents. Similar to what's allowed in other communities that limit the number of chickens to be raised but still allow it.

Supervisor Koetzle said he could come in and discuss that with him or send him an email. Mr. McDonald asked when the ordinance would be changed and the Supervisor explained this is something the Town has to look into and told him again to contact him.

Supervisor's Comments to the Board – Nothing

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Jason Cuthbert, Town Comptroller

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2023

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, the Village of Scotia has submitted a proposal to extend the current agreement with the Town of Glenville to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the Town of Glenville Fire District No. 4 for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2023 with annual costs to the district of \$500,061 for contract year 2023, \$512,500 for contract year 2024 and \$522,500 for contract year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed costs represent annual increases of 2.00% in 2023, 2.49% in 2024, and 1.95% in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hold a public hearing with respect to the proposed agreement to give taxpayers in the Town of Glenville Fire District No. 4 and others an opportunity to be heard on said proposed fire protection district agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Town Board of the Town of Glenville with respect to the approval of a proposed contract with the Village of Scotia to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the Town of Glenville Fire District No. 4 for a term of three years, with annual costs to the district of \$500,061 for contract year 2023, \$512,500 for contract year 2024 and \$522,500 for contract year 2025 at 7:00 PM on February 1, 2023, at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Godlewski, Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on January 18, 2023.

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Supervisor

Submitted by: Anthony Tozzi, Planning Director

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2023

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville updated its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan with the assistance of a Capital District Transportation Committee Technical Assistance grant in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Economic Development and Planning Department initiated the update in order to comply with the law and provide a clear mechanism for the public to submit complaints as well as a plan for maintaining ADA accessibility of all existing sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, for the ADA Transition Plan the Town is required to appoint an ADA Coordinator who will accept complaints from the public and address grievances by resolution;

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy for the position of ADA Coordinator that requires immediate attention to ensure complaints and grievances are addressed properly; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby appoints the Planning Director, Anthony Tozzi, as the ADA Coordinator and Planner I, Nicholas Chiavini as the Assistant ADA Coordinator.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Godlewski, Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on January 18, 2023.

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Anthony Tozzi, Director of Planning

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2023

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission consists of seven (7) members, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists on the Planning and Zoning Commission due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, Town Law provides that in the event of such vacancies, the Town Board is empowered to appoint town residents to serve for the remainder of the unexpired terms; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has maintained a list of candidates qualified to serve the Town well in different capacities; and

WHEREAS, members of the Town Board and staff have recommended Jamal McPherson to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McPherson has expressed his interest and willingness to

serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and is qualified by current employment as a Mechanical Engineer and has a Bachelor of science in Aerospace Engineering;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby appoints Jamal McPherson of Glenville, New York to the position of Member of the Town of Glenville Planning and Zoning Commission to a term of office commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2028.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Godlewski, Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on January 18, 2023

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2023

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Organizational Town Board meeting held on January 4, 2023 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Godlewski, Martin, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on January 18, 2023

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2023

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for December, 2022 as received from the following:

Assessors Department
Justice Department
Receiver of Taxes
Town Clerk's Office
Police Department

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

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstentions:

Motion Carried

Town Board Decision on February 18, 2022

New Business:

A. Discussion of proposed cannabis overlay district.

Anthony Tozzi; gave a short presentation regarding the overlay and possible restrictions. There was a brief discussion afterwards.

Councilman Godlewski: Nothing

Councilwoman Wierzbowski: Nothing

Councilman Martin: Shared he thought the Holiday Party was very nice and it was nice just to visit with all the town employees.

Councilman Ramotar: Thanked all the departments for the work they do.

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn;

Moved: Councilman Martin

Second: Councilman Godlewski

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Adjourn 7:47 PM

ATTEST:

Julie Davenport
Town Clerk