

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF GLENVILLE  
December 6, 2023  
AT THE GLENVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTER  
18 GLENRIDGE ROAD, GLENVILLE, NEW YORK

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

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

**Present:** Supervisor Christopher A. Koetzle, Councilmen Martin, Kirkham and Councilwoman Barone.

Also, present were Jeffrey A. Siegel, Attorney for the Town, Vicki Hillis.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Town Council Reports:** No Town Council reports.

Bob Hoblock gave a brief overview of the Dutch Meadows Project and the proposed changes, prior to the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Open 7:05 Closed 7:05 No one spoke.

Public Hearing for Wednesday November 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, NY to hear all persons interested in the proposed improvements to extend the Town's existing Water District 11 to provide Town supplied water to an area formerly part of Water District 2.

Privilege of the Floor: Open 7:06 Closed 7:06 No one spoke.

Supervisor's Comments to the Board: No Supervisors comments.

The Mayfair-Glenville VFW Post 4660 is proud to announce they participated in this year's "Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest" and presented to the Town Board their top three local High School student winners. The three essay entries winners are forwarded up the chain for further consideration on the National level, the National first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. We wish this year's top three local winners the best as their entries are forwarded for considered on the National level.

Local Top three winners are;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Zoe Brignola

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Max Weisman

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Benjamin Jewell.

Below is local first place winner, Benjamin Jewell's, essay entry that he read tonight for the Town Board. Benjamin is a 16 Junior at BHBL High School. He is interested in engineering and piloting after high school, and is currently focusing on applying to the US

Naval Academy. His favorite hobbies are camping, aviation, acting, and production technology, among other things.

"The subject of government has long been a struggle throughout humanity's endeavors. Our nation, just like any other, carries many weaknesses, but what holds our land together is the uniqueness in having the courage to serve in our Forces, and the impact that these men and women have made on our culture. Great civilizations of the past have risen and fallen, each carrying an unhealable flaw - a crack in the stone- to their grave. The Greeks had the first representative government, but were brought to their knees by their own failure to unite against a common enemy. The Romans carried their empire far and wide, but were again split by the chisel of corruption and division. Although we share a sense of unity like these empires, our military is viewed as only one path in our nation; and no longer a common one. Veterans have made a sacrifice that is no longer purely mandatory in our changing world, and as the percentage of the veteran population decreases each year, our past service members fight to stand out: the few, and the proud.

When our nation was created, our founding fathers began to realize that we needed to be branching out and adapting to the earth, not waiting for it to envelop around us. We needed to be an ever-growing Oak, and heal as one. We would not leave our cracks to split our nation, but we would bring our people together, and allow our previous scars to rise into the canopy.

When I was a child, I grew up in a world respecting veterans. My grandfather went to West Point, and he took me to Army football games together, his cap always reading: "VIETNAM WAR VETERAN - ARMY RANGER". This cap gave him respect, and he wore it with pride. He earned it through his own hard work, and his own difficult experiences in the defense of our nation. Seeing my grandfather being saluted and thanked for his service was surprising as a young kid - after all, he was just my grandpa. As I grew older and learned more of his achievements, I began to realize the meaning behind what he represented.

A man of great character and willpower, behind the kind and insightful pancake-cooking grandpa that I know now. My grandfather became what I viewed all veterans as - people who had done, seen, and been through a lot - but are always humble, and there to teach you a thing or two. You could therefore see my shock as a middle schooler, learning in my history classes that this cultural standard of respect and honor was not always present. When our Vietnam Veterans left the battlefield, some were treated with a harsh shoulder, in itself a massive irony given the drafted among their numbers. This, in a way, is exemplary of what our nation stands for- our ability to grow our knowledge and perspective. Like a monument towards growth and innovation, it can become tarnished by the wind, dirt, and rain of past mistakes. What fixes these mistakes is not the impact that they made in the moment - it is the impact that they made in memory. And that is the idea of veterans- protecting our nation's ability to learn from our mistakes, so that we can prevent them in the future. Veterans are not purely guardians of our freedom, but guardians of our progress as a nation, and as the human race, together.

The truth is that our world and our nation are never perfect, and never will be. Some Veterans suffer - it would be a lie to not acknowledge that. Although some problems of the past are solved, there are still massive gashes in our nation. Veterans commit suicide at a higher rate than non-veteran adults. However, it would also be a lie to neglect acknowledging the fact that progress is being made. According to the VA Suicide Prevention data, from 2018 to 2020, suicide rates for Veterans fell by 9.7%, an indicator of hope during dark times. This is again yet another example of our nations' greatest attribute - the steady healing of deep cracks in our core. A mark will always remain, but our Oak continues to build its branches in the pursuit of something brighter.

If our nation is a painting, then our government is the easel. A solid base, maybe with a shake to its steadiness. Its nails growing old, but holding. The paint is our culture. Spots of darkness, spots of light- composed together to show the emotions of our history. The canvas is our freedoms - a blank surface with which we can each paint our own image. But behind the canvas- behind the art, behind the surface of beauty- is the true frame, which supports our canvas. Without it, the painting would crumble, the easel left useless. Our veterans are our canvas frame- not always a flashy job, but one that will leave the brilliant strokes of dark blues and reds crumpling to the ground, without it stretching and pulling the canvas to its true shape. It may waver- but its artwork will always shine forth, no matter what the challenge. That is the glory of our nation- each part is needed to

showcase its beauty. Each part compares and contrasts, checks itself and balances itself, and each part is what makes our nation what we truly know it to be.

In short, the greatest aspect of our democracy is not purely our veterans - It's the families that teach them honor and commitment at a young age. It's the fact that any woman or man, from any walk of life, can join together in service. Our military has never been just a military- it is a tight-knit community, no matter how small or large in number. When I think of our democracy, I think of that. I think of hope. I think of our service members, and I think of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our rights - our progress. Let's all take an example from our Veterans, and the history of our great nation. Don't be a rock, and don't carry past problems without acknowledgement. Be an Oak - the scars of the past ever visible, but also ever changing. Its etches speak not of forgiveness- not purely of pain or of joy- but of remembrance, and reverence towards its past events and its future revolutions."

Presentation to the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Boys Cross Country Team State Championship.

Presentation to the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Girls Volleyball Team State Championship.

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle,  
Supervisor

Submitted by: Jeffrey A. Siegel, Attorney for the Town

### **RESOLUTION NO. 236-2023**

**Moved by: Councilman Martin**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Barone**

**WHEREAS**, Local Law No. 4 of 2019 establishing the Dutch Meadows Lane Residential Planned Development District was adopted by the Town on September 4, 2019 and was amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2022 on April 6, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to amend Local Law No. 4 of 2019, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2022, to correct a typographical error in the number of approved 26-unit three story multifamily buildings with garages approved by the Town, which is incorrectly stated in the local law as three (3) buildings instead of (4) buildings, and to define more specifically the two lots created by the subdivision of the land comprising the Dutch Meadows Lane Residential Planned Development District; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2023 setting forth the Amendment to Local Law No. 4 of 2019, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2022, has been made available to the public for inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2023 does not otherwise affect or change the project contemplated by Local Law No. 4 of 2019, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, published notice of a public hearing in the Daily Gazette on Sunday November 19, 2023, and held a public hearing pursuant to the notice on December 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Glenville Municipal Center,

18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York 12302, and accepted comments and input from the public; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that, after due deliberation, Local Law No. 9 of 2023 is hereby adopted.

**Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Kirkham, Councilwoman Barone and Supervisor Koetzle**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Councilman Ramotar**

**Abstentions: None**

**Carried**

**Town Board decision on December 6, 2023.**

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Robert Schofield, Special Labor Counsel for the Town

**RESOLUTION NO. 237-2023**

**Moved by: Councilman Kirkham**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Barone**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Glenville and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Glenville Town Hall Unit, Schenectady County Local 886 (CSEA) are parties to a collective bargaining agreement for a term which will expire December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and the CSEA have been negotiating the terms of a successor agreement for the past several months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Supervisor and the CSEA negotiating team have come to agreement as to the terms and conditions of employment for a successor agreement for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027, and a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlining the terms of the parties' agreement is attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the CSEA have met and have voted to ratify the proposed MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville desires to come to an agreement which protects the fiscal stability of the Town while providing wage adjustments to CSEA employees that are fair and reasonable under the circumstances;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby approves the attached memorandum of agreement with CSEA, dated November 15, 2023 establishing the terms and conditions of employment for

CSEA Town Hall Unit members for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 and authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a successor collective bargaining agreement based upon such MOA.

**Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Kirkham, Councilwoman Barone and Supervisor Koetzle**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Councilman Ramotar**

**Abstentions: None**

**Motion Carried**

Town Board decision on December 6, 2023.

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor  
Submitted by: Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Services

**RESOLUTION NO. 238-2023**

**Moved by: Councilwoman Barone**

**Seconded by: Councilman Kirkham**

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists a vacancy in the position of Clerk to the Town Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Glenville advertisement for the position resulted in numerous applicants for the position; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Justice Lockwood conducted interviews to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Justice Lockwood recommends that Alissa Stefanini be appointed to the position of Clerk to the Town Justice based upon her previous clerical work for a private practice law firm and as a digital court reporter;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby appoints Alissa Stefanini of Burnt Hills, New York to the position of Clerk to the Town Justice effective December 18, 2023 at an annual salary of \$52,096 and management benefits as determined by the Town of Glenville Employee Personnel Manual.

**Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Kirkham, Councilwoman Barone and Supervisor Koetzle**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Councilman Ramotar**

**Abstention: None**

**Motion Carried**

Town Board decision on December 6, 2023.

Sponsored by: James Martin, Town Board Member  
Submitted by: Anthony Tozzi, Director of Planning

**RESOLUTION NO.239-2023**

**Moved by: Councilman Martin**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Kirkham**

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists a vacancy in the position of Deputy Building Inspector; and

**WHEREAS**, filling this position will expand the functionality of the Town of Glenville Building Department and Department of Economic Development and Planning; and

**WHEREAS**, this position was posted in compliance with New York State Civil Service requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Supervisor and Director of Planning interviewed Nayeem Abzal for this position; and

**WHEREAS**, the interview team determined that Mr. Abzal possesses the necessary experience, education, demeanor, and tact to best fill the vacant position due to his current and previous roles as Chief Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Schenectady, his extensive experience utilizing Municipity 5 software, and his certification as a licensed electrician and as a New York State Code Enforcement Official;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby provisionally appoints Nayeem Abzal of Schenectady, New York to the position of Deputy Building Inspector effective January 3, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in recognition of Mr. Abzal's prior code enforcement experience, the compensation for said position will be set at the Over 4 Years rate listed in the collective bargaining agreement with the CSEA Town Hall unit, currently \$71,896.02 for the 2023 calendar year, and benefits as determined by the agreement between the Town and the CSEA Town Hall Unit.

**Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Kirkham, Councilwoman Barone and Supervisor Koetzle**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Councilman Ramotar**

**Abstention: None**

**Motion Carried**

Town Board decision on December 6, 2023.

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor  
Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 240-2023**

**Moved by:**  
**Seconded by:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on November 15, 2023 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

**Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Kirkham, Councilwoman Barone and Supervisor Koetzle**  
**Noes: None**  
**Absent: Councilman Ramotar**  
**Abstentions: None**

**Motion Carried**

Town Board decision on December 6, 2023.

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Supervisor

Submitted by: Jeffrey A Siegel, Attorney for the Town

**RESOLUTION NO. 241-2023**

**Moved by: Councilwoman Barone**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Martin**

**WHEREAS**, The Town's traffic safety committee has recommended that the Town of Glenville Town Code ("Town Code") amend the Town Code to prohibit parking on a portion of Pleasantview Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town accept the recommendation of the Town's traffic safety committee to amend the Town Code to prohibit parking on a portion of Pleasantview Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has prepared a proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2023 titled "Amendment to Glenville Town Code Chapter 255 to Add a Portion of Pleasantview Avenue to the List of Locations Where Parking is Prohibited"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption of Local Law 10 of 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville will hold a public hearing on the adoption of proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2023 on December 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the Glenville Municipal Center at 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York to hear all persons interested in Local Law No.10 of 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this order certified by the Town Clerk shall be published at least once in the official newspaper of the Town and that said publication be not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the December 20, 2023 public hearing date.

**Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Kirkham, Councilwoman Barone and Supervisor Koetzle**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Councilman Ramotar**

**Abstention: None**

**Carried**

**Town Board decision on December 6, 2023.**

New Business:

Councilman Kirkham: No new business

Councilwoman Barone: No new business

Councilman Martin: No new business

Supervisor Koetzle: Shared the Town is holding their employee Holiday Party on 12/21 and the Town offices will be closed from 12-1.

Supervisor Koetzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilman Martin

Second: Councilman Kirkham

Everyone being in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

For a complete video of the meeting use this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7\\_VKmCbXkU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7_VKmCbXkU)

ATTEST:

*Julie Davenport*

Town Clerk





