

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
March 20, 2024
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 Sid Ramotar, Brendan Gillooley, Michale Aragosa and Robert Kirkham jr.

Absent: None

Also present were Attorney Jeffrey Siegel, Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Resources, Anthony Tozzi Director of Planning, Stephen Janik, Chief of Police.

Supervisor Koetzle: We have a busy meeting tonight, a great meeting. I love it when we have an opportunity to hire and promote within and to honor the athletes. We have a presentation on a potential new town hall tonight. So, we have a lot going on. We do have one add on to the agenda which will take up at the very end of the meeting. Which I'm betting. 90% of you will not be here for, but I will tell you the add-on is a resolution designating the Town of Glenville as a lead SEQRA agency for the Freemans Bridge Rd. Sidewalk and Path Project. We do have three public hearings, by law, we have to take those up first. We'll take those public hearings up and then we'll move into the proclamations honoring Liam and honoring the Girls Track Team and then the presentation on possible Town Hall project.

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Aragosa – Mentioned tonight the Fresh Table is at Lincoln School and it offers food to anyone who needs food for their family. Fresh Table always meets every 3rd Wednesday and it's a very good program.

Councilman Kirkham – No Report

Councilman Ramotar - No Report

Councilman Gillooley – No Report

Supervisor Comments: Supervisor shared he does not have any comments tonight. He did hold a moment of silence for former Town employee Tom Cushing, who recently passed away.

Public Hearing: Open 7:06 PM Closed 7:11 PM

Public Hearing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible that started on March 6, 2024 previously titled and advertised as Local Law 3-2024 titled "2024 Extension of the 2022 Temporary Moratorium Law on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems" to the Town Code of the Town of Glenville.

One speaker,

Ryan M McCune

Director, Business Development Nexamp Solar, LLC

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My name is Ryan McCune. I'm the Director of Business Development for Nexamp Solar. Nexamp we unfortunately, haven't had the opportunity to engage with you yet due to the moratorium. As you might imagine, given my role and my goal as a professional here in New York State, we are here to speak out against the extension of said. Just as a refresher, obviously this Board is familiar, but for other folks in the public, this is a proposed 18-month extension to an existing 24-month moratorium that was enacted

originally in April of 2022 and is set to expire in June of 2024. This proposed extension obviously would take us out for another year and half and preclude developers like myself and land owners of which we represent from having meaningful conversations about solar development in the town. I was thrilled to have conversations with Mr. Koetzle and Mr. Siegel last week to get some more context around this moratorium, what the town is trying to accomplish. Overall, Nexamps stance about this, is that the Town should strongly consider not extending that moratorium for a handful of different reasons. First and foremost. 24 months, it's quite a long time. I think all of us have faced a lot of difficult decisions both in our personal and professional lives, and I don't think many of us have taken 24 months to come to a meaningful conclusion about how we should move forward. At this juncture, to the best of my understanding, as far as it's existed in public records, there haven't actually been substantial conversations at the town board level about how to amend the law, which is actually an extremely well written law and gives the town a great deal of oversight as to how solar development should be conducted and diligence around that development and the impacts on the community. So as far as our potential project, which we haven't been able to bring forward to the board and Mr. Koetzle suggestion, we will start having some more casual off the public record conversations about this project in an effort to bring it to the public attention and be more informed. But in the process of waiting for this moratorium to expire under the auspices that this board would honor its commitment to let the moratorium expire with a new law in place up to 24 months. Nexamps, has invested well over 1/4 of \$1,000,000 in permitting and due diligence on a project that we have designed to be 100% in compliance with the existing law. It's worth noting our proposed project would fall under the Solar Overlay District regulations and which for those who aren't familiar, the overlay district gives to the town, complete control and a great deal of leeway. Leeway around the conditions imposed on a project based on the proposed impacts that the project may pose to the community gridlock. So, our hope is that this board looks at the proposed extensions to the moratorium, no matter how long, and realizes that the reality is that the best conversations come to the best outcomes. Any further extensions to this moratorium preclude developers like myself from having meaningful conversations and kind of voicing our projects in the court of public opinion and really, that's where we all come to compromise, that's where we learn concerns. and that's how we find solutions. So again, Ryan McCune from Nexemp Solar, Director of Business Development here to speak and implore this town to discontinue the extension of said moratorium and come to the table regarding meaningful conversations about how to do smart solar development. So, thank you for your time.

Public Hearing: Open 7:11 PM Closed 7:11 PM No one spoke

Public Hearing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter to hear all persons interested in the proposed Local Law 3-2024 previously titled and advertised as Local Law 4-2024, "Amendments to Glenville Town Code Chapter 101 to Require Fire Safety Registration Statements", to the Town Code of the Town of Glenville.

Public Hearing: Open 7:12 PM Closed 7:12 PM No one spoke

Public Hearing at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter to hear all persons interested in the proposed Local Law 4-2024 previously titled and advertised as Local Law 5-2024, "Amendment to Glenville Town Code Chapter 179 to Change the Definition of Mass Gathering to Reduce the Number of People Qualifying as a Mass Gathering Requiring a Permit" to the Town Code of the Town of Glenville.

Proclamation recognizing BHBL student Liam Carlin on his State Wrestling Title.

Proclamation recognizing the BHBL Girl's 4x400 meter Relay Team who won the State Championship.

Presentation on possible new Town Hall Project.

Privilege of the Floor Open 7:56 PM 7:58 Pm Closed

Chris O'Neil- 133 Saratoga Road- Spoke about the possible Town Hall project. He hopes the Town will address the hill on Glenridge Road as well as implement policies like they

have for other large projects in the Town.

Sponsored by: Brendan Gillooley, Town Councilman
Submitted by: Stephen V. Janik, Police Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 83-2024

Moved by: Councilman Kirkham
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the Glenville police department for the position of Detective; and

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted by the Lieutenant and the Detectives with qualified candidates for the position, and the interview committee selected Officer Matthew Glass as their recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police hereby recommends that the promotion be approved by the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Chief of Police to appoint Officer Matthew Glass to the position of Detective with the Glenville Police Department, with an effective date of March 24, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for the said appointment will be set forth in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Glenville PBA and the Town as Detective-year one; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, on behalf of this Town Board, be and she hereby is authorized and directed to notify said Officer Glass of the aforementioned appointment.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Motion Carried

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Sponsored by: Brendan Gillooley, Town Councilman
Submitted by: Stephen V. Janik, Police Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2024

Moved by: Councilman Gillooley
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Police Department for the position of police officer due to the resignation of one budgeted position as of December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Binkley is a Schenectady Police Officer who holds the necessary qualifications mandated by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, an interview was conducted on February 5, 2024, by the Chief of Police and Lieutenant which led to a complete background investigation and criminal history check of the candidate; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission has approved the lateral transfer application on Tuesday, March 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police to hire Kyle Binkley of Glenville NY, as a lateral transfer police officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the appointment of Kyle Binkley of Glenville NY, to the position of Police Officer in the Glenville Police Department, with an effective date of Monday, April 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Binkley's prior law enforcement experience, the compensation for said position will be set forth in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Glenville PBA and the Town as a second-year officer and the Town will use April 1, 2023 as the effective date for the purposes of calculating longevity payments, leave time accruals, and insurance benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, on behalf of this Town Board, be and she hereby is authorized and directed to notify said officer of the aforementioned appointment.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

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Sponsored by: Chris Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Stephen V. Janik, Police Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2024

Moved by: Councilman Gillooley

Seconded by: Councilman Kirkham

WHEREAS, the Glenville Police Benevolent Association (the "PBA") represents a bargaining unit consisting of all uniformed officer in the Glenville Police Department excluding the Lieutenants and the Chief of Police (the "bargaining unit"); and

WHEREAS, members of the bargaining unit have asked the Town and the PBA to implement NYS Paid family Leave for members of the bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, the PBA has asked the Town to enroll the members of the bargaining unit in NYS Paid Family Leave with the costs being borne by the individual members of the bargaining agreement through payroll deduction;

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police hereby recommends that request to implement NYS Paid Family Leave be approved by the Town Board on a trial basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to procure a NYS Paid Family Leave policy through the Town's insurance broker to cover the members of the bargaining unit with the costs of such enrollment being borne by the individual members of the bargaining unit, on or after March 21, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town's participation in the NYS Paid Family Leave program will, at this time, be on a trial basis, limited to the Police Department bargaining unit and shall expire on the first day of the effective date of the

successor agreement to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the PBA unless expressly extended by that successor agreement; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town special labor counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions deemed necessary or desirable to implement this resolution.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on March 20, 2024

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2024

Moved by: Councilman Kirkham

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town regularly reviews Chapter 101 of the Town of Glenville Town Code ("Town Code") in order to confirm that the Town Code continues to address changing and evolving community needs, plans, and goals; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to add certain provisions to the Town Code relating to the submission fire registration statements for each building or structure subject to the fire safety and property maintenance inspections; and

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024 titled "Amendment to Glenville Town Code Chapter 101 to Require Fire Safety Registration Statements" has been made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board published notice of a public hearing in the Daily Gazette on March 10, 2024, and held a public hearing pursuant to the notice on March 20, 2024 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 BE IT RESOLVED that, after due deliberation, Local Law No. 3 of 2024 is hereby adopted.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

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Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

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

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2024

Moved by: Councilman Kirkham

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town regularly reviews Chapter 179 of the Town of Glenville Town Code (“Town Code”) in order to confirm that the Town Code continues to address changing and evolving community needs, plans, and goals; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town to reduce the number of people qualifying as a mass gathering requiring a permit; and

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2024 titled “Amendment to Glenville Town Code Chapter 179 to Change the Definition of Mass Gathering to Reduce the Number of People Qualifying as a Mass Gathering Requiring” has been made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board published notice of a public hearing in the Daily Gazette on March 10, 2024, and held a public hearing pursuant to the notice on March 20, 2024 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 BE IT RESOLVED that, after due deliberation, Local Law No. 4 of 2024 is hereby adopted.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on March 20, 2024

Sponsored by: Robert Kirkham, Jr., Deputy Supervisor

Submitted by: Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Services

RESOLUTION NO. 88-2024

Moved by: Councilman Kirkham

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy in the position of Water & Sewer Maintenance Worker; and

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

WHEREAS, Nicholas DeGraff has been employed in the Town of Glenville Highway Department since 2018, and currently holds the title of Motor Equipment Operator (Light); and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeGraff has expressed a desire to transfer to the vacant Water & Sewer Maintenance Worker position and he meets the minimum requirements for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Water & Sewer and Highway Superintendent recommend the appointment of Mr. DeGraff to the vacant Water & Sewer Maintenance Worker position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby appoints Nicholas DeGraff of Galway, New York to the position of Water & Sewer Maintenance Worker effective March 25, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. DeGraff's service to the Town of Glenville, the compensation for said position will be set at the Over 3 Years rate of \$59,802.89 as listed in the current collective bargaining agreement with the CSEA Town Hall Unit and Mr. DeGraff will maintain his current date of November 13, 2018 for longevity payment, leave accrual, and seniority purposes.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

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Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2024

Moved by: Councilman Kirkham

Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on March 6, 2024 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on March 20, 2024

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2024

Moved by: Councilman Kirkham

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for February, 2024 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: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on March 20, 2024

Sponsored by: Sid Ramotar, Town Councilman
Submitted by: Anthony Tozzi, Director of Planning

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2024

Moved by: Councilman Kirkham
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS theTown Board authorized and approved the Freemans Bridge Road Sidewalks and Path Project (P.I.N. 1762.49), Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, and

WHEREAS the Town's consulting engineer, Creighton Manning Engineering, has advised the Town Board that the proposed Project is an Unlisted Action in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is duly qualified to act as Lead Agency for compliance with SEQRA which requires environmental review of certain actions undertaken by local governments and in accordance with the coordinated review procedures of SEQRA, the Town of Glenville Town Board wishes to be designated as the SEQRA Lead Agency for the proposed Projects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Glenville hereby indicates its wish to be Lead Agency for SEQRA review of the proposed Freemans Bridge Road Sidewalks and Path Project (P.I.N. 1762.49); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville authorizes and directs the Town of Glenville's Supervisor to send a copy of the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part I presented at this meeting, along with a certified copy of this resolution stating the Town of Glenville's intention to be declared as Lead Agency, to any and all communities or agencies that it is necessary to give written notice to in accordance with New York State Town Law, including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Transportation, and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Ayes: Councilmen Ramotar, Gillooley, Aragosa, Kirkham and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on March 20, 2024

New Business:

Councilman Aragosa- no new business.

Councilman Kirkham- no new business.

Councilman Ramotar- Reminding everyone about 2024 Bulk Pick-Up starting in April.

Supervisor Koetzle- Wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Supervisor Koetzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting,

Motion by: Councilman Kirkham
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

For a complete recording of the meeting please us the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgZ1fsp3KVA>

ATTEST:

Julie Davenport
Julie Davenport
Town Clerk