

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
JUNE 20, 2018
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, Linda C. Neals, to call the roll.

Present: Supervisor Christopher A. Koetzle, Councilmen John C. Pytlovany, Michael Aragosa, Michael R. Godlewski and Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

Absent: None

Also present were Michael Cuevas, Attorney for the Town; Kevin Corcoran, Planner and Jason Cuthbert, Comptroller

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Aragosa – “Councilman Godlewski and I visited the water plant last Friday. We were given a tour of the plant and it is a very impressive facility. Also today I met with Highway Superintendent Coppola and we had a good conversation.”

Councilman Godlewski – “Last Tuesday the Town Code Review Committee met and resolution number 10 on this evening’s agenda was a result of that. We sent out for bid for the consulting work to take a hard look at our Town Zoning Code seeing what can and what should be updated. What we are moving forward with is Planning4Places and they are also the company that is working on the Freemans Bridge project. We were all very impressed with their proposal and we look forward to continuing to work with them on this project.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Item #5 on the agenda is a public hearing on the issue of the governmental nature of the proposed Greater Glenville Public Safety Training Center.”

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM

Supervisor Koetzle – “This is a proposal on the Vley Road property to have a classroom, an EVOC course and a burn pad. This would be phase I. It would be used by the Town and potentially the Village fire departments and our police department on the EVOC course and potentially Department of Public Works departments.”

Don Jefts, 1734 Vley Road – “The property that I have is right adjacent to the eastern border of the fire training center as well as the old town landfill and the shooting range. I would like to put it into two proposals here and just state my views as quickly as possible. I got my property in '83, I've been in Glenville since then and it's been an absolute great place to live. I've never had any problems with anybody. I really appreciate the Town and the services. As far as the shooting range goes, the landfill itself, when my wife and I moved here in '83 we were told that the dump would be closed within a year or two so we got the property and eight years later it closed. It was hard initially being next to a dump, the sound of birds, and the smell but eventually that subsided and now it is a beautiful piece of property. With the new proposal, the shooting range, I did have an opportunity to hear the test that they did a year ago it was a pretty extensive test of maybe five minutes or so of non-stop shooting, it was quite alarming and it was very loud being that the site is high on a hill and there's a slight backdrop, it's almost like an amphitheater and it echo's out over all of the other properties. That was my first experience with that and I know just from having hunters around you can hear the gunshots. A shooting range up there, I'm just afraid that the quality of life of that gorgeous piece of property is going to be compromised by having a shooting range and I know it's reported to not be used very often and that is great but I think if you build it they will come. There is a need for shooting ranges, everybody has guns, and everybody needs the

practice to be proficient, there are guidelines for that. I understand all of that and I'm all for the police having what they need to be proficient and be effective. There are probably about thirty houses that this is going to effect and as anyone here can probably attest having a shooting range next to your property is not a pleasant thought for two reasons – one is piece of mind and the other is property value. I can't believe that there is anyone in this room that would buy a house and a property next to an active shooting range, if there is by all means raise your hand, okay well there are a few so I'm wrong, but I have to believe that most people would not want to live next to a shooting range. I believe that would compromise our property values. It's open air, there is an issue with lead, it's at the top of the hill, water flows down to the pond below and goes into the ground so there's issues with, I'm not a geological person and I'm not a scientist so I won't speak to that. There are issues to be considered, the biggest one is the sound and peace of mind. I think if you could possibly find the ways and means to build a proper site, with an enclosed shooting range it would be well used by all. The Region 5 people could use it as well and you could probably make some money. I just would hate to see this go in. It just doesn't seem like it's the right fit for that piece of property.

As far as the EVOC course that's in the front of my property, adjacent to the lot I have so that affects me as well. In looking at it, it's very reminiscent of the 2005 proposal that was then Homeland Security only scaled down a bit. I don't have a problem with it in general but I would like to be somewhat involved with it. I have a problem with the proximity of the placement, they are close to the residential properties that are right adjacent down Vley Road. There's going to be noise, obviously the fire companies are awesome, they need a facility to train and do their thing. I think everyone would like to see that. I just would like to see it done in such a way where there is a minimal impact on the properties that are closest. In 2005 the same proposal, a little bit up scaled, was proposed by the supervisor at the time and it got a little underhanded and we weren't informed and he actually ended up threatening us if we didn't go along with it we might lose our frontage. I know nothing like that is going to happen but I am a little bit skeptical of the way it's being done and I know that there was a certain amount of money granted and when there is money you have to grab it and work with it and there is a time period on the land you have to do something with it. I'm all for doing something responsible out there, I'm not against that.

I could probably live with that if it was done properly. I really would like to hear from the fire chiefs and the highway department to see how this is going to affect them adding extra work load to them to build these facilities, to help with them, to maintain them. I don't know if they have any thoughts on that and the fire chiefs to hear if this is what they want, if this is what they need. I'd like to hear what they actually have to say about it."

Ross Thornhill, 82 Fredericks Road – "I am the East Glenville Fire Chief, I'm also the past president of the Glenville Fire Chiefs Association, I'm also the Chair of the committee that is responsible for investigating and working with the Supervisor and the Board for the public safety building.

Just to give a little history, as the gentleman mentioned this process started back in January of 2003 with a committee that came out of the Glenville Fire Chiefs Association for a facility. After that point they were able to develop some grant funding to help the town purchase the little over eleven acre property off of that Vley Road area for the purpose of building a public safety center which is very much needed in the Town of Glenville. Just for a quick history of that, the requirements for volunteer and professional fire fighters over the years have continued to increase. We need to do a certain number of live burns every year, certain types of training every year to stay compliant. The Town of Glenville with the exception of our own fire departments in our own buildings we don't really have a place to train unless we ask other areas within the county such as the Rotterdam Training Tower which is owned by the Rotterdam Town Chiefs or the Saratoga County Training Facility which is owned by Saratoga County. We kind of beg those folks to be able to use their properties for training that is required within the town. So for about the past fifteen years we have been looking to develop a facility of our own so that way we could make sure that we have that training. We put this committee together back in October and Supervisor Koetzle was able to work with Senator Tedisco to secure some

funding to kind of restart this process. It was our understanding, certainly when I was the President of the Town of Glenville Fire Chiefs, that there wasn't funding available to create this facility and so for the past five years or so, just within the town chiefs we have been talking about how we resurrect this, is it something we do at the town chiefs level or is it through the Public Safety Committee. We have been working with the Supervisor and the Board and the Supervisor has come to several of our meetings to find out what we want and what we need and how to get that process started. I will tell you this phase 1 is not everything that the fire departments want, ultimately are goal is to get a burn tower that's really what we need. The cost of that would be at least one million dollars or more and to do that we are going to need not only the support of our residents but the support of the Town Board and the State. We will probably need some grant funding at the federal level to get that amount of money to be able to put that in. That's what we are going for. What we believe this process will provide is that first step to get us toward that direction. So at least get a shovel in the ground on that property to allow us to move forward. I would say that the need is there. I understand that the gentleman lives right next to the property and I appreciate that you support it and I think from the Fire Chiefs standpoint we really want to work with our neighbors so we don't have a large impact on your property. We appreciate your patience in the process and we ultimately look forward to getting this started. We understand that this is a long haul event for us, it's already been fifteen years. We are patient people but we would certainly like to see this project move forward and we think that is a good location.

If anyone has questions for me afterwards you are welcome to talk with me and I would be happy to answer from the chief's standpoint any questions you may have."

Krista Hawk, 428 Barhydt Road – "I live on a small farm that my family and I purchased in 2015. We love our blissful semi-rural setting and we have wonderful neighbors, many with small children, pets and farm animals.

We are facing the prospect of this active gun range within a few hundred yards of our homes. Sounds of gunfire at all hours, while officers' re-qualify/train with pistols, AR-15's and shotguns will wreck our bucolic lifestyle. Our neighborhood children will grow up with the sounds of gunfire mere yards from their play areas. Our animals and pets will cower in fear at the sounds of gunfire. Pollution from lead bullets will contaminate our air and water system and our property values will plummet.

For years, Glenville has used training facilities located in other municipalities with very few scheduling issues. Mr. Koetzle has stated that this gun range will only be used for 14 days out of the year. How can you justify spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayers dollar on a facility that is used 2 weeks out of the year? The reality is that there are plans for other municipalities to train thee, meaning hundreds of hours with the sound of gunfire. In numerous media reports, Mr. Koetzle has stated that there are already 3 gun ranges in the immediate area. Why is a 4th gun range needed? Why can't the town use those other 3 gun ranges for training? Has the Town calculated the expense of actually completing this project, including building a road, sound abatement, bullet containment, parking areas, baffles, berms, insurance, regular maintenance, etc.?

The first 2 times this gun range was proposed, residents said "no" and now, the 3rd time, we are still saying "no". To imply that we are against training our police force and against protecting the town's 30,000 residents plays on the fears of your constituents. In October of 2015, Mr. Koetzle said. "If it fits in the area we won't do it, if it is a problem for our residents we won't do it". It will not fit into the area and it is a problem for residents."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Ms. Hawk, If you are going to quote me I would like that sited as to where that came from please."

Ms. Hawk – "The Times Union"

Supervisor Koetzle – "Please provide the quote, when you site someone you have to provide the quote. Date and publication, thank you."

Supervisor Koetzle – "I just want to remind folks that we are on the public

hearing for the Public Safety Training Center the gun range please wait until we open the second public hearing. Also this is not the only public hearing for this, there is going to be a SEQRA, which is the environmental review of the project, when that SEQRA is done there will be a SEQRA comment period and you can make comments about the SEQRA at that point. All of these questions will be answered. We are going to have some leeway tonight obviously, because we want to hear what's on your mind but I'm asking again the public hearing is meant to really focus on what the public hearing is about. The governmental nature of the gun range and the public safety center. For this particular public hearing we are focused only on the public safety center down on Vley Road, not the gun range."

Supervisor Koetzle continued with the public hearing.

James Zielinski, 152 Barhydt Road – "I've lived here for about fifteen years. It's a rural setting, woodsman, industrial and trains but as far as the zoning I'm quite confused. It seems like a big mish-mash of zoning. Residential neighborhoods, you have industrial machine shops, you have an Amtrak, commercial train that zips through there 70-80 mph at least a dozen times a day. The back of my property, my parcel is a big cesspool from a landfill. West Glenville Fire Department, up the road, I mean how many calls do they actually do a year? I mean is that more like a barbeque, family kind of, Bellamy outing place. You built a brand new Beukendaal, how much money did that cost on Sacandaga Road? It is all of these things that just keep adding up to this big melting pot. We have a lot of tax payers here like myself. I am opposing the whole entire training facility. A burn tower, how many high risers are there in Glenville? Do we really need a burn tower? I oppose the whole thing, the gun range and that is pretty much it."

Pete Looker, 1965 Amsterdam Road – "I'm just wondering why we have to have the resolution now concerning the governmental nature of this. What does that do, that wasn't explained to me? I actually didn't get a notice for this board meeting, I got notice for the water and for garbage but I didn't get notice for this meeting. I use to be on the board when the Rectors Fire Department back when they were there. I went over to the Rotterdam tower at least once and I drive by there a lot and I've never seen it being used. My mind says that if my neighbor has a 40 ft. ladder and they use it three times a year do I need to buy a 40 ft. ladder and does everyone in the neighborhood have to have one or can we share things. I would like to look into how often that is available, if it is one million dollars to build a tower, why not use theirs. So I would suggest that perhaps we wait on the governmental question if that's ... I assuming it has something to do with the fact that then you don't have to follow certain rules and regulations. Maybe you let the proposal go forward and have the environmental impact on it and make it clear how much money it is going to cost us and how much money it is going to cost the neighbors there because their property value is going to drop big time. When their property values drop I strongly recommend that you go and appeal your taxes so they can bring it down to the \$20,000 you could probably get for it after this is set up. It is going to cost the town more money in addition to building this facility and studying this facility. I would say hold off on the question of the governmental nature of this until the plan is put forward. It wasn't made clear why we need to do this now as opposed to wait and see how the process goes, how much this is going to cost and do we need it. As far as the shooting range goes, fourteen times a year, that seems crazy to build a whole other shooting range when there are a couple up in West Glenville. I have no idea how much it costs to rent that out for a couple of hours every month and again it would be taking money away from them."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Mr. Looker, you did ask a good question in the beginning. I failed to, in the beginning, indicate why we are looking at the governmental nature aspect here. First just to clarify, we are not passing a resolution tonight on this at all. This is the public hearing phase of the governmental nature piece of this project. Two reasons why, one certainly declaring yourself a government as you go through the planning and zoning process is different than if you are not government so we would have to declare ourselves as a governmental nature. But specifically to the public safety training center it's actually in the deed that was given to the Town, when the land was given to the Town. We were given that piece of land, the only reason we own that

piece of land is because it was to be developed for a public safety training center in accordance with the State's wishes, they gave a grant, if you all recall back in 2004, the grant was given to build the public safety training center, the land was given by the Department of Transportation (DOT) as part of the deal. They put in the deed that the Town could never do anything other than something of a public nature on that property with the intent that it was to be the public safety training center, so we are following the deed and that is why we are doing this tonight. There is no resolution tonight, probably a resolution next month on this, I would anticipate. This is required in the deed and it's in accordance with how we received the land."

Don Mongillo, 1755 Vley Road – "I think that everyone here feels strongly about this that we are not opposing any type of training. I think that town training is important, I don't think there are any of us that would say that. I don't think that anyone is opposing the training of weapons. I think that that's an important aspect of training today in the police department. I would like to do as the other neighbors have done and combine my thoughts with both. I live a quarter of a mile from where the training center will become. I concern myself with two things, one our water with the possibility of doing septic that we are going to be looking at. As I understand we are doing 54 stalls of parking that potentially means we are going to have to service 54 people with a septic system on top of our aquifer. That is my one concern that I would be concerned about. The other concern I have that is major to me is that the landfill was capped. We were told that it was capped and all of the residents in that area, water was pushed up the hills purposely. I believe that there was understandings of possibilities of problems with landfill areas around that with contamination. The water I believe was pushed up the hills to our benefits and the town's benefit. I certainly look at that as and I respect the Town for doing but I also have to ask the question if you have a sleeping bear let it lie. The landfill has been capped, we know that there were issues going up Wagner Road with residents that lived there two generations ago. Maybe not at this time because we have Town water but two or three generations ago the amount of cancer is staggering. Now whether or not that is a coincidence I'm not going to question the coincidences of potential cancer on the road it's not my department. I can attest to the fact that people that lived on the road, twelve people that lived on Wagner Road coming down Barhydt Road extending down Vley Road Extension have died of cancer and that has no bearing on our subject at this point I realize that, just bringing it up for environmental reasons. The other thing that I bring to the table at this point is that I served overseas, I understand the importance of training. If I referred to what I did when I was in the service it might be considered today as a shooter. I very well understand what training is all about, if it wasn't for my training in the military in 1970 when I was overseas, I probably wouldn't be here today so I can attest to the fact that training is extremely important. I also can say at this point in my life do I want to live next to an open weapon firing range? I find it very difficult for the Town's position to reach a point of really realizing how rural this area is and to reach out to the neighbors who have served militarily. I have never carried a weapon since I came out of the service and there are reasons for that. I would be extremely disappointed to have a weapons range within three hundred yards of my home. It's just not a good fit. I know the training is important, I understand that, I was trained by the best, military training is the best and your officers deserve the best, I'm not questioning that, but if we were to look at the possibilities of doing some form of an enclosed range, I don't think anyone in this room would question that. I think an open range in today's world in a rural area is not a good thing."

No one else wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 8:40 PM.

Supervisor Koetzle – "Item #6 on the agenda is a public hearing on the issue of the governmental nature of the proposed Town of Glenville Police Department Firearms Training Center.

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 8:41 PM

Henry Bowers, 17 Joyous Lane – "I have been a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) since 1962. I have been pro-gun, pro-second amendment, pro-police. I have the highest regard for police. I like the idea of shooting ranges. I have

been shooting in shooting ranges all of my life, indoors and outdoors. I have a 300 acre wood lot in Coeymans Hollow. I wished there were more places for civilians to shoot. Some of them aren't that good and some are better. The closest thing that I could see that could be equated to what a police firing range would be, they are going to shoot rifles they have to practice on their rifles. You can't use a 50 yard range you have 100 to 200 yards. The closest place is Iroquois. I have diagrams of baffles, Iroquois has them. They prevent any firing from a pistol or a rifle from exceeding the berm. You all know what a berm is, I don't know what the projected berm is here, 20 feet, 50 feet, and they are mostly 20 some odd feet. Now barriers that go out they start in front of the range and no matter how you raise your rifle or your pistol you'll hit a barrier rather than go over the berm. Rifles shoot over 2,000 – 3,000 feet, pistols less. If I am going to have an outdoor range at 100 yards or whatever your range is going to be a slight deviation of only a degree or two and you are over that berm. You are also shooting at targets, what holds them up, most of the time metal. What happens when a high speed bullet hits a piece of metal, sometimes off it goes into somebody's kitchen. What if it hits a stone in the ground, off it goes into somebody's bedroom. There are specific guidelines that the NRA came up with. The Department of Energy, US Government, with the help of the NRA design shooting ranges. Now we deal with the Environmental Protective Agency (EPA). Does anybody here realize what they can do down the line if they come in and say, how much lead is in that berm, how long has it been in there, how often does it rain, what type of soil, do you have plans on mining, which is extracting the land and what about cleaning the sand put in that the bullets go into? It's not a simple clean-up, it's extremely expensive. Now fourteen/fifteen officers train fifteen times a year that's 245 trainings, 2 pounds each of ammunition, and 450 pounds of lead. The EPA is going to walk in one day and say you've been dumping 450 pounds of lead in the soil, have you cleaned it? Now if you block a stream in your backyard EPA comes in and says I'm going to fine you \$100,000 a day until you clean it up, the Town is going to pay that? Now we have the sound issue, which everybody is going to be effected by. This is by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the most exhausted study "The sound of rifle fire and pistol fire". That's something to look at. All the people in the immediate area are going to be subjected to 45 – 50 decibels or higher. So if we look at the guidelines (handed out to the board members) and you can guarantee you're going to follow them go ahead and build the range. I doubt it for \$35,000. They say they are going to use silencers, there is no such thing they are called suppressors. They will cut down the decibels from between 1, 2 to maybe 40. They are extremely, good ones run in the area of \$1,000 apiece. You can buy all you want they are not going to fit on these guns. They need extended barrels, they have to be threaded, that is more expense and they don't do a thing for rifle fire. They stop the pop but not the sonic wave. Have you been in the woods when there is hunting going on, you hear a rifle shot, reverberating through the woods, you don't hear the gun going off you hear the travel of the bullet. When the bullet exceeds the speed of sound most rifles will, 2 times, 3 times, that sound wave is created the entire length the bullet travels. Baffles like I'm going to show you, Iroquois has them, but I think they are only good for 22 caliber so if you want to spend \$30,000 to \$50,000 give it to Iroquois. Have them improve their range for \$50,000 they can put up barriers that are perfectly suited for any kind of rifle fire and for fourteen days a year I think they would go for it. I don't think it is a good idea unless you follow those rules. Mr. Bowers handed out more information to the board members."

Jeremy Lundy, 454 Wagner Road – "I am approximately 400 yards away from the proposed shooting range. There are one or two other houses on the road that are closer than my house. Besides the fact that I have two children and I didn't move there to listen to a gun range. I am a member of Guan-Ho-Ha and I am an avid target shooter, we don't hunt. We respect everything that the police need to do in terms of training. But where I want to talk tonight is really just my expertise, I'm an earth science teacher and a geologist by training and so I've lived in this area, I've hiked around the area, I know the geology, I know the hydrology and what I can tell you is the landfill was built in the worst possible position you can imagine. The sheer fact that it's there and nobody heard anything from it in terms of pollution is sort of a good thing. If you look down at the floor that everyone is sitting on, you notice that the tiles are separated and what I want to just give the audience and you guys just a feeling of what's going on. If we were to take this floor and just tilt it upward and downward towards the back corner,

that back corner is where the Glenville pumping station sits right now. Where I stand right here is roughly where the proposed shooting range and the landfill exists. Now, the landfill is supposedly capped, lined and capped. I know where the proposed gun range is going in is not lined. What it is is a series of fractured shale, sandstone and bedrock and if you see the pattern in the tiles that you are sitting on that is what the rock underneath your homes looks like if you could dig through the top soil and look at the rock you would see a series of cracks between one and three meters apart and they are all angled sort of towards that back corner but there is also some going another direction. That other direction is towards homes, the main direction is towards the wellheads. So even though the well or the landfill is lined, the shooting range, as somebody mentioned 400 pounds of lead every year, that has the ability to go into that fractured bedrock very quickly without natural filtration and go very far distances, like we are talking days, and end up somewhere else, or in someone's well. Please be careful of what you are voting on and what you guys are signing up for when you vote on this. Again, someone mentioned the EPA, there is a clean water act and when surface water enters that ground, there's contained lead, that's federal stuff."

Bruce Wurz, 92 Kingsbury Road – "The reason I'm here is to explain the history of the property. That may sound strange but in a couple of minutes you will understand why. My grandfather actually sold the property to the Town of Glenville for the landfill back in 1971'ish. Before that I spent my entire childhood growing up on this property. There are several areas of note on the property, there was the farm of course with a couple different barns, a couple of chicken coops and it also had a meeting room in it where the Glenville Auxiliary Police used to meet and I believe that is actually where the police department was born years ago. The reason for that is my grandfather was the judge in the Town of Glenville from about 1931 to 1964. So he always volunteered space in his home and on his property for the auxiliary police to come in and meet, state troopers and the county sheriffs. This is back in the 50's and 60's when I was growing up. A couple other pieces to note on the property, there was an orchard, there was a small farmers field where he allowed a local florist to grow some flowers. The original house and barns were sold off to the Lynch family about 5 acres so 73 – 74 acres remained out the original 80 acres. The other two features that were on the property I really want to get to are the fire arms ranges that were on the property. As a child growing up there I spent most of my time there either at my uncle's or my grandfather's learning how to shoot a rifle. He had a one hundred yard range on the easterly side of the property. I did go to the Schenectady County GIS mapping from 1968 that does clearly show those two areas. The second area was a pistol range and with that my grandfather and my uncle who ran a gravel pit on the site too which was another feature, would always maintain this pistol range to make sure that the sand was adequate and so forth. Probably in the early '60's the state police actually put in a moving target range there. So with that the state police, the county sheriff, the town auxiliary police and whoever else would come in and they had competitions, matches, training a lot during the summer. Not that many additional homes have been built from Wagner Road up above, there are a few more up on the hill. This property is somewhat isolated by the railroad tracks, vacant property to the east right now, the hill itself. I think with the proper engineering and so forth that this would be a good site to have a training facility for the police officers whether it's the town force, the state police, county sheriffs I think it would be a good site for it."

Alan Chesney, 3167 Washout Rd – "My wife has been a lifelong resident of Scotia/Glenville and together we have lived at Washout Rd for nearly thirty years. I live half-way between Guan-Ho-Ha and Glenville Fish and Game Club. We probably have one of the smallest properties on the road with four and on-half acres and it's not unlikely for me to hear neighbors shooting all of the time so almost every day of the year I hear shooting. If I don't hear shooting some days I pinch myself to see if I'm alive. It just becomes an accepted sound. The Guan-Ho-Ha, the last I knew, had fifteen hundred members, Glenville Fish and Game Club has about 200 so even with the police using any of those for training it becomes a hardship on both sides, because not always can they get days they want to train and people who are paying members of those clubs don't get to use those clubs on the days the police are trained so it kind of effects both. I belong to a sportsmen's club on Lydia Street, they rent theirs out to state police. Again, it becomes a hardship for the state police and the members of the club because

somebody has got to give. As far as home values, the one on Lydia Street on both sides of it over the years have had many new homes put in. Currently there's a development going in across the street and they are probably half-million dollar homes, it hasn't affected the price of the homes at all and that club has been there for probably about eighty years. The way today is unfortunately police have to go for their firearms more than ever before, it's just the way things have become. They need to protect themselves, they need to protect us so training is a good thing and I'm all for that. Just like it has been mentioned living near the train tracks, well I'm three miles from that Amtrak that runs along parallel to Route 5, yet I can hear the train and I can hear the whistle. But just like the shooting and everything else after you have lived there a while you forget it even happens, you don't really even hear it. The Woodlawn Club what backs up to the outdoor 117 yard range is the NYS Thruway. There would be a problem if cars were being shot on the Thruway. They would have closed this club down that has been there for eighty years. The proposed site for the club being I can hear the train I believe I would hear the shooting from that too. It's really not going to bother me because I know its being put to good use, plus the amount of shooting that goes on in the Glenville Fish and Game Club and Guan-Ho-Ha is far more than is going to happen in the police range. Personally I'm all for it."

Charlie Beers, 1137 Sacandaga Road – "I would like to address the Board from three points of few tonight. Number one I'm the fire chief in the Town of Glenville and the assistant chief in West Glenville and all though we may be mocked by one individual in the crowd I can tell you that we have twenty-two active members, fourteen of whom are interior firefighter that train hundreds of hours per year. We have a few members in our community who are alive and walking today due to our efforts in the past few years. We take great pride in what we do and I look for your support. Many of you have attended our annual banquet and I thank you for that. Another member of the board was the Chief of Police in the Village that I grew up in. I have fond memories of being with your children as you made every effort to keep us out of trouble and I appreciate that. Number two, I am on the Board of Directors of the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association. We are a 45,000 member NRA affiliate club. We are actually older than the NRA, we predate them by a little bit. We are one of the oldest civil rights organizations in the nation. From that organization I would like to back the Town of Glenville Firearms Training Center Police Department one-hundred percent. We give unequivocal support to that effort. From the fire department you have full support with both the Fire Department District 6 for a resolution that was passed by our Board of Commissioners for funding and also from the Town of Glenville Volunteer Fire Company. Which in addition to being mocked tonight, I wish that you would all hold in high regard, we had the first ever female firefighter ever in the State of New York, Jeannette Schrader. Every time that you hear Town of Glenville Fire District 6, whether it's at Wolf Hollow Brewing, named after our fire company or in our pavilion which we opened to the public for low cost rental for functions and family events. Remember West Glenville was home for the first female firefighter ever and we continue that tradition today with many active female firefighters. Now for me, I'm opinionated and I bring an unpopular opinion tonight. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to share that. I can tell you that within the past year about a chief that went toe to toe with about eighty people gathered in the fire department that were concerned about burglaries and break-ins in their neighborhood. Let me tell you that chief had a level of décor and professional responsibility that you couldn't match, you can't pay enough for that. We have got two lieutenants in the Town of Glenville who lead their men and their women even in my backyard, frequently coming to a neighbor who had some opioid problem in their home and they deal with that and keep it away from my family and my four year old daughter. You know what, the pathetic part of it is the nature of public service today is the fact that they are not thanked and they are not remembered. So I want to talk about that for a minute. I am a NRA firearms instructor, I teach nationally and I compete in the national level. I am also certified as a range safety officer national and for anyone that's had to handle a firearm in a fight or flight situation and I know one of you has on the board, I want you to remember the visual acuity goes out the window. With auditory exclusion we may not hear everything going on, fine motor control out the window and we have to operate as though we are looking through a straw, a drinking straw and our whole world begins to shut down, cold clammy hands has to handle that firearm, with the drumbeat of our own heart rate, frequently over 120 beats per minute, echoing in

our ears. To people who have served, military, law enforcement or other, independent contractors and third world countries or even hunters you know that in a fight or flight situation professional firearms handling is a pinnacle of safety. I think if we all look back over the past year we could think of times when professional development and skill made the outcome with firearms a positive one. We talk about keeping children safe. I have a daughter that will go to Glendaal and my only hope if that horrible day should come to the Town of Glenville that we need armed police in our buildings and in our educational facilities is that we have overwhelming, immediate, counter violence to a level that would stop the threat brought to the children. I don't ever want a child or a resident in the Town of Glenville hurt without need and I count on our police department, the men and women, everyday who for an ordinary wage do an extraordinary job to step to the plate and bring that level of professionalism to work with them. The most powerful thing anyone of them walks out the door with every day is a level of discretion and at that horrible moment they're going to have to figure out shoot or don't shoot while looking through that drinking straw, fighting auditory and visual exclusion and make that horrible choice that I hope none of us ever have to make. Training is only key to bring that reflexive behavior into a realm of safety and safe thinking. To the Board and the men and women of our department who protect our hometown, Chief, to the two Lieutenants in the room I wish you the courage to be unpopular with me, to hold an opposing viewpoint in the room because at the end of the day I think we all want to leave the future better than the present. We want to rewrite history or write a history that can be remembered in a good light. I think about the days where names of people like Kolterman and Lasher and Fyvie, my own uncle. They trained on my family property because they didn't have another range to shoot on for the Village Police Department and I find that not only pathetic but deplorable that in the years since my childhood we haven't been able to improve that and get the men and women who come to the plate daily, for that ordinary wage, room and accommodation for professional development. Not a borrowed room, not a rented room but room that they can call their own, do their thing and train to that professional level that will protect my wife, my child and my parents. If I look out at the crowd tonight I ask you to write a check, you come home from work and you find a door opened, your wife, your child, your grandchild need the help of an armed police officer, how much would you write that check for to bring that individual in your moment of need, to do a job that you were unwilling or untrained to do. If I had to write that check it would be for a lot of money. They don't get to pick the call any more than I in West Glenville get to pick the fire call. There are plenty that I would rather not go to but when people need help we've all put our hand in the air and sworn an oath that we would be there. Popularity is pocket change. I ask that you all have the courage to walk the uphill path, defy the political theatrics in today's environment and remember that history, history is important, courage is the true currency in history. Choose not to edit the words of truth or cleanse accurate thoughts that have been brought before you tonight to mollify the active members of our community. Stand with the men and women willing to fight for you, both fire and police. I truly beg for your support, we have gone far too long."

Mary Ellen Bosie, 6 Pine Street – "I have been a resident of the community for over twenty-six years. In my past I also attended Zone 5, the police training academy and I was a sworn police officer for three years. My true love, however, was protecting children who were being abused and maltreated. In this case our last speaker addressed that he calls the police frequently to buffer the cocaine and heroin addict next door to him and in a way we are being called here tonight to be a buffer to these youths and other members of our community who are kind of outraged at the fact that they would be jarred from their beds, awoken in the middle of the day, if they are sleeping during the day because they work at night or having their community disrupted by the general alarm of sound of ballistic ammunition being fired. Enough of my rebuff to him and his speech. I don't think I'm opposed to the police, as I was a police officer, but I am a vested member of the community and I am outraged at the idea that we would have gunfire, repeatedly, in this area where we reside. We don't live in a very affluent section of the town. The other point I'd like to make is we have a mandate from the Governor's Office that we are supposed to be consolidating and sharing services for our communities and by building another facility to accommodate a small municipal area like ours really doesn't make financial sense. Recently the State Police had closed down Foundry Road in Guilderland, it was on the news, channel 10,

for two or three days when they trained the National Guard municipal police at the fire range in Guilderland. It is also used by other members of the police communities. It isn't something that I am familiar with back to the 1950's or 60's that the other gentleman referred to but today we know that the environment does suffer from lead pollution. The sound alone is jarring so in keeping with Flint, Michigan being proactive and preventing any future pollution to our environment which could affect 30,000 member of our community is a substantial reason to stand up and say that we are opposed to this. We are also opposed to this because there is a large facility for these people to go to and attend their training and mandates. I would recommend at the time when it comes up to you at the next few hearings that you remember that this generation here who is in school who do need to be protected are entitled to have that training for the officers in the community but that training doesn't have to be in their backyard while they are also sleeping in their beds. The environment over in Guilderland at that training facility has high walls that basically capsulate it in a secure environment and it's not echoing down the streets like Vley Road or Sacandaga Road or near their bedrooms."

Jack Lynch, 192 Barhydt Road – "I would first like to read a letter to the Gazette Editor that they didn't print even though they had time to do it. The Town of Glenville is not making an honest effort to inform residents living near the old landfill that plans are being made to build a shooting range at that location. Many residents who are well within earshot have not been contacted regarding the June 20th meeting this very night when public comments can be heard. The Town Clerk was asked about this omission the answer was that legal requirements were satisfied by teaching all of those within 500 feet of the proposed site. The plan for a firing range in the middle of an expanding residential neighborhood is outrageous and should be abolished, should be abandoned I'm trying to say. I want to tell you two very short stories about two local women who were seriously affected closing the landfill. One was Mrs. Shoemaker, she lived up on Ridge Road approximately a half mile from Guan-Ho-Ha. I understand she sold her home because she couldn't stand the noise. The second woman and very seriously affected is a daughter-in-law of mine. She and my son bought a home over by Iroquois. My son said to himself, well I know it will be noisy at times but I can get used to it. He did get used to it but his wife did not. She told me only a week ago she said sometimes when they are shooting it feels like she is going insane. Their house is being prepared for sale, other reasons but that is one of the main reasons they want to get out of that house. I was a Rector's volunteer fireman for about twenty years. I've had a more than normal exposure to loud noises. As a young man, Massachusetts State Guard, U.S. Navy, with the Marine Corp. Korean War, two tours. As a civilian I had a blasting license in Massachusetts and I have an ear that rings most of the time. After I visited Guan-Ho-Ha about ten days ago, they were having a big event there I stayed way too long and I didn't wear any ear protection. It was kind of an experiment, my ear is still ringing now after that period of time, and it will go away eventually. The message is some of us have enjoyed firing rifles and pistols, by the way I am an expert rifle and pistol I can show you the medal someday. I've had enough. The question to the board is am I going to have to wear these on my own property, showing the board a pair of ear plugs?"

Mark Larrabee, 496 Wagner Road – "I have lived there my whole life, thirty-four years. It was stated that there are other gun ranges around and that may be true. Guan-Ho-Ha is a big one, which I can hear, if you draw a straight line it is 1.1 miles away from my house. The amount of woods between there and my house it has got to be one hundred times the amount between my house and the dump. I know the woods very well, I use to play in there as a child and it's just not adequate for stopping the sound. With the shape of the dump it's just going to spread it out, it's not going to get directed in any other direction. It's just ludicrous to say that just because it's already there its acceptance, well it's not acceptable to me, not for my child, not for my neighbor's children. They shouldn't have to put up with that. I'm a hunter, I haven't done it since my daughter was born, I don't have the time and I don't shoot on my property because any loud noise she runs. I'm not against the police officers, they do need the training. I feel that there are other routes to go about this. Whether they can have a joint effort with another gun club, use the money that is granted and maybe pay for an expanded range for their use that can be used by the gun club when it is not used

by the police officers. You already have the lead going into the soil there anyway, why further contaminate somewhere else. The gentleman that said that the dump was previously a gun range in the '60's, Chernobyl was a place for nuclear power, it was a good place back then. Just because something was it doesn't mean it should continue to be brought back to that. There is not pollution in the dump, you should let it just be left to be a green space, in my opinion. Put a solar panels there, use the money generated from that to buy an enclosed training facility, instead of rushing one in. We had a closed meeting just to go over some of the issues we had earlier and we brought up the thought of a fence. Now, Mr. Koetzle said there was a fence and I'm sure he wasn't entirely aware as to everything else but there is no fences blocking boarder of the dump to any of my neighbors. Like I said before as a kid I played through all of the woods and you can put up a post it sign, kids don't read them and they are not going to pay attention to a sign. If I saw a fence in front of me I climbed over it, I climbed everything so unless you have an unclimbable fence boarding these properties they are going to wander into danger cause signs don't matter, and it's not enough. My house is roughly 1,200 feet away from this training thing and 1.1 miles to Guan-Ho-Ha and I hear...it's just really unfair to expect us, there may only be thirty of us or 40 of us that are really going to be truly affected by this. You may say so and so is going to benefit from this but it's not in your backyard. I want my daughter to grow up happily on my street, maybe someday the house will be hers. It should be a peaceful place to grow up just as I grew up and not have noise forced upon us. If it goes in the only problem we have is to sell our homes. It's not like you are going to stop one day. Who is to say you are not going to rent it out. This police chief says we are only using it fourteen days a year but the next police chief says we are going to do it twenty days a year and the next one says three months out of the year or we are going to rent it out to Schenectady or somebody else. It doesn't make sense to invest money into something that is not going to get used. If it is there someone is going to want to use it and if it is there someone is going to want to use it. It makes complete sense to do that and we should get our return on it. But what I am saying is it does not fit the area, we already have pollution we don't need anymore."

James Carolus, 495 Wagner Road – "I don't want to beat a dead horse. It seems like my comments have already been more eloquently stated by people before me but I think with some repetition of the same concerns would hopefully sink in. I want to say that I take great unbridged with the comments made in the Times Union article written by Paul Nelson on June 18th, that you, Mr. Koetzle, had some comments. First you state and I quote you "don't think it's going to be much different in the quality of life because of the proximity to three other ranges in Glenville". My question is if there are three other ranges in the area, why we need a fourth. In this day and age of too high taxes I think it would be wise to utilize the facilities, someone else's facilities, to keep our towns costs down. If their facilities are up to par for what we need then maybe we invest some of the money in them. When the officers are done with their fourteen days of training then we won't be left to maintain the site which would result in a cost savings. Furthermore, I know for myself, I'm not going to speak for my neighbors but I don't hear the other ranges very loudly because of the proximity to the house. It's more like a muted sound in the background. This is not going to be the case. I'm about 1,500 feet up the hill in this amphitheater where we hear sounds of the trains on both sides of the river, the Thruway, etc. Secondly you spoke about hunting in the area. Well the last time I went hunting it didn't sound like multiple officers recertifying with their weapons. Hunting is a stealth sport where peace and quiet is your best friend. The hunting of game also happens in late fall and early winter when most everyone is in the house with the doors closed and the windows closed thus muffling the sound. The report of a gun being discharged is muted at best, I'd have to imagine that some of the fourteen days of training were occur in nice weather when we, the tax payers in the area, are outside enjoying the deck. Probably not so much when the gunfire starts. You say this proposal has been on the table for fifteen years well if it was a good idea it would have probably have happened by now. It hasn't happened so I'm only left to assume that probably it wasn't the best idea then and now there are more houses and building lots in the area. Nobody has brought this up yet but I did a head count and there is eleven children under the age of twelve living on that road. Within a very close proximity to that gun range. They talk about safety, they talk about nothing ever happening, and we don't want anything ever happening to anyone of those kids. I do agree with you that

the days of training, by chance, are over, but not in our backyard. Please don't patronize the residents with the off the cuff comments about the quality of life that isn't going to change that much. No thank you sir, we are not buying what you are selling. You Mr. Koetzle are the top elected official in this town whose job is to protect the citizens' rights, property values and safety of all the residents in this town so I find it absurd that you would risk this when there are other pliable options. I am not a gun person, I 'm opposed to guns. I know of four ranges in the area that could be very well used. For a little while last night we heard the Town of Rotterdam on Rynex Corners Road, I don't know why we couldn't go to them and ask them. I don't see the need for more pollution and noise pollution in the area. I hope you will not take my comments as malicious, they were meant to be educational and to express the feelings of myself and my girlfriend."

Patrick Woodfield, 242 Wagner Road – "My house is approximately 600 to 700 feet away from this proposed shooting range. I have lived in this residence for a little over four years now. I have a few questions that mostly concern the site, environmental and future of this location. I have three boys ages six, four and eight months. They are very curious. When I found out about where this site is going to go I obviously believed that this was quite a shock to me, my wife, my family members that don't even live in this area, neighbors who are gun owners who express their concern to their property values. My wife and I bought this house as a long term investment where we could actually grow a family and really start a great life together. The fact that that investment could be tainted somehow by such a facility by the town not doing their due-diligence. At least put forth the effort to make sure that this site, this proposed gun range in this location, near my residence, is not put in. This soils the sanctity of my household in every way, shape or form, I do have one more question, it's a bit of a cliché but I'm going to ask...Mr. Koetzle, I know you are a family man, as am I and many other people here, what would you do if you were in our shoes? It is a very simple question. A very popular question to ask in a situation like this. Think about it in the eyes of our children, my family members and all of my neighbors that have sons and daughters that are going to be living there. I just want you to give it more than five minutes of your time to think about what it can do to the mental stability to everyone living in this proximity of this range."

Madison Lundy, 454 Wagner Road – "I'm not against the police officers here. I don't want to be harmed in anyway because I live really close to the landfill where this is going to be built. If you are playing in your backyard and a gunshot comes out of nowhere and hits you. I know this is very short. I have a pet hamster and loud noises can scare animals, any kind of animals, small or big. Animals can get really scared."

Bill Bolton, 436 Wagner Road – "First off because it's become the theme of the afternoon and evening here. I believe my standing in the local police community speaks for itself. I don't even need to go into it, I believe you could ask any member of local enforcement, I have friends in the room in local law enforcement. This is definitely, definitely, definitely not anti-gun, this is definitely not anti-police. Just to make sure that's a 100% clear, everyone on the board understands that. Just really quick I am helping organize Chief Frisoni's charity event for this Saturday. I'm good friends with Pete, just so everybody understands where this comes from. My wife and I purchased our home in rural West Glenville in 2013 because we thought West Glenville was the perfect mix of that rural farm life that we wanted and we wanted to be in proximity of where we worked, where we shopped and where we have friends. It is where we want to be, we lived in Rotterdam our whole life. Glenville had that niche, it wasn't quite out in Duanesburg, it was a little closer, it had all of the shopping, and it had all of the interests we wanted. We bought a property with a small home within a taxed eleven acre subdivision within the deed. Our future plan is to build a home on our eleven acre subdivision and open a hobby farm. The property previously held a dozen cows, there was a pig farm on the property, there was chickens, and we have chickens now. So the idea that this range will be approximately, we still haven't gotten a proposal from the town, I know the previous proposal was incorrect the location of the range. The previous proposal had the range located in a different area. We have been notified that

the range has been moved up to the shale hill bowl, which we all know where that is. The shale hill bowl is a narrow strip between the capped landfill and my property and then it shoots up about two-hundred feet. That area is about three-hundred and fifty feet wide. Where you put that range in that area is going to be approximately two-hundred and fifty feet from my property line. That's my best estimate based on not having any idea have specifics of the range is going to be. The general idea and the small bit of information that I have from the town puts this range within a few hundred feet from my property line which would put it maybe three-hundred and fifty to four-hundred feet from where I plan on building a home to retire on. That's my personal side of the story. My home sits currently approximately anywhere from nine hundred to maybe one thousand feet from the range at the maximum of where it could be built on the site because the seventy-three acre site there is a very small window for which the town can build on this property because they can't build it on top of the landfill. This range would go in an area that's wide open and there's a wooded area on my property that would be the main natural sound den and the issue is if you look up at Guan-Ho-Ha there's a lot of low lying trees, a lot of ground cover up there the way the trees grow up there. My property the trees are very tall thin oaks so you stand in one place you can see six to seven hundred feet through my woods, no problem. There's so sound den in there at all, it's a wide open space. Mr. Koetzle spoke with us neighbors privately, there were a handful of neighbors, seven or eight present. He let us know that nothing is set in stone at this point. It's simply a proposal that they want to go through, to meet all the full environmental health and safety regulations and make sure that they do everything that they can do to keep the people of the Town safe, to make sure this is done in the best way possible for the Town. I appreciate you saying that because that is our main concern also. Our main concern is to keep the town safe, to keep the neighborhood safe and to make sure the police officers have training. On police officer training, the City of Schenectady has over one hundred and forty-four police officers. They currently pistol train, they requalify twice a year at the Rotterdam owned Rynex Corners Police Range in which they have little to no problem ever scheduling shooting there. One hundred and forty-four officers or more, I believe they just got more from the academy as well, I think there was five but I'm not positive. They don't have a problem qualifying there. The Village of Scotia qualifies their officers at the Town of Rotterdam owned shooting range. There's also a range in Colonie owned by the Town of Colonie with moving targets. There are private ranges around that people have discussed, the City of Schenectady is currently renovating their indoor range that they own, inside the police station, it is going to be state of the art. The City of Schenectady will never turn away another municipality when they ask to use that range. They share, just like the Town shares when they need SWAT support from the City of Schenectady, vice versa, these things go back and forth. It also the reason why we know that this range would be used fourteen days a year, it's ridiculous, that number is absurd. I want to leave you with some questions and I am going to email them to every board member. Between now and a month from now, whenever the next hearing is, our community has questions that we would like to make sure you answer. I don't need you to answer us but I need you to answer for yourselves and for the Town. Has the Board considered involving a third party to complete an environmental review of the proposal in addition to the SEQRA? Has the Schenectady Inter-municipal Watershed Rules and Regulations Board been notified at this early stage of this project do to the vicinity of this proposal to zone 2 of the aquifer sitting up stream about three hundred feet? Has the Glenville Environmental Conservation Commission been involved or contacted in regards to this proposal? Has the proposal been designed by NRA specifications to insure the safety of not only the officers but the surrounding environment property taking in consideration within a few hundred feet of a private property? We are expecting the Town to hold this proposal to the highest possible safety standards as recommended by the NRA and the US Military to insure that this is built safely for everyone involved including the officers. Have you hired an engineering firm who has ever built a range in the past and if they have built a range where? I would like to look at it and my neighbors would like to see it. What standards was that range built to? Will testing be scheduled for sound, soil, and surface water drainage and rerouting, which will need to be done to bring a road up to the site? Construction terms of the proximity of the neighboring properties and the capped landfill. When you are going to be digging that close to a property line that sits on a slope and you are digging that close to a landfill I'm sure the EPA would like to be involved with that procedure and the DEC as well. When this proposal moves on to the

Planning and Zoning Commission will they have full site plan review obligation or simply a recommendation status? What considerations have they taken in terms of the fencing of the proposal? I know that Mr. Koetzle mentioned to us neighbors that this proposal was expected to cost anywhere from \$25,000 to \$35,000 was his estimate which drastically eats into the funds that would go towards the fire safety training center that as you can tell the majority of the neighborhood is okay with. This proposal costing \$25,000 to \$35,000 is not even remotely feasible. The safety recommendations that are required from the NRA and the US Military with this proposal are well about the \$35,000 mark. You are going to start two projects at once and not have enough money to finish either of them at that point and that is bad business. What days and how many hours would this be used? What sort of limitations would there be? What sort of limitations would the Town put on the usage of this property? What other groups have already been contacted regarding the proposal? Have the Town of Glenville spoken to Zone 5, have they spoken to Schenectady, Rotterdam, Niskayuna, and Ballston Spa about using the proposal already? There was a range in Rensselaerville in August of 2017, it was a State Police owned on their land. It was approximately three quarters of a mile from residential property. The neighborhood got together and appealed the decision of the SEQRA through an Article 78 appeal. The range was closed temporally in December of 2017 and permanently closed in April of 2018 setting precedents for these ranges being closed based on environmental oversight and environmental effect including noise pollution on neighboring communities. This is two months ago, twenty-five miles away, this happened and this was State Police. I understand that today's hearing is to decide the governmental nature of this process and I appreciate you taking the time for this and all of the people here and their concerns. I would like to point out that your governmental nature decision will then decide whether or not you as a board give this project governmental unity from zoning. Meaning you don't have to play by your own rules, but you are still going to have to play by the rules. There are rules in place by NYS Law that govern shooting ranges, that govern environmental concerns that we all have and that we have gone over a hundred times and we as a community want to make sure that the Town addresses every single one of these issues that I have brought to you today. We as a community want to make sure that the Town addresses every single one of these issues that I presented to you today. We will also be presenting you with a hand signed petition that we started. I will send that to you this week."

Carl George, 603 Wagner Road – "There is no doubt that our police department being well trained is absolutely essential to our wellbeing. We are all dedicated to that outcome. They must be well trained, you must be confident but you must also be safe yourself. One of the problems with this emerging is the hazardous transmission of lead in our firing ranges. For example, the Nassau Rod and Gun Club had to be closed by OSHA because it was exceeded the vapor levels that were in place. Now one of the things with emerging is that we become more and more aware of how deadly lead is. If we are to build such a facility we must make sure that your officers are safe from all challenges of lead poisoning. Which means in all likelihood and interior range system which is safely ventilated so that lead does not become a problem. Another indication for lead is that lead vapors are heavy, they settle on the ground and sink into the ground and are absorbed by plants. If you eat them you are eating concentrated levels of lead. So the implication here is we need you, we need you to be safe and the implications of it also spill over into our aquifer. Supervisor Koetzle established a committee a number of years ago dealing with the Glenville aquifer. One of nature's prime sole source aquifers. Providing water for over 16,000 residents or more. An aquifer that is very porous, very high moving because it is a gravel aquifer. There's another problem too, we have next to our landfill, as our committee worked on, a gravel pit. That gravel pit is no longer a barrier to our flow, it's a facilitator of the flow. It doesn't take years to travel it is a matter of hours if you have a good westerly wind, the reservoir pond is quickly turned over and that water moves hundreds of yards closer in a matter of hours. So we must look at this aquifer, we must look at the drainage system, we must make sure that we continue our water sampling surrounding that landfill because that gives us an ideas where the problems are. We need a firing range, we need a safe firing range, we need to have proper applications through SEQRA and as has been suggested appropriate input from various agencies DEC and OSHA and others to make sure that we are doing the very best thing we can to protect our

community and to protect those who are protecting us.”

A very young boy spoke – unable to understand him in the microphone.

No one else wished to speak – Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 8:50 PM.

Supervisor Koetzle – “Item number 7 on the agenda is a public hearing to hear all persons interested in a proposed Local Law amending the text of Section 270-19 “General Business, B. Uses permitted by site plan review” of the Code of the Town of Glenville to add “(17) Food and beverage processing facilities, not exceeding 10,000 square feet”.

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 8:51 PM

No one wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 8:51 PM

The following people spoke during Privilege of the Floor:

Pete Looker, 1965 Amsterdam Road – He informed the Board that he is still waiting for the Town to enforce the town law regarding the bright lights in the Old Dominion Trucking Company parking lot, which is across the street from his house. He quoted the town law to the board regarding the impact of the lighting on neighboring properties. He stated that he can read in his bedroom at night without a light on. He said that he was told that the lights would be shielded and adjusted, if they were it didn’t work.

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following information:

It is great to hear from the residents of the town always during public hearings but I think the most frustrating part of our public hearing is not being able to answer some of the very direct questions that are easy to answer, so there will be another opportunity for that in the future but that wasn’t what the purpose was tonight.

The sales tax effort and that was with two legislatures, Jim Buhrmaster and Grant Socha. We had a good meeting. We reached out to Grant Socha and Jim Buhrmaster on many occasions to get a report, it has been six weeks or so. Grant Socha has not responded to any of the inquires, but Legislature Jim Buhrmaster said he indicated that he had brought it to the legislatures. There are five coming together now maybe six that are interested in addressing this issue. So we are making significant progress and I think we as a board are going to have to figure out what our next step is if now we have that kind of interest on the County Legislature, it is obvious something that we need to work on. So that we probably be the night before the work session so that we have a united front. I know we passed a resolution, a few of the folks didn’t support it asking for our fair share. I think this board has to become united on this matter and I think we are go back to our legislatures and impress upon them how important of an issue the fair share tax issue is for this community. You heard a lot of things here tonight, just to build an indoor range \$300,000 - \$400,000, sure why not, well if we had a fair share of sales tax maybe we could make those types of investments. This is an important matter for our Town and it needs to be supported by this Town Board and this will be on our work session agenda next month.

The bulk item pick up is behind. There is no question about it, it is a two week program, not a one month program. People put things out two weeks before they are supposed to, that’s not part of the program, it’s a two week program, we just finished the two week program on Saturday and County Waste indicates that they are about one week behind so it will probably be the end of this week before all items are picked up.

The water bills, you might have heard, are in the mail. There are some issues with some water bills, a variety of issues. Mostly the issues are if there was an

error in reporting by a resident in the past, that error from however long ago it might be, is now being realized. That means that some of these bills are larger than they should be. There are some instances where we might have had a decimal in the wrong place or an extra digit. As people come in we are fixing them but there are some large bills out there, no question about it. The other thing resident's thought to understand, because they will look at the water usage and say this is larger than what they have used in the past, this year because of the turnover to the automated readings we are at fourteen months of usage on this bill, not twelve months. Typically the green cards used to go out the beginning of April. People would read their meters and send it back. We didn't do our reads because we were still getting systems in place until late May, so you are talking about an extra six weeks of usage on the bills. They are larger this year than they have been, probably larger than they will be because there is an extra six weeks of usage on them.

We are working on Fire District 4. All of you have been contacted by the Mayor at this point. As I understand it there are unfortunately three proposals coming out of the Village Trustees right now. I don't know who to negotiate with or which proposal to figure out that they really want to forward on to us. There are three fractions, three proposals and the Village I don't think is clear on what they want as a fire district contract. We have always had our door opened and have always had the offer of the blended, the one or two percent blend over the five years which I think is a very reasonable thing. We continue to try to find an agreement there but I can't negotiate against three proposals. I think the message to the Village right now ought to be get yourselves together, get a proposal that you all agree on and let's sit down and talk about it.

We talked a lot tonight about the fire training center. I know there is a proposal by the Village to do some sort of scheme of trying to and I think the Mayor's talking to each one of you about this, about an A Fund Tax as a way of financing this. I would like to get your thoughts on that before we move forward because the Mayor and I have had extensive discussions on that in the past. Again, it's hard to negotiate when there are all sorts of sidebar conversations going on so I think we have to sit down and talk about that one

Supervisor Koetzle gave some quick budget updates coming up. We are looking at a tax cap of about \$180,000 of allowable new levy for 2019. Unfortunately our health insurance is probably trending at about \$140,000 in new spending. Most of our cap is going to be eaten up by our health insurance increases. We also received a tax increase from Schenectady County Board of Elections, next year our residents will pay almost \$400,000 to the Board of Elections, that's to the County. That's a 4% increase, 4% in a 2% tax cap world, I'm glad the County is keep their pledge at 2%. This in itself is a 10% increase, you want to talk about compounding over the 2017 County tax bill that went up 10% since 2017. We have no control over this, this is a County expense that passes through to the residents on the tax bill. Mortgage tax is trending on budget and we anticipate and we anticipate about \$590,000 in mortgage tax revenue, our budget was \$540,000 so it would be a little bit ahead there which is nice but unfortunately court revenue is down a bit from our budget and hopefully that will get back on track."

Councilman Godlewski – "Do you know how far behind we are on court revenue?"

Supervisor Koetzle – "We are on pace to finish at \$195,000 this year and last year it was about \$215,000. We budgeted \$195,000."

Supervisor Koetzle moved ahead with the agenda items

Discussion...

Supervisor Koetzle – "I had the opportunity to sit on the interview committee, not just this one but the first one which was a couple of years ago. I got the

chance to interview Matthew twice. I was very impressed with him on both occasions and I concur also with Councilman Pytlovany just said and I also want to say to the Chief that I think this is delivering on a promise made during the last budget season when we sat down and you talked about the need and the multi-step approach over two years. I am proud that this Board...you had faith in us and we said we would work with you and get you there and I'm proud that the Board has now taken that step and delivering on that promise. We look forward to doing it again hopefully next year as well."

Councilman Godlewski – "I am happy to see the position added."

Chief Janik – "I want to thank the Board for the unanimous vote of yes on the resolution. I appreciate it. Just to clarify, we had talked about last year's budget for 2018, we had actually talked about adding an officer in 2019 and 2020 not actually 2018. So it is by the Board that we set this up for you and I am really happy to see that we are allowed to hire this year and I am very happy with our choice in Matt. Just again to clarify I was on the interview board with Supervisor Koetzle, I'm not sure Councilman Pytlovany if you were or not, but Matt was chosen then as one of our police officers but he had a great offer with his current job and decided to stay which I think is honorable but knew this was something that he wanted to do and I can tell through every conversation that I have with Matt that he is appreciative and excited and he is ready to go. I look forward to seeing him in the academy, how well he does in the academy and I look forward to seeing him on the road."

Matt was sworn in by Supervisor Koetzle

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2018

Moved by: Councilman Pytlovany

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

WHEREAS, a need currently exists in the Police Department for the position of police officer due to one vacant position budgeted to start in summer 2018; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Glass is on the current certified list from Schenectady County Civil Service; and

WHEREAS, an Interview Committee consisting of elected, town, and police officials met with potential candidates, conducted interviews and made its recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Interview Committee; and

WHEREAS, that the compensation and benefits for the said Officer be as set forth in the current P.B.A. Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Matthew J. Glass of 518 Walton Place, Glenville NY 12302 to the position of Police Officer in the Glenville Police Department, with an effective date of July 5, 2018; and

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

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2018

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville Codes Review Committee has embarked on a multi-year effort that calls for significant rewrites of the Town's zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and related land use regulations so that these local laws can be brought into compliance with the new Town of Glenville Comprehensive Plan, adopted in October, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Committee's effort would benefit significantly from the hiring of a consulting firm to assist with the code revisions; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2018 the Town Economic Development and Planning Department issued a *Request for Proposals* seeking proposals from consulting firms for the purpose of providing technical assistance to the Codes Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, three compliant proposals and one non-compliant proposal were delivered to the Town by the May 11, 2018 deadline; and

WHEREAS, seven of the Codes Review Committee members evaluated and scored the three compliant proposals, using an evaluation form and scoring system developed for review of these proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Codes Review Committee met on June 12, 2018 to review and discuss the seven reviewers' scores and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the scoring and discussion clearly pointed to Planning4Places as the preferred consultant for this project, with six of the seven reviewers having scored Planning4Places' proposal 1st of the three proposals, and with the total score for Planning4Places' proposal being significantly higher than the other two proposals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the evaluation and scoring of the three proposals by the Town of Glenville Codes Review Committee, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby selects Planning4Places as the consulting firm to assist the Codes Review Committee with the rewrite of the Town's zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations and other pertinent land use codes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes Town Supervisor Christopher A. Koetzle to enter the Town into a contract with Planning4Places for technical assistance to the Codes Review Committee, with the scope of services, hourly rate, term of contract, and deliverables having been articulated in both the *Request for Proposals* and Planning4Places' proposal, dated May 11, 2018.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2018

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Pytlovany

WHEREAS, in June, 2016 the Town of Glenville and Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) executed a *Memorandum of Understanding* outlining the parameters for administration of the Town's successful Transportation Linkage Planning Program grant application (application made in December, 2015) to undertake a complete streets feasibility study and policy project for the Freemans Bridge Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Study budget was fixed at \$50,000, with \$25,000 being provided through Federal Planning Funds (Linkage Funds) and \$25,000 via matching cash contribution by the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the funding was used by the Town to hire a consultant to prepare the Complete Streets Plan under the direction of the Town, and with guidance from CDTC; and

WHEREAS, following a solicitation process that yielded proposals from five consultant firms in February, 2017, a selection team consisting of reps from the Town, CDTC, NYSDOT, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission and the Capital District Transportation Authority used a scoring and ranking system that resulted in the selection of Planning4Places as the consultant of choice for the Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Plan; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the last 14+ months, following numerous meetings of the Study Advisory Committee (SAC), multiple public information meetings and hearings, and with guidance being offered by the Town, CDTC, CDTA, NYSDOT and CDRPC, Planning4Places has produced the "Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Concept Plan;" and

WHEREAS, the Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Concept Plan offers a comprehensive analysis of the Freemans Bridge Road corridor, as well as a plan that will make the corridor much more accommodating of pedestrians and bicyclists, with guidance for public transit as well, all of which are absent or minimally provided for at present within the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Concept Plan recommends actions and improvements that are consistent with the considerable public input offered during the study period, from both the on-line survey which generated over 500 responses, and public information meetings; and

WHEREAS, the SAC is pleased with the Concept Plan prepared by Planning4Places, and they have recommended Town Board adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town can and should be guided by the *Implementation Matrix* section of the Plan, which details recommended actions and potential projects, that include, among others, the installation of sidewalks, crosswalks and multi-use paths, the implementation of green infrastructure measures, the installation of street lights and gateway treatments, the improvement of aesthetics, and the pursuit of access management strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby adopts the "Freemans Bridge Road Complete Streets Concept Plan", effective this date, June 20, 2018.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2018

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Pytlovany

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission consists of seven (7) members with the possibility of an additional two (2) alternate members (as permitted by Chapter 9 of the Code of the Town of Glenville); and

WHEREAS, due to a resignation of a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission the possibility of difficulties in obtaining a quorum of members has increased such that the Town Board desires to fill a position of alternate member;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby appoints Joseph Bodden, a resident of the Town of Glenville to a new five-year term as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission term effective immediately and terminating 12/31/2022.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2018

SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE TOWN OF GLENVILLE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) NEEDS

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Pytlovany

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a federally funded program authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The CDBG Program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) under the direction of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC); and

WHEREAD, the CDBG program will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$20 million for the 2018 program year for public infrastructure, public facilities, microenterprise programming, and planning activities with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is interested in receiving public comment(s) regarding the town's community development needs and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant applications for the 2018 program year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glenville Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing for Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, NY, to consider community development needs within the Town of Glenville.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2018

Moved by: Councilman Pytlovany
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, a Member of the Town Board of the Town of Glenville is introducing a Local Law to amend Chapter 255, "Vehicle and Traffic" of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, a duly scheduled public hearing must be held in order to amend the existing code by Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville will meet at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, at which time it will hear all persons interested in the proposed local law to amend Chapter 255, "Vehicle and Traffic" chapter of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the proper public notice of said hearing in accordance with law, as follows:

§ 255-7 – Truck Exclusions.

A. General weight exclusions.

(1) All trucks, tractors, tractor-trailers and commercial vehicles with a maximum gross weight of vehicle and load capacity in excess of four tons are hereby excluded from the following highways within this Town:

ADD:

Name of Street Location	
Baldwin Road	Between its intersection with Swaggertown Road and its intersection with Spring Road
Droms Road	Between its intersection with Charlton Road and its intersection with Swaggertown Road
Onderdonk Road	Between its intersection with Droms Road and its intersection with Swaggertown Road
Snake Hill Road	Between its intersection with Sacandaga Road and its intersection with Spring Road
Socha Lane	Between its intersection with Swaggertown Road and its intersection with Baldwin Road
Spring Road	Between its intersection with Sacandaga Road and its intersection with Swaggertown Road
Tieman Road	Between its intersection with Swaggertown Road and its intersection with Baldwin Road
Van Vorst Road	Between its intersection with Lake Hill Road and its intersection with Charlton Road

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is directed to prepare the proper notice of said hearing in accordance with law and to publish same at least 10 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2018

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Pytlovany

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer User Fee Roll of the Town of Glenville has been approved for collection as of June 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, such warrant for Water District #11 totals \$1,981,505.93 including water rents receivables, Special Contracts and Sewer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby accepts such roll.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2018

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Pytlovany

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville Public Works Department requires reliable transportation to perform Town duties; and

WHEREAS, within its fleet the Public Works Department is currently utilizing a 2005 Ford F350 VIN ending in 5941 which is nearing the end of useful life and requiring repairs on an ever increasing basis; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works and Town Comptroller advise that it is not in the best financial interests of the Town to continue to repair this vehicle and recommend it be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller advises that the Town may utilize the mini-bid process available through the NYS Office of General Services (OGS) to purchase vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works prepared appropriate vehicle specifications and completed mini bid #18050079 to obtain the lowest bid for the vehicle desired by the department; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works and Town Comptroller recommend that the vehicle be purchased from the OGS mini bid low bidder, Cappellino Chevrolet, 9000 Boston State Road, Boston, New York, state contract #PC66898, at a total cost of \$30,795.68, including delivery; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of said vehicle is provided for within the 2018 budget appropriations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase one 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Chevrolet 2500 HD Crew Cab 4x4 long box at a cost not to exceed \$30,800 with the expense for said vehicle charged to account DB-000-5130-2000 as included in the 2018 adopted budget;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon purchase of the new vehicle the 2005 Ford F350 VIN ending in 5941 is deemed surplus property and is eligible for disposal in the most cost-effective manner as determined by the Town Comptroller.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2018

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular meetings held on May 2, and May 16, 2018 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2018

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for May, 2018 as received from the following:

Assessors Department
Economic Development & Planning Department
Justice Department
Police Department
Town Clerk's Office

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

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2018

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Pytlovany

WHEREAS, 259-44 of the Code of the Town of Glenville establishes that water rents are due and payable each year during the month of June and that water rents not paid by June 30th incur a 5% penalty; and

WHEREAS, due to the changeover from manual to automatic water meter readings this year the water billing process was delayed by approximately ten (10) days giving Town water customers about ten (10) fewer days to pay their water bills than usual; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville has the authority to extend the penalty-free water rent collection period under such circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Receiver of Taxes and Town Comptroller to extend the penalty-free water rent collection period for 2018 until July 13, 2018; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby directs that notice of such extension of the penalty-free period be posted on the Town website.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2018

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, Glenville Town Code Section 195-16 allows for concessions only in the event of permission from the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, Lilananda Yoga, Ltd. Has submitted a Park Use Permit Application and the required evidence of insurance coverage in order to offer yoga classes in Indian Meadows Park on Sundays during June, July and August from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM and family yoga classes and Community Yoga classes on such other dates as can be coordinated with the Director of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town has permitted recreational instruction in town parks on other occasions, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to increase the variety of recreational activities available to residents in Town parks, especially those, like yoga, that can be enjoyed by residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Lilananda Yoga, Ltd. will contribute 30% of all instructional fees to the Town as and for a concession fee for Sunday classes and 20% for family yoga classes and will further offer Town residents evening, Community Yoga classes free of charge, once a month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby approves the Park Use Permit Application of, and concession payment agreement with Lilananda Yoga, Ltd pursuant to the provisions of Town Code section 195-16 for the activities proposed during the months of June, July and August in Indian Meadows Park.

Ayes: Councilmen Pytlovany, Aragosa, Godlewski, Councilwoman Wierzbowski and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Motion Carried

New Business

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “I would just like to say, although the residents that were here to speak for and against the different proposals, sitting up here for the last eight years we’ve had many different proposals where there’s been controversy and I would just like to make sure that it is noted that for myself I appreciate when the residents take the time to come and speak to us as a Board. I appreciate their points of view whether I agree with them personally or not, it is not my job to insert my personal opinion when someone is speaking during a public hearing. I try very hard to listen carefully to what the residents want us to hear. I would just like to say thank you to all of the residents who came tonight. I will myself be considering what was said on both sides of the fence and I’m looking forward to us, doing as we have always done, being transparent and following the process. I know that in the past we have had instances where higher levels of government have come in and said, we are just doing this and we are not going to consult you and we are not going to talk to you, we are just going to do it and it’s been very frustrating. I am looking forward to us going through the process ourselves. Perhaps we will learn somethings about how to improve it and to make it better. “

Supervisor Koetzle – “I think we need to take one minute to talk because we don’t meet very often and things are fluent and moving quickly. Mike and I are preparing MOU’s for the fire departments and the Village of Scotia on a joint public safety training facility under a certain method that was agreed upon by all. Now I hear there is another method out there being discussed and I need to get input on that and discussion on that sooner than later. We can’t really wait until mid-July so I hate to do this because it has been a long night but if we can have at least a brief discussion. I know Councilman Aragosa you mentioned things earlier. I would like to hear this proposal so we can discuss it and we can move forward before the next meeting. I don’t know, Councilman Godlewski, if you met with the Mayor or not and had that proposal as well.”

Councilman Godlewski – “Yes, so you are asking as to where we stand with this report?”

Supervisor Koetzle – “No, the public safety training center. As I understand it there is a new methodology that the Village wants us to consider for the training center.”

Councilman Aragosa – “I wouldn’t say it was the Village that wanted it. This is a discussion that has been out there with the fire departments also in terms of how it is going to get paid for. Instead of the fire departments trying to come up with the money and the Village trying to come up with the money, we somehow make it a tax in the A Fund so that everybody pays the same equally across the board it doesn’t become a... well if we try to split it out the way we were looking at it then people in the Village would get charged twice for it, they get charged by the Village and then they get charged by us from the A Fund. It’s probably the most equitable, in my mind, way of doing it is to have a flat fee for everybody.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “So you want a town wide tax.”

Councilman Aragosa – “Yes”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Additional to our levy? We go out with a levy every year right? So how would you propose this tax to occur? In the levy or...”

Councilman Aragosa – “That’s something that I’m naïve to and I will admit to. We have got to figure out how exactly we are going to do that.”

Councilman Godlewski – “From my prospective it’s something that has been coiffured by the Mayor as a...to even say that it is something that he is saying should be done would be misinterpreting conversations that I have had with him but I think we should

keep an opened mind to ways that... assuming that this is something that the Town is going to move forward with, ways that we can move forward with it and make it an annual cost effective means. Ultimately we end up looking at different ways of maintaining fairness when you have the town, village inside the town, maintaining fairness for village residents. So I do think that should be a consideration but as far as trying to pigeon hole, myself I think or Councilman Aragosa into any sort of...to suggest that we're moving forward with a different means of paying for this. The only means that this board has ever coiffured was the split between the Town, the Village and the fire departments and that's the conversation that you and I have had, that's outside of just a conversation that was had with the Mayor of the Village. It's not something that I am actively moving forward on. I think we should keep all ideas and all options opened."

Supervisor Koetzle – "My point tonight is that we need to move on this and it can't linger another month, another two months, and another three months trying to figure out different funding options..."

Councilman Godlewski – "As far as what was presented to us my understanding was that this was going to be paid for by the town and the town was going to seek reimbursement..."

Supervisor Koetzle – "It would not be correct to say the town is paying for it, seeking reimbursement, the town is fronting the money under the agreement that there's a fair and equitable split between the three partners, the town, the village and then the fire departments inside the town, outside the village would be split between them based on their assessed value."

Councilman Godlewski – "The last I knew you didn't have the agreement from those bodies."

Supervisor Koetzle – "We do, we have one resolution admittedly but we certainly do have agreement verbally with many of those fire departments. We don't with the Village."

Councilman Godlewski – "Okay"

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – "They were just waiting for the MOU's so they could consider them as a board, as we do when we consider things we prefer them to be in writing. I have been to many town chiefs meetings and I know that the fire chiefs in the town and they do support this and they have been talking with their fire commissioners and I think it is fair to say we are moving towards an agreement from them."

Supervisor Koetzle – "I don't want to speak for anybody but I can tell you there are two other departments that have told me that they are fully on board. What is kind of getting in the way is the proposal that the Mayor has put forward on this town wide tax in the A Fund which I do not support a town wide tax. Why I am bringing this up now is we have to, we are sending out MOU's, we have to have some agreement on this because that's where we are going. So I don't know what you would support. I don't know where we are with this at this point."

Councilman Aragosa – "What happens if we put the money up and we find out that the Village doesn't want to be involved?"

Supervisor Koetzle – "We will adjust."

Councilman Aragosa – "Then what would we do..."

Supervisor Koetzle – "The Village isn't the only partner that we...no one mandated that it has to be the Village. It could be the Saratoga Sheriff's Department..."

Councilman Godlewski – "So now it starts to seem a little disingenuous to the residents that were here speaking about who is going to be involved in the facility. I understand what you are saying and I think options should remain opened, I also

understand that there is a time crunch that is something I want to look further into because that's one of the things that looking at this proposal all of a sudden we are seeing a sense of urgency when this is something that has lingered since going back to 2004. But as far as the formula for paying for the proposal that came out of the work session was that it was to be split between the town and the village and the fire departments. When that proposal was raised there was something that sounded, that made sense but it becomes problematic if you don't have the full partnership that was being laid out. If the Village has concerns I think perhaps you and the Mayor should meet, you should talk about what you are going to do about this “

Supervisor Koetzle – “These MOU's are going out, so where are you on this? Are you saying you support the Mayor's proposal or the proposal that we...

Councilman Godlewski – “I don't think it was necessarily a proposal made by the Mayor, I think it was a conversation about an option. I want to see...

Supervisor Koetzle – “I want to correct you on that. I was in the room when the Mayor made the proposal and so was Councilwoman Wierzbowski, at a work session that the Village Trustees were at after I made a proposal, after I made the presentation on our proposal, he had said, “I want to do it this way” in that work session. So I do know that it was the Mayor's proposal. My question to you – do you support the Mayor's proposal for town wide tax or do you support the equitable 50/50 split between all of the partners?”

Councilman Aragosa – “I don't see that as being completely equitable. I mean it's equitable probably to the Town and to the boards but it's not equitable to the tax payers. If I'm a Village resident I'm getting taxed twice.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “If you are a Town resident and you are receiving fire district services from fire departments you are already being taxed by that fire department for their operational expenses. Am I correct gentlemen? You are already being taxed so for the town were to impose a second tax for a facility that would encompass fire services would be a double tax on the residents and that is why we have come up with the formula for the fire departments to share, for us to share and for the Village to share that way the Village residents have their own services that they are already paying for and would not be doubled taxed in the A Fund, the Town residents are paying for police services in the B Fund and they are paying for highway services in the B Fund which would be encompassed in that training facility and they are also paying if their own line item for each individual fire district for their fire tax which is operational expenses and equipment expenses for the fire districts. So it is equitable in that respect.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “It I could ...

Councilman Godlewski – “You talk about equity, the town is bigger than the village. The town is bigger than the fire department memberships. Fire department memberships have tax cap considerations, they have a more difficult time of raising revenues than the town does. The formula of one third, one third, one third I think is problematic. There should be a split but as far as coming up with what the proper number is for that and to say that we are just going to... I have a problem with the Town of Glenville essentially creating an unfunded mandate on the fire departments and on the Village and saying this is what we are doing and this is what we are going to say what you need pay for an contribute to.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Let me just get everyone on the same page because clearly there needs to be a budget 101class here. First of all I don't know where you are coming from with the A Fund. This is not an A Fund expense, okay, this is not an A Fund expense first thing we have to understand about the budget. This is a B Fund expense. Are we all clear on what the A Fund and the B Fund is before we go any further?”

Councilman Aragosa – “So this wouldn't be an A Fund expense?”

Supervisor Koetzle – “No, never has been, never will be...

Councilman Aragosa – “That makes a big difference.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “It makes all the difference in the world...”

Councilman Aragosa – “It does make a big difference.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “The Mayor is the one that mentioned the A Fund. We never mentioned the A Fund...”

Councilman Aragosa – “I don’t think I was told it was a B Fund expense either.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “But if you had an understanding of the budget you would know it has to be a B Fund. We have certain laws that we live under. The Comptroller has opinions on, the State Comptroller has opinions on this. It’s not hard to find them. The Comptroller has very clear opinions. We cannot finance fire operations, you cannot ask a taxpayer in the Town of Glenville to finance a fire operation, and you are double taxing the residents of the Town of Glenville. You cannot do that, it is not appropriate according to the State Comptroller. You also cannot as a Town of Glenville, an operation of the Village that is for the Village taxpayers. You cannot shift, as much as you want to that burden onto our Town taxpayers. Why would I or you or you or you or you two pay for the Village of Scotia to train their fire fighters, why would you pay for their police officers to be trained. It isn’t even logical. I’m a little frustrated because this is kind of elementary and basic. It’s fundamental to the budget. We are going into a budget season, you have to understand the budget. This is not appropriate, I’m not going to sit here and talk about a proposal to double tax our residents outside the Village, and it makes no sense. On its face it makes no sense. I’m flabbergasted. I want to say another thing too. The Town of Glenville is not creating an unfunded mandate on anyone. The Town of Glenville is trying to help the fire districts who when you talk about over fifteen years why something didn’t get done, there’s a hell of a lot of reasons for it and it wasn’t because it wasn’t a good idea. But the Town of Glenville is trying to get something done for our fire districts. We are not creating any burden on anybody, we are helping. Same thing with the Village of Scotia. Now if people don’t want to do this then that’s all fine and good. We will go forward with our own proposal that’s fine. We are trying to help. What are we doing to try and help, we advancing \$150,000 out of our B Fund Capital Reserves in order for people to pay it back because we fully understand that the fire departments don’t have all the money that they need to do this? We understand that the Village apparently doesn’t have \$10,000 a year. I don’t know what kind of a disaster of a budget they have there but they don’t have \$10,000 a year apparently. So we fund this and we allow them to pay it back over five years, interest free five years, \$10,000 a year...”

Councilman Aragosa – “That’s the first I’ve heard that.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “It’s not the first you have heard it respectfully, Councilman. We talked about it in a work session.”

Councilman Aragosa – “Not the part where...”

Supervisor Koetzle – “We did talk about that in the work session that was the proposal. Five years they get to pay it back.”

Councilman Godlewski – “Maybe we need to start recording the work sessions.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Maybe we should or listen to them. We have witnesses here.”

Councilman Godlewski – “Mr. Supervisor with all due respect when you speak I listen, I don’t always agree with what you have to say but I do listen and I do consider it and what I am trying to say is that the proposal, as far as the breakdown, who would pay for this, the Town of Glenville, the fire departments and the Village of Scotia as far as just saying one third, one third, one third, I think that needs to be talked about

because as a means of creating a fair model I don't necessarily know that one third, one third, one third is fair."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Based on what?"

Councilman Godlewski – "Based on size, based on use, based on primary use. I think those are all things that should be considered."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Based on use. Okay let's use that methodology for a moment, based on use. Who's going to use this more than anybody?"

Councilman Aragosa – "The Town of Glenville"

Supervisor Koetzle – "The Village of Scotia because the Village has a police department and a fire department."

Councilman Godlewski – "Mr. Supervisor, based on conversations I've had with the Mayor I don't necessarily know that the Village of Scotia is on board yet with this proposal."

Supervisor Koetzle – "I'm saying under this proposal we are assuming that they are on board. That is what the proposal is based on, the MOU's are based on the partners. The entity that is going to use it more than anyone else is the Village because they have a police department and a fire department. The Town of Glenville only has a police department. We are going to use it less. The fire districts are smaller, broken up over six districts, they are going to use it less than the Village. So if you did it on use the cost would shift to the Village dramatically. I think it is fair to say to the Village, we are your partner, we are going to work with you and we will do an equal and equitable break up. But if you want to go by use that's not going to help the Village at all. I'm not sure you understand what kind of impact this has on the fire departments but we ran the numbers and you're looking at Alplaus, \$5,000, so you are looking at \$1,000 a year; East Glenville, the biggest of them all, \$18,000, a little over \$3,000 a year; Beukendaal \$7,400; West Glenville, \$2,000; Thomas Corners, \$12,000; Glenville Hill, \$3,400. You divide that out, you divide that out, we are doing all we can to help each of these organizations but it can't be a town wide tax. The Comptroller is not going to allow it, it's not fair to the residents of the Town of Glenville to pay taxes twice and to fund Village operations. I don't know of any other way of doing this. I think we are being generous and fair and we have an MOU prepared to go unless this Board feels that we shouldn't be going forward with this. I think we have to go forward with the MOU as we agreed to at the work session."

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – "I think the other thing that is important to make sure we remember is when these conversations have been had with the fire districts, with the Village, at least what my own perspective is I would really like to see us become partners because I really think that opens up opportunities for us with inter-municipal agreements to obtain grant funding moving forward for the other things that we would like to see as a group, at that site. The participation by the fire districts, who are governmental entities in their own right, and the Village gives us that. Now, what happens if say the Village, for their own reasons decide they can't see their way to join us. You know what, okay, does that mean that this fails? No, that doesn't mean that this fails it just means that maybe we find another way for them to be able to use the facility and maybe they are not a municipal partner in the facility. To me that's their decision, I would not want to force that on them, I do not want them to feel like they are being strong armed because I feel like we've had that come to us as a board and I don't like the way that feels. I would like to state for the record I don't want any fire district or any other entity to feel pressure to join in. What happens if all of the fire departments don't want to join, okay that's still okay it's still going to go forward with whatever partner's find their way and agree on their own, with no pressure from us to participate. These boards and the Village Trustees and the Mayor, they need to do their own deliberations, after they get their MOU and then come back to us and say yes or no. If no one says yes, if everyone says this doesn't look good, we feel nervous about it, we don't like it then to me we would be building a facility that would benefit our police department and our highway department because we would have a place for them, for the heavy equipment operator to train safely and not on the road, you

have people that maybe have never driven trucks before or they don't have a lot of experience with their CDL's yet. We have a place for our police officers EVOC, that's away from the general public for them to get comfortable with the equipment that we have. To me, that is how I feel about what we are trying to do. If we send it out and somebody comes back and says well what if we pay this instead of this, maybe we could be talking about that. I don't even know if it is fair to...I wouldn't characterize it as an unfunded mandate because we are not forcing anybody to join in. They have to make their own deliberations and their own decisions."

Councilman Godlewski – "Technically speaking unfunded mandate is incorrect, we are funding with the idea that there would be contributions so I will take that term back."

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – "I understand why you said it, I'm not trying..."

Councilman Godlewski – "I think heavy handedness is fair. As far as saying this is the way it's going to be done and then kind of saying we are seeking reimbursement for this is a bit heavy handed. I would be interested to hear specifically from each individual fire chief. I know Ross was here this evening to talk about it. I think it is important that we hear what they have to say. You went through the numbers for our budget, something like \$5,000, maybe a rather quick consideration but for a fire district it's a very substantial, they run very tight budgets, they have to work within their means, they have to find ways to fit in a square peg into a round hole so to speak as far as budgeting. To ask for additional monies I think would be difficult for them."

Supervisor Koetzle – "We understand that and I think we all agree on it. Your heavy handed comment is not fair because this came from a process of almost fifteen years. The fire chiefs are the ones that talked about the breakup between themselves of the assessed value among themselves, that didn't come from me or anybody else that was them and how they handle their business is their business. Like Gina said there is no heavy hand in this here. If people don't want to join this then that's fine. We are not interested in making people do things they don't want to do. We didn't start this process because the Town of Glenville was bored and wanted to help everybody. We started this process because we saw a need and we figured we could help. We started this process because that is what people wanted. Now, admittedly the Village never really was signed onto it although the fire chief of the village department is part of the fire chiefs association and he was at every one of those meetings and didn't have any objections to that. I would not say anything is heavy handed here. We are trying to move this forward and get things done but we are not forcing anyone to pay anything they don't want to pay."

Councilman Pytlovany – "One of the concerns we're having is if we front the money who's going to be partners? We don't know the answer to that until we get the MOU's out to the departments and find out. Now, the Mayor to me, said he was in favor of the Village joining in on this. A concern of his right now is when you are asking him for \$10,000 a year for five years he doesn't know what District 4 is going to cost him over the next five years. So for him it is a budgetary item that he needs to look at before he can say yes, I'm in. I know that you have all of the answers for that but that's what he told me."

Councilman Godlewski – "So, Mr. Supervisor, maybe it's time for you to go back to the table on Fire District 4 and work with the Mayor on this issue. This is something that I think is unfair that it remains unresolved. I think that as far as looking at what's going on in the Village, their budget season is a little bit sooner. I think it is something that the talks should be ongoing. I think you as the Chief Executive of the Town, the Mayor being the Chief Executive of the Village should be discussing this."

Supervisor Koetzle – "To clarify, we have been. First answer, Councilman Pytlovany, the Mayor is the one, and I have the emails, that specifically said these are separate and uncoupled issues. One does not relate to the other is what he said to me. He has stated that clearly. That they are uncoupled and they don't relate to each other at all. We have had conversations, we had the last proposal into the Village, and they rejected it and have not come back with another proposal. Let me clarify that, they have

actually came back with three proposals, one being the Mayor's original, never moved off his position, two the Deputy Mayor came to visit me with a whole different proposal that was completely different, said he wanted to throw the 2% and the 1% out and do something completely different, which would have really created a lot of issues. Now I'm getting calls from the other members of the board who have yet another idea they want to talk about. That's not how you negotiate. I will not negotiate with three different factions of the same board. That makes no sense what so ever because you are never going to get a deal."

Councilman Pytlovany – "You have to negotiate with the Mayor and I don't think he's come off his original proposal for 2, 4 or 5 years. That's what he is looking for and that is what he is looking to negotiate with you. I don't know why you are talking with the other ones, it's the Mayor that is going to give you the proposal."

Councilman Godlewski – "So then why, Mr. Supervisor, don't we as a town consider the 2% for the course of 3 or 4 or 5 years and talk about the Village contributing to the fire..."

Supervisor Koetzle – "We did and the Mayor rejected that."

Councilman Godlewski – "He did?"

Supervisor Koetzle – "We talked about that that night when we went to the proposal. Perhaps, if you look at it, the 2% would almost fund this thing and that's when all of the comments came out – uncoupling and there's no relation, so he didn't want to go down that road."

Councilman Pytlovany – "He refused on 2's for 4 years or 5 years?"

Supervisor Koetzle – "If the public safety thing was discussed, that you just proposed you discussed with him so he wants his 2's and then he will discuss the other thing later."

Councilman Godlewski – "When you call the Mayor, when you start the conversation that, why don't you start with 2% and now let's talk public safety..."

Supervisor Koetzle – "He has rejected that."

Councilman Godlewski – "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Supervisor Koetzle – "That's fine, my last proposal is the one that stands. I'll call him again and reiterate that proposal and have him respond to it. That's what we have been stuck on."

Councilman Aragosa – "So just to move this for tonight, at the work session I had said that I would have trouble supporting this whole proposal if I didn't get the support of the chiefs, which I believe we have got very good support of the chiefs tonight. They came out and they said what they needed to say, they put it on public record and that part of it is done. The second part of that is we need monetary commitment so if you go out with the MOU and when they come back and we see that they are signed and we have the commitment of the money then we can go forward. So I say yes, mail the MOU's as you are doing them. There's a big difference between what I had in my mind before hand and what I have in my mind now."

Supervisor Koetzle – "That's why I wanted to clarify everything. So we have consensus on the MOU's?"

All Councilpersons replied "Yes"

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilwoman Wierzbowski; Seconded by Councilman Aragosa, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Linda C. Neals
Town Clerk