

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF GLENVILLE  
JUNE 17, 2020  
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, James M. Martin, Michael Aragosa and Michael R. Godlewski Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

**Absent:** Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

Also present were Earl T. Redding, Attorney for the Town

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Godlewski – “I would like to offer my thoughts and my condolences to the Maddalone Family. The matriarch of the family, Joyce Maddalone, passed away recently. She was a steadfast advocate in our community. She was a Rotarian and an advocate for all causes. Happy news, Mr. King turned 100 years old. Councilwoman Wierzbowski represented the town. I just want to extend my congratulations to him.”

Councilman Martin – “The Code Revision Committee had a conference call with the staff members. Melissa, Jim and Arnie were on the call. I saw the email the next day and did some commenting on the draft changes to the zoning law that are forth coming. Two of them are on the agenda tonight as a result of that work and the major piece that is forthcoming and I think it is going to be worthy of a workshop will be changes to the sign regulations. The sign regulations are kind of spread throughout the code and therefor that brings complications. The idea is to bring all the regulations into one section of the law and that will be the forthcoming change that you will see. I want to thank them for their continuing work on this committee. They have done some great work; they are a great resource working in the Code everyday as they do. They have been a real contributor to making it a better piece of law.”

Councilman Aragosa – “I am going to continue to talk about what I do with the Schenectady Boys and Girls Club. That program is still going on at least through the end of next week. After next Friday the foundation will continue throughout the county on a much smaller scale at a different location. The Schenectady Inter-City Ministries will be taking over the program withing the city itself.

As we move into phase 3 today we are now allowed to go into bars and restaurants at a limited capacity. Please keep in mind that those bars suffered a real hit in the last three months. So, if you are going to go there follow the rules so they don't get another hit because you didn't follow the rules.”

Privilege of the Floor:

No one wished to exercise the privilege of the floor.

Supervisor's Comments:

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following information:

We do have some new work place protocols going into effect here for our staff. All employees must sign in upon reporting to work. That sign in serves as the mandatory health screening self-assessment which asks about any symptoms, temperatures or things along these manners or if you have been in contact with anyone with COVID in the last fourteen (14) days. So, every employee will be signing in to start

their day. The memo outlines the things that they are attesting to. It also states that if employees are sick they should stay home or return home if they have become ill at work. If they are experiencing the COVID-19 symptoms they must report this to the supervisor, department head or in his or her absence to the Director of Human Services or myself, the Town Supervisor. Anytime a person comes within six (6) feet of any person acceptable face covering must be worn. All personal must complete the training, "Infection Control for Essential Employees" video which is provided by the town that link is going to go to the employees. We will have a continuous log for visitors to any site that the Town owns but the Town Hall in particular but this does not include folks that are coming in for brief transactions with the glass barrier in place it's only for visitors who come in and are looking to stay, I think the standard is fifteen (15) minutes or more. This does cover boards, planning, zoning members, anyone like that, developers' folks who aren't here on a daily basis.

Regarding COVID, thank you Earl for keeping us up to date on the executive orders out of the Governor's Office have been fast and furious and some changing and some confusing. We are keeping on top of it and complying to the best of our ability. Now that we have gone from ten (10) to twenty-five (25) allowed in gathering, I think it is an appropriate time to open meetings back up to the public. We seldom have more than twenty-five (25) people in this room and I don't anticipate that being an issue and if it is we will figure out how to deal with it but I think it is time to open up now that the gatherings have gone to twenty-five (25), I think people will self-select where they want to sit.

Vicki and I have been receiving a lot of calls regarding sports leagues in the park. There is a little confusion out there as far as what the Governor has put out there with what sport leagues can and cannot do. It appears that we are looking at July 6<sup>th</sup> as the date for some sports, what he considers low risk sports baseball, softball can start. You have to be in phase 3, which by then we will be in phase 4 actually. July 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first day that leagues can officially start. Because we have gone from the ten (10) to the twenty-five (25) gathering theoretically and I guess in practice, you can have practice now, a team can gather in the park as long as they are under twenty-five (25) people. We can at least allow them to practice under those rules. They still have to follow the CDC conditions."

Attorney Redding – "Certain sports like baseball, softball, crew, cross country, field hockey. It does not include soccer, lacrosse, football or hockey at this time. What the Governor has said is that as of July 6<sup>th</sup> the leagues can have games and spectators are limited to two (2) spectators per player. When the Governors order lifted last week, the ten (10) person limit to twenty-five (25) for people gathering there is a question there that teams can practice as long as they fit within that twenty-five (25) and that they are following CDC guidelines, cleaning, wiping down things like bats then that can happen."

Supervisor Koetzle – "I also want to update you on some finance issues as well tonight. As you know we are kind of in some difficult times as far as what is happening with the state and where we are with grants. Grants are still frozen right now. The bad news is starting to solidify here. The sales tax collections are way down, we are down 37% over last year at this time. Which means for us, we will have a drop in revenue of about \$65,000 in just two (2) months. That is the Metroplex portion of the sales tax. I think we are projecting somewhat conservatively perhaps but I think we are projecting \$80,000 to \$85,000 in revenue loss in that line. Now, there was a report the other day that retail is roaring back, I would imagine there is a lot of pent up demand there that folks are trying to get out so let's see where that goes over the next couple of months. We have locked in about \$65,000 in loss already in that line so somewhere between there and \$80,000 and \$85,000 is probably a good bet unfortunately."

Councilman Aragosa – "Roaring back is a great idea. The problem is what our industry is seeing is the supplies aren't catching up with the roaring back. That is where we are going to hit a wall in terms of making up that loss."

Supervisor Koetzle – "The point is the report was there that it has come back quite strongly in the past week or two so we will see if that is even sustainable, I'm not

even sure it is, supply or not.

The other bad news is the 2021 tax cap continues to drop each month, as you can imagine. We are currently at 1.65% with only the June CPI data left before the final tax cap calculations. Four months ago, we were projected at 2% now we are down to 1.65% which drops \$35,000 off our allowable tax levy increase of 2021. Start putting numbers together \$65,000 to \$85,000 loss in revenue, loss of \$35,000 potential as we sit here, it's probably going to be more by the time the tax cap settles down. It is starting to add up, we are in to six figures now and we are looking to try and close that gap.

Staff reductions during this COVID episode, these reductions mandated by NYS has resulted in the town paying employees for over 7,000 hours of time that wasn't actually worked. Just wanted to point that out, not that this anything due to the employees, its state mandated, but the COVID 19 wage bill was just shy of \$200,000 so far plus an additional \$60,000 in wage benefits.

We have rolled out an on-line payment portal for our water bills. That was activated last Friday over much demand. We had planned to do it for COVID anyway. We had a little technological hic-cup in the beginning. In the first four days 134 residents paid through that portal.

I signed two executive orders this past week. One waived the site plan review process permitting fee for any outdoor dining. That was very helpful to the restaurants. They were able to get their stuff together very quickly and get their tents up. They still have to come in and fill out a simplified permit for the code enforcer and building inspector to review for safety but the fees are waived and there is no site plan review. That runs out October 15<sup>th</sup> so at that juncture we will have to address any changes that were done to structures that people want to keep. They will have to go through the process at that time. This week I signed an executive order on the sign ordinance. There is a number of temporary signs that have gone up and I have asked the building inspector and the code enforcer to pull back a little bit on enforcement but we figured it would be a little bit more coacher if we actually gave them something so they could avoid enforcing that. It is helpful for people to say we are opened, take out is available or sit down is now available. This one is also until October 15<sup>th</sup> as well.

We had a phenomenal reception to our Senior Relief Program. It was a huge, huge hit. I want to thank all of our sponsors, all of our residents, all of our businesses. Everybody stepped up to this one! My hope was that we were going to raise \$5,000. I really thought if we could do just \$5,000 we would be way ahead. We are still counting but we are up towards \$12,000, which is astonishing! People came out to help our seniors and our small businesses. I want to thank everyone but I can't. I have a list of all of the donors and all of the folks. I can't thank everyone here but you all know who you are, we very much appreciate it. It is just another great example of what a great town we have and how much we come together and help each other. We are not done we have got more work to do. We are going to be able to go out and buy gift cards from our local businesses and get them to our seniors. The seniors will be able to get their warm meals and they are very excited about that.

I was upset to hear about the passing of Joyce Maddalone. I knew she had been sick for a while. I served with her in Rotary, she was a Rotary President. She was a community leader and passionate about the work she did. She was one of the driving forces behind the Legacy Project and when that group brought that to me I saw the passion in Joyce and Larry and some of the others for the Legacy Project. I made a commitment to that group that I would do everything I can to get them a home for that project. I am glad that we are able to do that for Joyce before she passed. I think now that we are on the track of getting this opened and getting this set I think it is something we could always keep Joyce in our thoughts when we continue to push towards that project's completion. She was a great lady and she will be missed here in the Town of Glenville."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Item number 5 is a public hearing to consider a proposed petition for the establishment of an extension to Sewer District 9 to include 27 Maple Avenue, Glenville."

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

No one wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 7:26 PM.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 118-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Martin

**Seconded by:** Councilman Aragosa

**WHEREAS**, the Water and Sewer User Fee Roll of the Town of Glenville has been approved for collection as of June 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, such warrant for Water District #11 totals \$1,469,764.57 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 Martin, Aragosa, Godlewski and Supervisor Koetzle

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Councilwoman Wierzbowski

**Abstentions:** None

### **Motion Carried**

Supervisor Koetzle – “While we are on water, just quickly we have had a tough two weeks on our water consumption. We are putting out water at an incredible pace. Levels we haven’t seen in the past. On top of that the NYS Power Authority has decided to take the driest time of the year during a heat wave and do some things to the locks which have caused the river to run dry, which means we can’t recharge our aquifer. The other day we actually started sucking air in pump 2, we had to close pump 2 down actually. I have spent a great part of my past two days on the phone with Senator Tedisco, Assemblywoman Walsh, the Power Authority, Ray Gillen at Metroplex. This is an issue that is affecting Niskayuna at this point, Schenectady. I think we have successfully been able to get them to drop the gates so they can replenish the water into the river but it is taking a couple of days and we are dangerously close to issues with our wells. I just wanted to let you all know this if you hear anything or if anyone calls you. We are on it. I think the Power Authority did not have a full understanding of what implications they are having on our water supplies in these river towns. We think by tomorrow morning we are going to be okay. I’ll keep you up to date.”

### **RESOLUTION NO. 119-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Martin

**Seconded by:** Councilman Godlewski

**WHEREAS**, a Member of the Town Board of the Town of Glenville is introducing a Local Law to amend Part II, “Legislation”, Article VIII “Supplemental Regulations”, Chapter 270-459, “Grading and Site Preparation,” with accompanying amendments to the Zoning Code of the Town of Glenville (a copy of which is attached hereto); and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed Code amendment is the product of discussion to ensure that land activity does not negatively impact water bodies and stormwater flow patterns; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed new Code was referred to the impacted departments for review and a recommendation as to the text and the departments recommended the proposed Local Law for adoption, namely Public Works and Building

Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Law clarifies the existing regulations, and constitutes a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) which does not require further review; 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 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, at which time it will hear all persons interested in the proposed amendments of Part II, "Legislation", Article VIII "Supplemental Regulations", Chapter 270-459, "Grading and Site Preparation," with accompanying amendments to the Zoning Code of the Town of Glenville; and

**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 ten days prior to the date of the public hearing and to provide same to the Village of Scotia and the City of Schenectady; and

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is directed to place the public hearing on the July 15, 2020 Town Board meeting agenda

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 120-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Martin

**Seconded by:** Councilman Aragosa

**WHEREAS**, a Member of the Town Board of the Town of Glenville is introducing a Local Law to amend Part II, "Legislation", Article XI "Stormwater Management and Erosion Control", Chapter 270-75 through 82.10, with accompanying amendments to the Zoning Code of the Town of Glenville (a copy of which is attached hereto); and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed Code amendment is the product of much study by the Town Attorney for Glenville of the NYSDEC 2006 and DRAFT 2016 Model Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed new Code was referred to the impacted departments for review and a recommendation as to the text and the departments recommended the proposed Local Law for adoption, namely Public Works and Building Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Law clarifies the existing regulations, and constitutes a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) which does not require further review; 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 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as

possible, at which time it will hear all persons interested in the proposed amendments of Part II, "Legislation", Article XI "Stormwater Management and Erosion Control", Chapter 270-75 through 82.10, with accompanying amendments to the Zoning Code of the Town of Glenville; and

**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 ten days prior to the date of the public hearing and to provide same to the Village of Scotia and the City of Schenectady; and

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is directed to place the public hearing on the July 15, 2020 Town Board meeting agenda

**Ayes:** Councilmen Martin, Aragosa, Godlewski and Supervisor Koetzle

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Councilwoman Wierzbowski

**Abstentions:** None

### **Motion Carried**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 121-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Martin

**Seconded by:** Councilman Aragosa

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville (herein called the "Town Board" and "Town," respectively), in the County of Schenectady, New York, has received a written petition, dated June 3, 2020, pursuant to section 191 of the Town Law, for the extension of Sewer District No. 9 (herein called "District") whose petition was signed by the owners of at least one-half (1/2) of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property situate in the proposed District and including the signatures of resident owners of at least one-half (1/2) of the assessed valuation of such taxable real property situate in the proposed District owned by resident owners, all as shown upon the latest completed assessment roll of said Town, and a map, plan and report for the extension of Sewer District No. 9 of the Town of Glenville and the construction of a Sewer system therein having previously been filed in conjunction with the Freemans Bridge Road, Route 50, Maple Avenue and Hetcheltown project dated March 28, 1997 which anticipated extensions and service connections along the routes of the mains and included land or rights in land, connections, fill, services, appurtenances and related site work (herein called the "Sewer Improvement") so as to make the current extension which consists of the connection of a lateral connection to the main of approximately 45 feet for one individual service connection from the existing Sewer main in Maple Avenue to the lands of the petitioner known as 27 Maple Avenue (S/B/L 30.-1-15) possible, was prepared and is now on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Order duly adopted on June 3, 2020, the Town Board has determined to proceed with the establishment of the proposed extension to the District and adopted an Order reciting a description of the boundaries of the extension of the District in a manner sufficient to identify the lands included therein as in a deed of conveyance, the improvements proposed, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the construction of the Sewer Improvement in the District, the proposed method of financing to be employed, the fact that a map, plan and report describing the same are on file in the Town Clerk's office for public inspection and specifying June 3, 2020, at 7:00 PM, as the time when, and the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York, in the Town, as the place where, the Town Board would meet to consider the establishment of an extension of the District and to hear all person interested on the subject thereof concerning the same, and for such other action on the part of the Town Board in relation thereto, as may be required by Law ; and

**WHEREAS**, certified copies of such Order were duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has given due consideration to the impact that the proposed extension to the District may have on the environment and on the basis of such consideration, the Town Board has found that no substantial adverse environmental impact will be caused by the extension of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board and the Town have complied in every respect with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding environmental matters, including compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, comprising article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and, in connection therewith, a duly processed Negative Declaration and/or other applicable documentation has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing in the matter was duly held by the Town Board on said June 17, 2020, commencing at or about 7:00 PM, at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York, at which all interested persons desiring to be heard were heard, including those in favor of, and those opposed to, the proposed extension to the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon the evidence adduced at such public hearing be it

**RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Town Board of the Town of Glenville, in the County of Schenectady, New York as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that:

- (a) The Notice of Public Hearing was published and posted as required by Law, and is otherwise sufficient;
- (b) All the property and property owners benefited included within the proposed extension to the District hereinabove referred to in the recitals hereof are benefited thereby;
- (c) All the property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed extension to the District; and
- (d) It is in the public interest to establish the extension to the District.

Section 2. The establishment of the proposed extension to the District is hereby approved, as hereinafter described, and said District shall be designated and known as Extension No. 21 to Sewer District 9 in the Town and shall include the property commonly known as 27 Maple Avenue (S/B/L # 30.-1-15).

Section 3. The Sewer Improvement is hereby authorized to be constructed in the District and the amount proposed to be expended therefor, including the expenses incurred in connection with the establishment of the extension to the District, is to be fully borne by the developer; the plan of financing is to be fully and completely borne by the developer, at no cost to the Town or other users in the District.

Section 4. The permission of the State Comptroller is not required with respect to the extension of the District because the cost of the extension to the typical property is not above the Average Estimated Cost to the Typical Properties for the establishment of similar types of districts as computed by the State Comptroller.

Section 5. The Town Clerk of the Town is hereby authorized and directed within ten days after the adoption of this Resolution and Order, to file certified copies thereof, in duplicate, in the office of the State Department of Audit and Control in Albany, New York, record same in

the office of the Clerk of the County in which the Town is located.

Section 6. This Resolution and Order shall take effect immediately.

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 122-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Martin  
**Seconded by:** Councilman Godlewski

**WHEREAS,** the State of New York requires each municipality to establish a standard work day for the purposes of reporting time worked for the members of the New York State and Local Retirement System; and

**WHEREAS,** State Law requires that the standard work day for elected and appointed officials be fixed at not less than six (6) hours per day; and

**WHEREAS,** the Office of the New York State Comptroller has updated its requirements for reporting standard work days of elected and appointed officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Glenville Town Board, through the attached form RS 2417-A Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution provided by the Office of the New York State Comptroller, hereby establishes the standard work days for the elected officials identified therein.

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

**Motion Carried**

Councilman Godlewski made a motion to remove the regular meeting held on May 20, 2020 from the resolution, seconded by Councilman Aragosa and only approve the special meeting held on June 3, 2020.

**Ayes:** Councilman Martin, Aragosa, Godlewski and Supervisor Koetzle  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Councilwoman Wierzbowski

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 123-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Godlewski  
**Seconded by:** Councilman Aragosa

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held on June 3, 2020 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

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

**Motion Carried**



**RESOLUTION NO. 124-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Godlewski  
**Seconded by:** Councilman Aragosa

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for May, 2020 as received from the following:

Assessors 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 Martin, Aragosa, Godlewski and Supervisor Koetzle  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Councilwoman Wierzbowski  
**Abstentions:** None

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Koetzle – “This, just to point out, is the project at the Senior Center that was in the budget. This is the one that we all talked about back in April or so that is just finishing the last piece for this Senior Center project and then it is over. Particularly because it came in so well under budget...

Councilman Aragosa – “How far under budget is it?”

Supervisor Koetzle – “We anticipated \$80,000, that’s what we budgeted for it so it is \$36,000. That helps a lot. That will complete the project.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 125-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Martin  
**Seconded by:** Councilman Godlewski

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Glenville has determined that for health and safety reasons the Scotia Glenville Senior Center Parking lot needs to be resurfaced, and

**WHEREAS**, six (6) bid(s) were received for this work, and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bid was submitted by New Castle Paving of 1 Madison St, Suite 100, Troy, NY 12180; and

**WHEREAS**, the paving of the senior center parking lot was included in the 2020 budget,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Supervisor to accept the lowest responsible bid as submitted by New Castle Paving of 1 Madison St, Suite 100, Troy, NY 12180, in the amount of \$36,121 for the paving of the Scotia Glenville Senior Center located at 32 Worden Rd., Glenville, NY.

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

**Motion Carried**

## **Discussion:**

Councilman Godlewski – “Mr. Supervisor, the reason I asked to separate the resolutions is as you recall during the meeting of May 20, 2020 there was a resolution brought before the board regarding monies being allocated to Indian Meadows Park for the repaving of the tennis courts. The resolution that was initially brought forward was amended to reflect that the \$40,000 allocation was actually money coming from the federal government. One of our County Legislatures was virtually in attendance during that meeting, it was County Legislature Osterlitz and she approached me after the meeting, I guess she approached you and I know she approached Councilman Aragosa regarding where the money was coming from. My understanding is that the money was coming from a bond that was done by Schenectady County. As far as making sure that the minutes...so I understand that doing this we are penalizing the minutes here but I am concerned with the fact that essentially the record would remain inaccurate and the minutes aren't an accurate reflection of the meeting that occurred but we go back and have an inaccuracy at that meeting. So, that is my issue and I want to make sure from my perspective as a member of this board as a recipient of money I have no real statement to gain as far as where the money comes from just happy to see the tennis courts being paved. I certainly want to make sure we are giving credit where credit is due. There should be something acknowledging that the resolution as it currently stands and was passed by the board is inaccurate.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “That's allegedly, you feel it is inaccurate based on one conversation with a County Legislature who I have had the same conversation. The problem I have is I have two legislatures who tell me the exact opposite story. So, two legislatures are telling me that it is coming from the federal government, that this is something that happens every four or six years, whatever they said. It comes to the counties for spending to the towns. Two legislatures said that when that money was first allocated. When it came on scene that's how it was presented to us and...

Councilman Martin – “So is this the case where the County is a pass through?”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Yes, exactly. Now we have one legislature who is saying something different, who I don't believe was there when this was actually, I don't believe she was there when this actually was awarded to the county. So, I'm not casting dispersions on her but I don't think we should cast dispersions on the other legislatures either. I think the county ought to get their fiscal house in order and figure out where their money is coming from and where their money is going before we go changing anything in our minutes. That's the information we were given when it came to us. I have a resident, actually I could bring a resident in under oath who was in on the conversation, an Alplaus resident who had the same information given to them and I believe we have a staff member who had the same information given to her. It is not us who are being inaccurate, it is us who are trying to clarify it. What I think we should do is accept our minutes and let the county provide proof and some indication of where their money is coming from and going. It seems like folks may not have a clear understanding on their board and they need to get that in order. We have a motion on accepting the minutes. Lack of any evidence either way the minutes stand, I would call a vote for the minutes as written.”

## **RESOLUTION NO. 126-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Godlewski

**Seconded by:** Councilman Aragosa

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on May 20, 2020 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

**Ayes:** Councilman Martin and Supervisor Koetzle

**Noes:** Councilman Aragosa and Councilman Godlewski

**Absent:** Councilwoman Wierzbowski

**Abstentions:** None

**Motion Defeated**

**New Business:**

Councilman Martin – “I just want to take this opportunity as Councilman Godlewski alluded to earlier about the times we are in. As one voting member of this board and a Councilman on this board I just want to offer my support and appreciation to our town police force. There has been a lot of discussion about building community into the police departments across the country and having them more closely aligned with the people that they serve. I just want to say I think that is already here and I think our police men and women do a fantastic job and I just so appreciate the work they do each and every day on behalf of the people in this community. They have my full support. I think it is important to come out and say that and not just take that for granite, I certainly do not. I think that it is a wonderful job that they do and I just want to make sure that point is made especially in this time because we are lucky and fortunate the have such fine men and women in those positions.

On the sales tax issue, I would like ask that that be brought up for a discussion item at one of our work sessions and a formal approach towards this community and this board taking a position as to what should happen with that agreement. I would like to involve topics such as - can we get a meeting with our county representatives here, invite them in to discuss this – can we look at the idea of a shorter term agreement especially in lieu of the unstable nature at these times in government revenues – where things stand with state or federal aid. All of those things are going to impact us so there is no need to set forth another twenty (20) year agreement in this current circumstance in my opinion, at least if not certainly more equitable more fair revenues coming to the townships in this county who bare the brunt of these impacts of the development who produce the sales tax revenue. I know what the state law is again, I get it, but as a practical matter it is not fair and it does not function in this county.”

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilman Martin, Seconded by Councilman Godlewski, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

ATTEST:

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Linda C. Neals  
Town Clerk