

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF GLENVILLE  
OCTOBER 21, 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:** None

Also present were Earl T. Redding, Attorney for the Town; Jason Cuthbert, Comptroller and Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Services

Supervisor Koetzle – “We have two (2) additions to the agenda. One addition is to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into an agreement for services to be rendered by Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling Services LLC, for the 2021 Bulk Item Program and the second addition is authorizing the Town Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. We don’t anticipate any board action when we reconvene the meeting..”

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Godlewski – “Early voting starts on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. There are four (4) sites available in Schenectady County, the main library on Clinton Street, South Schenectady Fire Department on Mariaville Road, Glenville Senior Center on Worden Road and Niskayuna Town Hall, Niskayuna Circle.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “I attended the virtual Traffic Safety Board meeting this afternoon. There was a long discussion about the truck traffic, I know over the years we have had occasion to put up many different weight limit signs limiting weight to 4 tons on county and local roads in the West Glenville area to try and discourage trucks from going over the roads there. Those roads are not generally built to handle tractor trailers. So, there was a discussion about putting more signs up and to try and discourage that traffic. One thing that did come out of the discussion is that Tom Melander is going to contact the Department of Transportation (DOT) and see if they would be willing to set up some sort of a truck inspection event, at least one of them coming up, so that possibly they would catch trucks that are overweight and that may have other violations and start enforcing weight limitations on those roads and see if we can’t give the residents some relief.

The only other thing that did come out of it is , schools are open, there is a lot more traffic in and around schools. There are a couple of locations around the schools where people are not slowing down fir for the school speed limits, not stopping at stop signs because they must be in a hurry. Just remind people to be cognizant of the fact that the school speed limits are there for a reason. If you have to slow down to 20 mph for a half a mile to make sure that the children and the parents who are entering and exiting parking lots are safe. Please be mindful of the other drivers on the road.”

Councilman Martin – “We had another virtual meeting of the Code Revision Committee a week or two ago. One thing that is coming to us due to the interest for large solar projects we are looking at methods that might be appropriate to deal with the regulation of such projects. We did change the code several years ago to accommodate residential scale solar but given our attributes here in terms of having major transmission lines and sub-stations in the community. We are one of the likely spots for the location of these larger facilities so we are looking at ways we can get proactively out in front of this and regulate these to our advantage. We are just starting these early discussions.

I'd like to thank our police men and women for their service here in our community and constantly keeping us safe."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Item No. 5 on the agenda is a public hearing to consider any objections which may be made to the Assessment Roll for Water District No. 11 and Extension Nos. 10 through 50.

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM

No one wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 7:11 PM.

Supervisor Koetzle – "Item No. 6 on the agenda is a public hearing to consider any objections which may be made to the assessment Roll for Sewer District No. 9 and Extension No. 7.

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM.

No one wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 7:13 PM.

Supervisor Koetzle – "Item No. 7 on the agenda is a public hearing to consider any objections which may be made to the Assessment Roll for Alplaus Sewer District No. 1.

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 7:14 PM.

No one wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 7:15 PM.

Supervisor Koetzle – "Item No. 8 on the agenda is a public hearing to consider any objections which may be made to the Assessment Roll for Sewer District No. 2.

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 7:16 PM

No one wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at 7:17 PM.

No one wished to exercise the Privilege of the Floor

#### Supervisor's Comments

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following information:

Supervisor Koetzle – "Halloween is not cancelled in the Town of Glenville. We have a resolution on the agenda tonight for our "Safe Halloween" which we pass every year. It really isn't a town event so it didn't seem appropriate for the town to cancel an event that is not ours. It really should be left for each person's own discretion.

Councilwoman Wierzbowski talked a little bit about the Traffic Safety. I just want to let residents know that we are very aware every time that bridge gets hit. I want to thank all of the people for their calls and their emails. We are very aware of the situation, it's not a Town of Glenville solution. We are working hard; we have been working hard with the Department of Transportation (DOT). Melissa and I have been in contact with engineers at DOT yet again. DOT is adamant that signage does not work and I intend to agree because it is "signed up" as good as it is going to get and it just isn't working. So, there are very few options for us at this particular juncture. We have laser systems that will trip but it is very expensive, it's newer technology that if a truck is coming towards the bridge a laser beam would get broken and send off lights at the bridge and stop the truck. The problem with that is the truck is already in a compromised position. The opportunity was missed years ago when they rebuilt the bridge and they didn't raise the tracks and

there is just now way around that. That was a lost opportunity. Melissa and I talked about trying to find funding to pay for raising the tracks. It's millions upon millions of dollars and there is not a lot of money out there right now. We are working on it but it doesn't seem like there is an easy solution to that particular issue.

The Air National Guard is part of the Federal Government. The Town of Glenville does not, just because they are hosted in our town, the Town of Glenville does not have authority over national defense or the Federal Government. If they decide to fly their planes at 3:00 AM then they decide to fly their planes at 3:00 AM. I cannot do anything about that, the Board members cannot do anything about that and the Town of Glenville cannot do anything about that. We do have a good relationship with the Air National Guard, we talk with the Air National Guard, we try to get them to be more mindful of some of the residents concerns when planes are flying at 11:00 at night but they do not have to abide by our noise ordinance, they do not have to abide by anything. We do have to understand that when we talk about these things they are doing night flights because they are training for night flights. They have to have a certain number of hours in a plane at night time. It just is a fact of life that we have to live with. They remind be and I remind the residents that they were there before most of the homes were here. We just have to acknowledge that. I built my home fifteen (15) years ago apparently in a flight path. I did not realize that when I built my house but I did and that is just the way it is. I feel your pain, we all hear planes, but the federal government doesn't answer to the Town of Glenville.

I just want to acknowledge the good work of Vicki Hillis and the folks in the park and all the great work they have been doing to get these pavilions done before the snow flies. There is one in Indian Meadows and one in Maalwyck Park.”

Supervisor Koetzle moved ahead with the agenda.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 178-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilwoman Wierzbowski

**Seconded by:** Councilman Martin

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Tentative Budget for the Town of Glenville was filed with the Town Clerk on September 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tentative Budget was presented to the members of the Town Board of the Town of Glenville by the Town Clerk on September 30, 2020 and again at a regular meeting of said board, held on October 7, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has had the opportunity to discuss the Tentative Budget and any changes, alterations and revisions thereto as the members considered advisable and consistent with law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tentative Budget as modified by the Town Board shall become the Preliminary Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 108 of the Town Law requires that a public hearing be held by the board on said Preliminary Budget, on or before the Thursday immediately following the General Election;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2021 Tentative Budget as presented is hereby adopted as the 2021 Preliminary Budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Glenville that a public hearing upon said preliminary budget shall be held at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, in said Town on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as can be reached; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to prepare the proper notice of said public hearing and to publish and post said

notice in accordance with said Section 108 of the Town Law; and

**BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to have five (5) copies produced of the Preliminary Budget for public distribution and another five (5) copies should the need arise.

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 179-2020**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville, New York, retained The Bonadio Group, Certified Public Accountants, to complete an independent audit of the Town's financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the audit of the Town's financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 was completed on October 5, 2020 and was presented to the Town Board on October 14, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby approves and formally accepts the Town of Glenville independently audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, prepared by The Bonadio Group, Certified Public Accountants, 6 Wembley Court, Albany NY.

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 180-2020**

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

**WHEREAS**, a Member of the Town Board of the Town of Glenville is introducing "A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF GLENVILLE, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF GLENVILLE, CHAPTER 27, "CODE OF ETHICS"; 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, November 4, 2020 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 27, "Code of Ethics" 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 and publish the proper public notice of said hearing in accordance with law

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 181-2020**

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

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this resolution to keep Halloween a safe day for the children trick or treating in Glenville,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the time Halloween is to be celebrated within the Town of Glenville is from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, October 31, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Police be and he hereby is authorized to print notices of "**Safe Saturday Halloween**" and have them distributed to the Neighborhood Watch Groups, schools, churches, newspapers and at any other locations deemed appropriate.

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 182-2020**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on October 7, 2020 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 183-2020**

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

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

Assessors Department

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

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION NO. 184-2020**

**Moved by:** Councilman Aragosa  
**Seconded by:** Councilwoman Wierzbowski

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board of the Town of Glenville authorized bids for the 2021 Residential Curbside Large Trash Collection program in the town; and

**WHEREAS,** Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling of Clifton Park, NY submitted the lowest responsible bid to provide the residential curbside large trash collection and disposal services required by the bid documents; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town will conduct the 2021 Residential Curbside Large Trash Collection in the Spring; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commissioner of Public Works recommends that the contract for residential curbside large trash collection and disposal service be awarded to Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling Service, LLC and the Town Supervisor concurred in such recommendation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby awards the 2021 Residential Curbside Large Trash Collection contract to Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling Services LLC at the low bid price of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars and 00 cents (\$51,750.00) for tonnage up to 350 tons. All tonnage over 350 tons shall be \$90 per ton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling Services LLC for the 2021 Residential Curbside Large Trash Collection with this expense be charged to budget line BB-000-4192 in the 2021 Town Budget.

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

**Motion Carried**

New Business:

Councilman Aragosa – “Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Flight Line Club will have a fund raiser for needy families.”

Supervisor Koetzle made a motion to amend the resolution to read: “the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby adjourns into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular person in the Highway Department”

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski  
Seconded by Councilman Martin

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

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 185-2020**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby adjourns into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular person in the Highway Department.

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

**Motion Carried**

Supervisor Koetzle adjourned this portion of the meeting at 7:30 PM and entered into Executive Session.

Time being 7:50 PM; Supervisor Koetzle reconvened the meeting no action was taken.

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Seconded by Councilman Martin, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

ATTEST:

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Linda C. Neals  
Town Clerk