

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
NOVEMBER 18, 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

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Godlewski – “I attended the Veterans Day Ceremony last Wednesday. It is always a very solemn and patriotic event. It makes you proud to be an American and proud to live in this country. Who knows where we are headed with the recent upticks in COVID but my wife and I took our daughter to ESAM for the first time this past weekend. There are portions of the museum that are shut down but there is still a lot going on there. If you have an opportunity check it out.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “I wish the residents and my fellow board members a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.”

Councilman Martin – “We had our monthly Code Revision Committee meeting last Tuesday and we received a report from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, it was a slide presentation about the work being done on a section of Route 50 from Freemans Bridge Road to Town Center. They have the report drafted; it will be coming out in final form. It is going to suggest some improvements both in infrastructure and land use along the section of the route. One of the most notably principle recommendations is going to be is the round-a-bout at Freemans Bridge Road and Route 50. I will have more information as that gets finalized.”

Councilman Aragosa – “I also attended the Veterans Day Celebration. It had a little extra meaning as my son is going to be coming home soon from a tour in Kuwait and we are going to have him home for Christmas. I want to thank him and his fellow comrades.

The highway crews are out picking up leaves. They have completed one pass through the town and out for a second time.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Item No. 5 on the agenda is a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the proposed local law to amend Chapter 270, Article IV, “Districts and Boundaries” of the Code of the Town of Glenville.”

Melissa Cherubino, Director of Community Development – “We took out the requirement for conditional use permit as part of the planning review process approval on a number of applications for restaurants, riverfront recreation, things like an RV Park things that we have kind of expected that would take place in these districts and we felt that the two step process was too cumbersome for businesses and support businesses that we would streamline it by just allowing them to go through the site plan review process.”

Supervisor Koetzle opened the public hearing at 7:07 PM

No one wished to speak; Supervisor Koetzle closed the public hearing at

7:08 PM

Supervisor Koetzle – “Item No. 6 on the agenda is a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the proposed local law to amend Chapter 270, “Zoning” Article IX, “sign Requirements” of the Code of the Town of Glenville.”

Melissa Cherubino – “This is a similar house cleaning item. We had just passed new sign zone requirements and we found in implementing it that some of the size requirements were so different from what we had before or they were complicated for people I understand, we want to streamline, which was the intent. We have a nice streamline sign regulation otherwise but just a few tweaks made it a little more user friendly.”

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 7 on the agenda is a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the proposed local law to amend Chapter 270, “Zoning” Attachment I “Dimensional Regulations” to the Code of the Town of Glenville.”

Melissa Cherubino – “We have a table that lists all of the permitted uses and all the zoning districts and it did not include the new Freemans Bridge Zoning District. It still had where two-family homes were allowed in a suburban-residential area so we removed that out of the Freemans Bridge Road Zoning District. Just another house cleaning item.”

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 8 on the agenda is a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the proposed local law to amend Chapter 270, “Zoning Section J “Yard Requirements” to the Code of the Town of Glenville.”

Melissa Cherubino – “This one is just about trucks in someone’s yard. Our code was restricting one-ton trucks from residential parcels and unfortunately pickup trucks now weigh that much so we were trying to create an exemption for pickup trucks that are passenger vehicles.”

Councilman Martin – “This is allowing for larger vehicles that reflect the larger sizes that more and more people are using as passenger vehicles or it may be part of their business but they come home at night in that vehicle.”

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. 9 on the agenda is a public hearing in relation to liens on parcels of real property listed on Schedule A for cutting of grass, brush and weeds and administrative fees pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Code of the Town of Glenville.”

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 Koetzle shared the following information:

I think you all saw in your emails, that working with Deputy Supervisor Godlewski, Earl and the department heads. We did sign a new Executive Order today; it does change the way we are going to be conducting business at least probably through the end of the year. We made that decision based on data, as you all saw, as the uptick in the County continues. We are more than double the positive test rate we were at when we opened back in May so it seemed prudent to now make these decisions to kind of retrench and go back to where we were back in March and April. We will be closing all of our indoor facilities, parks are still open, it does include the Senior Center and Town Hall to the general public. There are going to be situations where we bring people in by appointment. This will protect our residents and employees as best we can and still trying to deliver all of the services that we provide. Court will remain open and will be limiting it to twenty-five people. We are encouraging people to do business through the mail, email, phone, and on-line. All non-essentials can work from home at the discretion of the department head. We will continue to monitor the situation and where we stand through the holidays. I anticipate no change through the end of the year and then January brings a whole new set of challenges because we will have our tax bills out in January and we have a lot of visitors come in to pay their taxes. Late December we will have to decide if we are going to make those bills only payable by mail, drop box or on-line. You can use an e-check feature, there is a slight fee for that, 1.75%. We are talking about potentially waving that fee for folks who want to use the e-check feature this year. I am also concerned about the senior low-income exemption renewal. Every year they have to come in and show their tax returns for the exemption. We wrote a letter to the Governor joining the Assessor's Association to ask him to sign an executive order to waive that requirement this year so that those folks don't come in. They can mail if they like but many of them don't have copiers at home so they come here and we make copies for them, they have questions, they need help filling out the paper work. We want to avoid all of that and keep them home.

Small Business Saturday is November 28th. We are really pushing in an ad campaign that the Town just launched that folks support small businesses through this entire holiday season and beyond.

We are having a reverse parade on December 19th. A reverse parade is when you drive through and we have implements sitting there that are decorated. It is like a festival of lights drive through event. We have the department of public works, fire departments, police, Bring Back the Magic which was performed at the Glenville Funeral Home this summer.

I want to thank Melissa for all of her hard work, the Mohawk Hudson Bike construction project is moving forward we are just waiting on the contracts. We are finally going to be able to start the reconstruction of that trail between Freemans Bridge Road and Schonowee Ave. We are working with the Village on this.

The Sacandaga School pedestrian trail as you know we will be hiring the consultant on tonight's agenda. That work will start and that is another one that will get engineered over the winter and hopefully get in the ground for that to be done in the spring.

I will be introducing along with Councilman Martin, a large-scale solar energy farm overlay district. The Glenville Environmental Conservation Commission (GECC) will be taking that up on November 30th. Planning Board will be taking it up as a referral back to the Town Board but as you recall we dealt with the residential solar a couple of years ago and we were always going to deal with large scale commercial solar and then we kind of got sidetracked with COVID-19. I want to get back to it. You will probably be seeing it at a work session in early January by the time it comes back from the Planning Board and GECC. It is an opportunity to take an adequate size parcel that is located near a substation in particular, and otherwise would be difficult to develop and bring it back onto the tax roll and make it profitable and also promote green energy here in the Town of Glenville. We have two substations here in the Town of Glenville which is very important

to this project, one on Washington and one on Swaggertown.

I want to thank Vicki Hillis for all of her work, the two park pavilions are going up at an amazing speed. One in Indian Meadows and one in Maalwyck Park.

I attended the Veterans Day celebration. Rotary does a good job. We were able to, working with Rotary and veteran's groups here in the Town of Glenville, secure funding for a program that the veterans have been trying to put together for some time now and that is the Veteran's Banners, "Your Hometown Hero" banners. Mohawk Honda presented us with a commitment to pay for those banners here in Town Center. By Memorial Day of next year, we will have those banners."

Supervisor Koetzle moved ahead with the agenda.

Discussion...

Councilman Godlewski – "I would just like to comment briefly on what will become the final budget. I just wanted to note that I have reviewed it, myself and Councilman Aragosa spoke at length and the budget is a solid road map to help us, help the town and its residents navigate what are difficult times. In talking with Councilman Aragosa be mindful of the fact that we are an unprecedented time in our history. There is significance in signaling to our residents that we as a town and town government are here, we are working for you and we are mindful of the fact that these are difficult financial times for everybody. There are a lot of positives in this budget. The tax decrease in that residents in the Village will see under town taxes, the tax rate staying under 1% against the levy increase staying at about 1.5%. There are principles in this budget that myself and Councilman Aragosa have advocated for in the past. The reliance on fund balance that this budget has is reasonable. I just wanted to share those comments and thank our comptroller for his work on it and all that were involved in putting it together."

Councilman Martin – "I would somewhat like to echo that thought. I think this is a very solid budget. It's a very difficult time and the idea that there were no layoffs and we are staying within the tax cap those among many other principles that have been logged in our budgetary process. I want to thank Jason for his work on it, all of the department heads and Chris as the fiscal officer. I think it is a very good budget. What is a testament to that is the silence from the public going forward. It is a good tool for us and I applaud all of those who put so much hard work in it."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Jason and I start working on the budget in July and then start working with department heads and this year was a particular challenge. We went into it with a lot of unknowns and a lot of concerns. We had to deal with a drop in revenue, we had to deal with increased costs. This budget could only be in the shape that it is because of the work that we have done for twelve (12) years and the things we did to get in a position to have such a strong budget. The tax rate is fairly low we could have gone to 2% but I told Jason we need to give our residents some relief. We need to be prudent and understand that we are going into a fairly uncertain year with revenues and with costs. We still don't have a clear picture on of where we are going to stand with that. This budget also reduces our debt by almost one million dollars, which is a huge goal of ours every year. In twelve years, we have reduced our debt by over twelve million dollars. We did allocate more fund balance; we did think it was important but not overly we only went up about \$165,000 of more than we were using. We are seeing other towns using 1.5 – 1.6 million. We absorbed all of the cuts that we believe we are going to see this year and we absorbed all the new costs that we thought we would see this year. We absorbed \$250,000 in new retirement sick leave payouts which is huge. We are still able to make some investments, capital projects, Dawson Bridge Road replacement, a new excavator, additional paving, another \$150,000 in paving on top of what we may get in CHIPS. We did that this year; we allocated another \$150,000 and we were able to do Scotch-Bush Road. This year we are going to look at Glen Oaks and get that done as well. It absorbs a lot and I think it is a good solid budget and the tax cut for those residents in the Village is a good thing."

RESOLUTION NO. 203-2020

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the 2021 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Glenville was filed with the Town Clerk on October 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville has met and considered the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and conducted a public hearing thereon on November 4, 2020 as required by Town Law §108; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2021 Preliminary Budget is hereby adopted and established as the 2021 Final Adopted Budget for the Town of Glenville for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2021; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2021 Final Adopted Budget shall be spread upon the minutes of this Town Board Meeting in its entirety and the Town Clerk shall prepare and certify as provided by law, duplicate copies of the said 2021 Final Adopted Budget hereby adopted and deliver one of such copies to the Supervisor of the Town and one copy to the County Legislature of the County of Schenectady as required by law.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

INSERT 2021 BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 204-2020

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works of the Town of Glenville has filed a report in writing with the Town Board of the Town of Glenville containing his actions regarding properties cited by the Building Inspector and/or Code Enforcement Officer for violations of Chapter 99 "Brush, Grass and Weeds" of the Code of the Town of Glenville during calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works of the Town of Glenville has reported that the brush, grass and weeds at each of the cited properties exceeded 10 inches in height at each of the cited locations in violation of Chapter 99 of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner caused each of the Property Owners, to be notified in accordance with Section 99-2 of the Code of the Town of Glenville of the requirement to bring their property into compliance with Section 99-1 of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners listed on the attached Schedule "A" having taken no steps to cut the brush, grass and/or weeds at the listed premises within

the time period provided in the notice served, requiring the Commissioner to cause the brush, grass and weeds to be cut and removed at town expense; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner caused each of the Property Owners listed to be sent a bill for the removal of the brush, grass and weeds from the listed properties, plus the administrative fees provided for by Chapter 99 of the Code of the Town of Glenville and such charges and fees for the properties listed below remain wholly unpaid; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville adopted a resolution calling for a public hearing on November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York to hear all persons interested regarding the proposed imposition of a lien upon the listed properties for the charges and fees stated; and

WHEREAS, having heard all persons at the public hearing held on this matter and after due deliberation thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GLENVILLE HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT:

1. Brush, grass and weeds of a height in excess of 10 inches were found on the listed properties on the dates cited by the Building Inspector and/or Code Enforcement Officer.
2. That the Commissioner of Public Works of the Town of Glenville notified each property owner, in the manner provided by Town Code section 99-2, of the nature of the violations thereon and demanded that the brush, grass and weeds be cut and removed as required by Chapter 99 of the Code.
3. That the brush, grass and weeds were not cut or removed from the listed properties prior to the dates required by the notices given.
4. The brush, grass and weeds on the listed properties were caused to be cut and removed by the Commissioner of Public Works at town expense.
5. That the Town Board adopted a resolution calling for a public hearing regarding the proposed imposition of liens for the unpaid charges and fees associated with the cutting and removal of brush grass and weeds from the listed properties.
6. That the Town Board held the aforementioned public hearing on November 18, 2020 and heard all persons interested in addressing the Board on this issue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that inasmuch as the property owners listed on Schedule "A" attached hereto have failed to comply with the requirements of Chapter 99 of the Code of the Town of Glenville within the deadlines established therein, the Town was authorized and empowered (by virtue of the provisions of the Town Code, Town Law, the New York State Property Maintenance Code, and other applicable provisions of law), to enter upon the premises and to cause the brush, grass and weeds to be cut and removed. The total expense of such work and removal shall be assessed by the Town Board on the property, and the expense so assessed shall constitute a lien and charge on the property on which it is levied until paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged and shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges.

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

Motion Carried

Discussion...

Councilman Godlewski – “I want to thank everybody who participated in this process. Going back to August when the draft proposal was made and to get us here tonight with it with the final result. I want to thank the residents who were involved, people who attended meetings, people who reached out by sending letters to the town, sent letters to board members. The end result here is a testament to democracy and democratic process. The end result is a fair law, it’s a law that doesn’t specifically target and particular group, any particular person, any particular form of work. It gives Glenville a better ethics code. I also want to specifically acknowledge Reverend Milleville on the Board of Ethics, CSEA Regional, teachers’ unions and a number of others who played a part in helping us get to this point.”

Councilman Martin – “I also want to thank all of the people who were involved in the process. This provides the guard lines that we need to have a more honest and more ethical government going forward here at the local level here in the town. We have to start rutting out these double standards of crossover employment so to speak. People working for county governments or local governments and also trying to hold these elected positions, you cannot have two masters. I personally have seen cases where there’s party involved, political involvement cross over into these positions and that’s just not right. We need to put up the guard rails to prevent that and this is a step in the right direction.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “I will echo the comments of both of my colleagues. This is a good, fair law. It’s been a good, fair law since it was first proposed a year or year and one half ago. It’s gone through a strong process of comment and reflection and advisement. We listened to everybody. We want to thank CSEA leadership for giving me the opportunity to talk with them, to sit with them, to listen to their concerns, for them to listen to my concerns, our concerns and to come together on an agreement that everybody feels is effective and fair. It does exactly what the first version did, it does what the second version did and we achieve the same goals but we got there listening to people and doing what we needed to do to make people feel comfortable with this. This is an important positive for the Town of Glenville. Passing an ethics reform, making our ethics law tougher and putting teeth into it and updating it to where our sister communities are is a positive thing for our residents. It was too important to do without making sure everybody felt comfortable with it.”

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2020

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the citizens and businesses of the Town of Glenville are entitled to have fair, ethical and accountable local government which has earned the public’s full confidence; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Town of Glenville’s commitment to excellence, all officers and employees must comply with both the letter and spirit of the laws and policies affecting the operation of government; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville Town Board has determined that adoption of a local law to amend Chapter 27 “Code of Ethics” of the Code of the Town of Glenville will assist in achieving these ends; and

WHEREAS, proposed local law to amend Chapter 27 “Code of Ethics” of the Code of the Town of Glenville shall serve as a guide for official conduct of the officers and employees of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm to hear all persons interested in a proposed local law to amend Chapter 27 “Code of Ethics” of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town

of Glenville hereby adopts Local Law No. 16 of 2020 to amend Chapter 27 “Code of Ethics” of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rules of ethical conduct of this proposed local law, as adopted, shall not conflict with, but shall be in addition to any prohibition of article eighteen of the General Municipal Law or any other general or special law relating to ethical conduct and interest in contracts of Town officers and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local law shall take effect twenty (20) days after filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 206-2020

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is proposing a Local Law (a copy of which is attached) that amends Article IV, “Districts and Boundaries”, for the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this section is to communicate to property owners the requirements for districts and boundaries in the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the Glenville Town Board has determined that this code amendment constitutes a “Type II Action” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(2) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in that it involves a clarification of an existing section of the zoning code; and

WHEREAS, New York State Town Law and the Code of the Town of Glenville, require that the Town Board hold a public hearing before a code amendment or a local law may be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville held a public hearing with respect to the zoning code amendment on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place were heard all persons interested in the amendment of Article IV, “Districts and Boundaries”, for the Code of the Town of Glenville,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville does hereby adopt Local Law #17 of 2020 amending Article IV, “Districts and Boundaries”, of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local law shall take effect twenty (20) days after filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

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

Noes: None

Absents: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 207-2020

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is proposing a Local Law (a copy of which is attached) that amends Article IX, "Sign Requirements", for the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this section is to communicate to property owners the requirements for sign installations in the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the Glenville Town Board has determined that this code amendment constitutes a "Type II Action" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(2) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in that it involves a clarification of an existing section of the zoning code; and

WHEREAS, New York State Town Law and the Code of the Town of Glenville, require that the Town Board hold a public hearing before a code amendment or a local law may be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville held a public hearing with respect to the zoning code amendment on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place were heard all persons interested in the amendment of Article IX, "Sign Requirements", for the Code of the Town of Glenville,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby adopts Local Law No. 18 of 2020 amending Article IX, "Sign Requirements", of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local law shall take effect twenty (20) days after filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

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

Noes: None

Absents: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 208-2020

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is proposing a Local Law (a copy of which is attached) that amends Section 270 Attachment I, "Dimensional Regulations", for the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this section is to communicate to property owners the requirements for dimensional regulations in the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the Glenville Town Board has determined that this code amendment constitutes a "Type II Action" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part

617.4(b)(2) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in that it involves a clarification of an existing section of the zoning code; and

WHEREAS, New York State Town Law and the Code of the Town of Glenville, require that the Town Board hold a public hearing before a code amendment or a local law may be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville held a public hearing with respect to the zoning code amendment on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place were heard all persons interested in the amendment of Section 270 Attachment I, "Dimensional Regulations", for the Code of the Town of Glenville,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville does hereby establish a Local Law No. 19 of 2020 amending Section 270 Attachment I, "Dimensional Regulations", of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local law shall take effect twenty (20) days after filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 209-2020

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is proposing a Local Law (a copy of which is attached) that amends Section 270-7J, "Yard Requirements", for the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this section is to communicate to property owners the requirements for yard requirements in the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the Glenville Town Board has determined that this code amendment constitutes a "Type II Action" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.4(b)(2) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act in that it involves a clarification of an existing section of the zoning code; and

WHEREAS, New York State Town Law and the Code of the Town of Glenville, require that the Town Board hold a public hearing before a code amendment or a local law may be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville held a public hearing with respect to the zoning code amendment on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place were heard all persons interested in the amendment of Section 270-7J, "Yard Requirements", for the Code of the Town of Glenville,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville does hereby adopts Local Law #20 of 2020 amending Section 270-7J, "Yard Requirements", of the Code of the Town of Glenville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this local Law shall take effect twenty (20) days after filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 210-2020

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2020 a Town of Glenville water meter cracked and failed in the home owned by Alma Ehle located at 400 Rector Road, resulting in flooding throughout the basement of the home causing significant damage; and

WHEREAS, upon discovery of the damage, Ms. Ehle promptly contacted the Town of Glenville Water Department, which sent an employee to inspect the damage and confirm that the cracked meter was at fault; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ehle was reimbursed \$4,817.61 by her insurance company for losses, the claim consisting of total losses of \$5,817.61 less a \$1,000 deductible; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ehle subsequently filed a claim with the Town of Glenville seeking only reimbursement of her \$1,000 insurance deductible; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels it is reasonable to reimburse the homeowner for her insurance deductible given that the Town-owned water meter cracked and failed, causing damage to the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes payment of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Alma Ehle to settle a claim against the Town of Glenville for costs incurred due to damage from a defective water meter which caused damage at 400 Rector Road on or about August 12, 2020, with said payment to be made upon receipt of a general release from Ms. Ehle in favor of the Town of Glenville and its agents, officials, officers, and employees in a form approved by the Attorney for the Town.

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

Motion Carried

Discussion...

Supervisor Koetzle – “I was called, I was made aware of this issue maybe last fall and I went down there and I stood in the street with the PTA members. The first thing I said was “we have got to fix this”. I just want to thank everybody involved in making sure that we got this grant. I know we are shooting for a pie in the sky but it came through. There are two other components to this grant but because of COVID we pulled back and frankly we have partners for the other two components that we have to talk with and they have to be ready to come along and they are not. Glencliff piece in

Alplaus and the Burnt Hills piece on Lake Hill Road, both are county roads so we need the county but because of COVID we had to take one component at a time. We couldn't do them all. So, we are going to start with Sacandaga School because it is really the one that gets impacted most immediately with those kids on the streets. I want to thank everybody for their great work on this. We hope to be in the ground by September."

RESOLUTION NO. 211-2020

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville published a Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding survey and design of a sidewalk on Broad Street to provide students with a safe pedestrian path to Sacandaga Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, a committee was convened to review submissions that included staff working in the Building Department, Planning Department and Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville received proposals from four firms – namely Prime AE Group Inc, Barton & Loguidice, DDP, CME LLP, and CLA Site PC; and

WHEREAS, on metrics that include schedule, experience, capacity and price Prime AE Group ranked highest amongst the four,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Prime AE Group Inc for \$23,000 to survey ROW on Broad Street and design an ADA compliant sidewalk for safe pedestrian access to Sacandaga Elementary School;

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 212-2020

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on November 4, 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. 213-2020

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for October,

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

New Business:

Councilman Godlewski – “I wish everybody a very Happy Thanksgiving. Encouraged everyone to be smart and mindful during the holidays.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “I wanted to just remind everybody that right after Thanksgiving Toys for Tots will be collecting toys this year.”

Councilman Martin – “I would like to remind everyone to shop at small businesses this year.”

Councilman Aragosa – “Happy Thanksgiving to everybody. Thank you Mr. Supervisor for getting out in front of what is going on with the recent uptick.”

Supervisor Koetzle – ‘This decision wasn’t easy. It was a difficult decision. It was a good decision in May. We want to try and protect people as much as possible. Thank you to our staff. Our staff has done an absolutely stellar job through this entire thing to where we are right now. They rolled with the punches, they did everything I had asked them to do, they have changed up things. They have gotten together and found new ways of figuring things out. I am just very proud of them. I am very upset that we are not able to give them the luncheon we normally give because we can’t just do that but know that our appreciation is there. With them we couldn’t have done any of this. I hope everybody has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.”

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilman Martin, Seconded by Councilwoman Wierzbowski, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

ATTEST:

Linda C. Neals
Town Clerk