

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
MARCH 3, 2021
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, Michael R. Godlewski and Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

Absent: None

Also present were Earl T. Redding, Attorney for the Town and Steve Janik, Chief of Police

Town Council Reports:

Council Godlewski – “I attended the food pantry held in Collins Park last week. It was put on by the Schenectady Foundation, Regional Food Bank, Price Chopper donated some food and also Beukendaal Lodge. The food pantry served close to 1,500 cars. We would like to put together one in the town. The need is certainly there.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “I attended, virtually, the Fire Chiefs Association meeting last week. The majority of their members are just about all vaccinated. This is allowing them to begin in-person training again. Still practicing social distancing. It is very difficult to do training for the fire service virtually.”

Councilman Martin – “I would like to thank the committee that worked on the draft plan for the police department. I would also like to extend my thanks to Chief Janik. Being a planner and having done a lot of these reports I respect the effort that’s made and the work that went into it. I want to thank all of the people that contributed to this plan. The results are the most important think and it shows clearly the respect of our police department is high in the community as it should be, they do great work and I just want to extend thanks to everybody that was involved in it and express my admiration for the members of the department.”

Councilman Aragosa – “Just to elaborate a little bit on what Mike had to say. I am really happy with the number of volunteers that turned out. Over a third of the people who turned out were from the Scotia/Glenville area.

I did have a meeting with the GECC/Tree Board. There is some work identifying trees going on in the parks. The GECC at our next meeting will be looking at a solar project that is happening on Freemans Bridge.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Actually I will report on that and it will be on the work session next week because it is a PDD so it will end up coming to this board.

Next we have a presentation of the draft Police Reform Report. The Chief and I will take you through this at a higher level. The intent here, because there is a lot of information, is to get a good understanding from a comprehensive point of view and then ask everybody to take some time to read it. We will be in our two (2) week public comment period after tonight. It will be posted to the website www.townofglenville.org on our homepage as a pdf for our residents. They will have an opportunity to respond to it through the email we set up pdreform@townofglenville.org or there will be an opportunity at our March 17th meeting to speak publicly on it.

Supervisor Koetzle gave an introduction, Chief Janik gave more detailed information and the Supervisor went over the survey results.

(The entire presentation is available on the town's website www.townofglenville.org go to Boards and Committees/Town Board.

No one wished to exercise the privilege of the floor.

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following the information:

I had an opportunity in the past week to meet with the architects of the Yates Mansion revitalization project. Tom and I were discussing the next steps on that project and what we would do now that the windows are in. We are looking at where we would move next and what funding source we might want to reach out to, to help with that. Most of our expenditures on that house has been through funding sources outside of the town but those are drying up a little bit during the COVID world so we will see where that goes this year.

I had the opportunity to meet with the owners of Bruno Machinery. As you know they moved here from Troy about three (3) years. They brought some jobs, a new tax base in the Airport Park.. Ray Gillen and Metroplex did a wonderful job recruiting them here. They are looking to expand and we are very excited about that. Even though they have the site plan in for their expansion they are already talking about a second expansion. So, it's really kind of neat what happens here in Glenville, people don't realize the things that are made but they make large die-cutting machines. They sell these products to companies that make jigsaw puzzles and a whole bunch of different things.

Melissa and I had an opportunity to meet with Spectrum Cable to discuss a new franchise agreement which has been long overdue. We had a good discussion, John and Courtney from our legal team. We started by setting up the parameters of what we wanted the new agreement to look like. Had some discussion about ways to drive new revenue. We will continue that as we go forward.

Tom Coppola, Melissa and myself, along with Councilman Godlewski had an opportunity to meet with the Department of Transportation (DOT) through a virtual meeting. I characterized it as a good positive call. There was a lot of things talked about on that but I think the biggest take away for me was that I felt we got as close as a commitment as you are going to get on a potential laser system to help deter the strikes. There was a little shift in the conversation, it's always a revenue problem, it's always a funding problem to it's probably going to get funded and we will probably move forward by the end of 2022. They did shoot down my idea of a truck route. I'm not giving up on that yet, I am going to continue to try to pursue that with the municipalities. I had a good conversation with Schenectady County on that. We need their help obviously, we need the City of Schenectady, we need Clifton Park, Saratoga County but we really think a truck route is another really good opportunity to prevent the truck from even getting near the bridge and that's important. They had a lot of reasons why they didn't like that but some of them I felt were insurmountable and I think we are going to still try to pursue that.

Court has reopened. We are taking a few at a time. They are taking fifteen (15) at a time right now and that will ramp up as they go forward in. We are starting to get back to a little bit of our normal operations. Town Hall is opened as of Monday and I think that has been going fairly well. Residents have been respectful as they always have been through this whole think.

I mentioned that I had a zoom meeting with the County leaders. Mr. Gardner was on a call, our three (3) legislatures Michelle Osterlitz, Sarah May Pratt and Cathy Gatta. I want to thank all of them for their leadership on this but we are working hard to get the Alplaus sidewalk project off the ground. The legislatures and the County are working with us, it is a county road so obviously they will be putting out the RFP for the design. There is a little bit of a glitch. There is some discussion on what side of the road it should be on, north or south, the county favors the south, the town favors the north and I think the Alplaus Residents Association (ARA) favors the north and the grant was written for the north so we are going to have to smooth through that and try and

figure out which is best for that sidewalk. A little bit of glitch we are going to have to talk through is if it is concrete or asphalt? The grant pays for asphalt but I think most people favor concrete. There will have to be some discussion on that because that will be a cost driver if they switch to concrete.

I want to mention that the Broad Street sidewalk is out to bid. We are very excited. We should be in the ground as soon as the snow melts on that one and we will have a safe way to Sacandaga School. Lake Hill Road for Burnt Hills is in the request for proposal (RFP) process for design and I believe that will get going as well with the Alplaus one and we will still be able to probably have a summer project for the sidewalks.

I am meeting with the Boy Scouts tomorrow. It is my first in person meeting with Boy Scouts. I have been doing that, it's part of our outreach, I do that typically and last year it has been on zoom. I am excited to get back out into the actual den and talk with the scouts about community service.

I am excited and very proud that the town has launched a new program with our seniors, it's the tax assistance program. As many of you know the town has always provided this service through our Senior Center working with AARP. It was cancelled this year do to COVID. That left a lot of our seniors scrambling. Vicki has been receiving and I have received some of them, a number of calls from people looking for help. Particularly our lower income resident seniors who need to file a tax return to get their property exemptions. We were able to go out and find a donor, Mohawk Honda is putting \$5,000 into the program and we are taking care of at least fifty (50) of the three-hundred (300) in need. There is more of a need for donors so if you are out there we can use more help on this. More people need their taxes done and I am excited that it is another senior program that we were able to put together for our seniors.

Next week Vicki and I will be meeting with DEC. We will be talking about getting their attention back on some brownfields here within the Town of Glenville. They started out very strong for us, they shifted their focus elsewhere. Hoosick Falls mainly, that has kind of come under control and so we are going to try and get back in their ear to come back to Freemans Bridge Road and some other properties here in the town for the brownfield.

Councilman Aragosa mentioned the PDD on Freemans Bridge Road. I can tell you there is a lot of activity on Freemans Bridge Road right now. It is popping and that has been the ground work we have laid for the past couple of years. Councilman Martin and his group at the Small Business Economic Development (SBED) and Melissa. It is starting to bring us a lot of opportunity on Freemans Bridge Road. We are in discussion with a number of people with a number of ideas they want to bring to Freemans Bridge Road. Goldstocks has been sold, there will be a retail store there shortly. Checkerhill Farms is being refurbished. It doesn't have an end user yet but CT Design is going to do a complete redo of the space to make it more marketable. Chipotle is in, the application is in. It's before the Planning Board and it is looking like it will be opened by the summer. The empty spot at Hannaford Plaza is now being filled with Cap Com, where the old bank was located. The Pig N Whistle is getting redeveloped. We have a site plan in. It is going to be a banquet facility for weddings and things like that. The PDD site that we were able to negotiate is the Sarnowski property. To do a PDD they need to come in with something other than just one use, which isn't zoned there right now. In negotiations with the owner, we were able to agree to a complete clean-up and shovel ready of the property to make it a pad, ready to go, that that owner would have to post a three (3) year bond that if they don't have something in there within 3 years, the bond is cashed and that is kind of the hammer. He is going to get it ready. He is going to take all of those ugly eyesores down and make it ready for retail and work on that. The most exciting part of the project is this is the first application we have in for our solar for parks. This project will bring our parks \$161,000 in capital and we are very excited about that. It is really a home run for everyone. It is a home run for parks, it's a home run for solar, we are getting renewable energy, we are investing in our parks and we are keeping the burden of the growing

park system off our taxpayers by bringing in these resources.

A lot is going on. I am very excited about it. We have a lot of great things that we will be talking about in the coming months.

Supervisor Koetzle moved ahead with the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is proposing an amendment through a Local Law (a copy of which is attached) that amending Chapter 255 of the Code of the Town of Glenville to add a new section 255-__, "Authority"; a new section 255-__, "Failure to Obey an Overhead Clearance Sign"; and amending Section 255-13, "Penalties for Offenses", by adding a new sub-section D; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this amendment is to address the pervasive problem of trucks striking the Glenridge Road Bridge within the Town of Glenville; 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 zoning code amendment or a local law may be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville will hold a public hearing with respect to the amendment of Chapter 255 of the Code of the Town of Glenville on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place all persons interested in an amendment that would amend Chapter 255 of the Code of the Town of Glenville to add new sections 255-__, "Authority", 255-__, "Failure to Obey and Overhead Clearance Sign" and adding a new sub-section D to section 255-13, "Penalties for Offenses",

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT 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 the same at least ten days prior to the date of the public hearing.

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

Noes: None

Absents: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2021

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, in response to input from residents, the Town of Glenville has made the improvement of Town parks a priority; and

WHEREAS, these improvements include the construction of Andersen Dog Park, the upgrade of playing fields, courts, and roads at Indian Meadows Park, and the construction of a second entrance and new pavilion with full utilities at Maalwyck Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to build on these improvements by constructing a new, 8,000 square foot inclusive playground area at Maalwyck Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been able to recruit the Scotia-Glenville Kiwanis, Glenville Rotary, Scotia Rotary, and the County of Schenectady as partners in

funding the inclusive playground project at Maalwyck Park, with the cumulative partner commitment totaling \$104,500 of the \$150,000 overall estimated cost; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve cost savings for all partners the Town of Glenville will purchase equipment from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company under the New York State Contract list – Sourcwell contract #030117-LTS at a total cost for equipment, delivery, and installation of \$130,171.32 as detailed in quote #R0069211037 dated February 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the additional project components consisting of surface playground mulch, signage, picnic tables, benches, and related finishing accessories, will be procured separately by the Town; and

WHEREAS, Town funding for this project is available through use of the Capital Projects Reserve Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to purchase inclusive playground equipment, including delivery and installation, for Maalwyck Park at a cost of \$130,171.32 under New York State Contract – Sourcwell pricing from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the transfer of \$46,000 from AA878 Capital Projects Reserve Fund to Capital Project Account HH-047 Maalwyck Park Playground.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2021

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski

Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of regular Town Board meeting held on February 17, 2021 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

New Business

Councilman Aragosa – “Talk more about this drive-thru idea either at the high school if not done there then in Maalwyck Park. We are penciled in on March 24th with the food pantry. That doesn’t mean we have to take it but it is available. I would like to further this with some conversation with the Chief, the school district, the Village, Village Police and get this done. It is kind of short notice but I think we can do it. I’d like to get back to this board on Wednesday with some more concrete details if that is okay with everybody here.”

Councilman Martin – “In regards to your comment about a freight route. I would like to give you some ammunition. In CDTC’s series of reports they have what

they call the new vision's 2050 freight white paper. It is a fifty-five (55) page report and it speaks to the freight priority network. In that report on page thirteen (13) in the table it specifically lists Route 146 as a freight route, designated in the report along Route 146 coming out of Clifton Park and then taking a left down to Rexford. That is on a map on page 16 of that report. If you would like to point this out to the people who were in attendance at that meeting. Specifically, the FPN class freight priority network class for that route is minor with 521 trucks in 2014 representing 3% of the traffic volume and 761 trucks in 2017 representing 5% of the volume in that route that year. They are working towards a freight route, that appears, why they are not aware of their own route I couldn't tell you but it is there and it is in that report and I would encourage you to point that out."

Supervisor Koetzle – "Well, thank you I don't know if I'm impressed or scared that you have such knowledge of that freight route. That's pretty impressive..."

Councilman Martin – "I just looked it up in my phone in three (3) minutes."

Councilman Godlewski – "Yesterday was "Read Across America Day". I would just like to encourage folks to make reading a priority if you have children and also for adults to try and find time to read."

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – "For the senior tax assistance program. How much does it cost so if someone wanted to make a smaller donation? They wanted to sponsor ten (10) seniors we would be able to say okay it would cost about this much."

Supervisor Koetzle – "We are finding that returns cost somewhere between \$300 - \$500. What I was able to do is negotiate with the two (2) vendors H & R Block and another vendor who is a Glenville resident they are able to negotiate as part of what they given the program down to \$100 for these particular returns. So, I think \$100 donation would get a tax return done."

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilman Martin; Seconded by Councilman Godlewski, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

ATTEST:

Linda C. Neals
Town Clerk

