

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
MARCH 17, 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 Courtney Heinel, Attorney for the Town and Steve Janik, Chief of Police

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Godlewski – “The Glenville Y is opening back up on April 5th. The Governor announced today that gyms and some other establishments like bowling alleys will no longer have a curfew.

The food pantry that we talked about at the last work session is now scheduled for March 24th. Cars can start to line up at 6:00 pm. Volunteers can arrive at 4:30. It is going to be at Collins Park.

I just want to extend some encouragement to our State Senator Tedisco who continues to raise the issue of the St. Clairs pensioners going back a year or two now, who received unfortunate word that they would be having their pension cut off as a result of mismanagement of their retirement funds. It’s an important issue for every local elected official to not to lose site that there are 1,100 people locally who are out of luck due to no fault of their own. Senator Tedisco brought up the idea that there should be relief included in the federal relief that was passed recently and that certainly sounds like something that should be considered.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “Just a reminder to our residents, the weather is warming up and kids are going to be out on bikes and out in the street. They may not be paying as much of attention as they should be. As you are driving through the town and you see people out walking and you see kids out on bikes and families out trying to enjoy the nice weather as we all start to emerge from last year try to be extra aware and be a little extra careful.”

Councilman Martin – “I just want to extend thanks to Chief Janik and the committee that worked on it. I think there is a lot of good information in there and there is a real solid basis for us to move forward on. I also came away thinking how fortunate we are in the current condition of our police department. I think they are a model for the region and I think they do a fine job and it is just a matter of now seeing if we can tweak some things here and there to make things even better. I did read the report in detail and I want to thank all of those who worked on it and again the fine work our officers do on a daily basis.”

Councilman Aragosa – “Next Monday night GECC is meeting...Freemans Bridge Road solar project at the old Van Curler Greenhouse site...will be on the agenda. I’m very thankful to Stewarts for donating 3,000 bags for our food event in Collins Park.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “Item No. 5 on the agenda is a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 255 “Vehicle and Traffic” of the Coe of the Town of Glenville – “Failure to Obey an Overhead Clearance Sign”, “Penalties for Offenses” and “Authority”.

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.

The following people exercised the privilege of the floor with written comments:

Mr. Hyde wanted to talk about the bridge issue and his comments are summarized as follows:

- There have never been these issues on Glenridge before it was “modernized”.
- He finds that the people hitting the bridge are not local drivers, but “out-of-towners” who are looking for a shortcut to 88 or 90 – it seems that the Target and Price Chopper trucks, for example, seem to come from Saratoga or Schenectady.
- The drop bar needs to be placed in front of the first bridge (the 15’ bridge) to stop the truck from getting into a difficult position.
- Laser beam needs to be deployed with flashing lights at 146
- A truck route needs to be established at 146
- Not really in favor of the fine unless it’s used to deploy technology

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following information:

Melissa and I had a call with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding some ongoing projects around the Town. The two (2) projects that we talked about almost exclusively were the Kenco Project, where we are with Kenco. We are trying to get DEC back to finish the clean-up on that. As you know, years ago we got the free water line in for the folks on Sunnyside Road. Then Hoosick Falls started and the state diverted resources from Glenville and other areas to Hoosick Falls and now we are at that point where we are trying to get them back to Kenco and they did indicate that there is some movement in that area. They will be coming out with some further guidance as to what they are going to do forward to finish the clean-up at Kenco in the near future.

The second one that we brought up that isn’t on their radar is the Kivort site to talk about making it a brownfield. Obviously we would need the owners to make that happen. The owners don’t seem interested in that at this particular juncture. Apparently they had a brown-site application in and it has been pulled out so there is really nothing that we can do at this juncture with that. We did talk about it and we did talk about the need to focus some efforts on getting that site cleaned up and hopefully redeveloped in some way.

To update you a little bit on the bridge. We learned today that CP Rail will be installing crash bars. After DOT says you can’t install crash bars CP Rail is going to install them. The problem is the crash bars are going to be located very close to the bridge. The question is will they actually be effective since they are going to be so close to the bridge. They will be steel crash bars. So, the debris is going to happen before the vehicle hits the bridge. I am concerned for a couple of reasons. First you need to stop the traffic before it leaves Rte. 146, it’s going to be a problem and this doesn’t do that. They did say that the bridge can’t take another hit, so it must be impacting the bridge at this juncture. I think all it is going to do is move the hit from the bridge to the bar.

The Solar PDD is coming in for Freemans Bridge Road, supposedly March 22nd so we will have that going forward into the April work session. It is going to the Glenville Environmental Conservation Commission next week.

The Senior Tax Program has wrapped up very quickly. We had such high demand for it they finished them very quickly like within two (2) days the entire program was closed. We did as many as we could with the resources that we had. We still are

looking for folks if they want to help us with that. We were successful to get the AARP program back after the H & R program came on, AARP decided to come back and do a limited program.

I had a nice conversation with the County Attorney today on a project regarding Wolf Hollow Road. They are looking to turn that into a hike trail/nature trail. We talked about the process there and what they need to go through to make that happen. I think there is going to be a private entity that will take it over as a hiking trail. A subdivision will be required so, we are working with the County to get that through our Planning Board which will probably take two (2) full months.

We received a donation from Stewarts. I want to thank Stewarts, they are a great community partner, to go towards our inclusive playground. They awarded us \$1,500 to go towards our playground.

Lastly I want to update you on the Youth Council thing we talked about. I had an opportunity to host a Youth Workforce Development Summit with high schools and some local businesses and towards the end on the agenda this idea of a Youth Program was brought forward to them and they seemed very opened to it. They asked for time to talk to their people. We are going to circle back on some other things and they will let me know if they are opened to the idea.”

Discussion...

Supervisor Koetzle – “I want to thank the Chief for all of his hard work and leadership on this. We spent a lot of time together doing this. Thank you to the Committee who couldn’t be here tonight. They worked very hard on this, they gave their time and helped us. This was an executive order that came down from the State which required us to perform a comprehensive review of strategies, employment practices and policies for the purpose of addressing the needs of the community served by the police agency and to promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, legitimacy and to address any racial bias and disproportion policing of communities of color.

Through the process we learned a lot about ourselves, we listened to the community and I think we reacted. I think the Chief and the police department acted very quickly to some of the suggestions. It didn’t really give us an opportunity to put it in as a plan because he already enacted the reforms like the next day. We did hold public meetings as we talked about, that were directed by the executive order and the draft form was prepared and provided to the public and reviewed to be heard. I received 5 or 6 emails. It is the town’s position that this meets the directive of the executive order and certification that I will be sending into the State of New York tomorrow with my transmittal certification form.”

Councilwoman Wierzbowski – “ I would like to echo my colleague’s comments and gratitude to the members of our community that came out and were willing to take time out of their busy lives to help our police department improve. It’s wonderful when residents engage and they were engaged in a very positive way to help us get better. I would like to commend you, Chief Janik, because it’s not easy to take a hard look at your own profession and a hard look at your own department and the men and women who serve with you every day and turn a critical eye to and I think that you did a fine job of doing so. I would just like to say thank you and tell the officers that assisted you with the report and the gathering of the data. I hope this is a spring door going forward to kind of take a look at it even more often. It sounds like you put some things into place that will allow us to track statistics better and keep an I on things and make sure our officers are treating everybody who comes into and lives in our town equally with respect no matter what the situation is going forward.”.

Councilman Aragosa – “Thank you Chief Janik for you work on this and the committee that you had working with you and Supervisor Koetzle for getting together and getting it done. The need for supervision is very important amongst your ranks. I feel we need to move forward and fill the positions that are missing. We need to make sure that we get that done.”

Councilman Godlewski – “Thank you Chief Janik and Chris for their efforts with this. It is always nice to have data. Thanks to the residents who help provide the data. Things are moving in a positive direction here in Glenville and the statistic that jumped out to me was safety statistic. That our residents overall feel safe in Glenville.”

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2021

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order 203, entitled the “New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative”; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 203 requires that all municipalities within New York State who have a law enforcement agency must perform a comprehensive review of strategies, deployment practices, and policies for the purpose of addressing the needs of communities served by the police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville sought volunteers to serve on a task force to perform the comprehensive review and develop a reform plan; and

WHEREAS, a task force of 15 members was constituted, which held a number of public meetings to discuss the directives of Executive Order 203, study the issues raised by the Executive Order and identify strategies for effective policing standards in the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the task force held five public meetings and conducted a survey on the community’s interactions with the Town of Glenville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a draft reform plan was prepared and provided to the public for feedback and review with all public comments being heard and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed plan as well as public comments and supports the review and plan set forth therein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby adopts the Town of Glenville Police Reform Task Force Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Town Supervisor to execute the certification of the plan and before April 1, 2020, transmit the certification and plan to the New York State Budget Director as required by Executive Order 203.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2021

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has informed the Town Board

that the Highway Department is in need of purchasing a new compact excavator; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends purchase of a Bobcat E60 R2-Series Excavator with the Bobcat Premium Package, PCF64 Plate Compactor, and necessary smaller attachments to best meet the needs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve cost savings, the Highway Superintendent recommends the utilization of pricing available to the Town under the New York State Contract #PC67141, award #PGB-22792, from Clark Equipment Company via Bobcat dealer Robert H. Finke & Sons of Selkirk, NY; and

WHEREAS, funding of \$75,000 for this purchase was included in the 2021 Adopted Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase one Bobcat E60 R2-Series Excavator with the Bobcat Premium Package, PCF64 Plate Compactor, and necessary smaller attachments as included in quote number HMM-25479v1 dated February 26, 2021, at New York State Contract pricing in a total sum not to exceed seventy-one thousand one hundred forty-seven dollars (\$71,147), with said expense charged to account DB-000-5130-2000 as included in the 2021 Adopted Budget.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2021

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has informed the Town Board that the department requires an equipment trailer to haul large equipment and materials which are needed to perform the functions of the department; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has solicited for and received written quotes from three vendors for the procurement of an equipment trailer which meets the specifications required by the Town; and

WHEREAS, Trailers, Inc. of Cairo, New York, has provided the lowest quote for the requested equipment trailer, at \$11,295; and

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase is available within the 2021 Adopted Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase one 10-ton 2021 Big Tex 22PH-20+5MR Equipment Trailer from Trailers, Inc. of Cairo, New York at a total cost of eleven thousand two hundred ninety-five dollars (\$11,295), with said expense charged to account DB-000-5130-2000 as included in the 2021 Adopted Budget.

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

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2021

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Glenville seeks to amend Chapter 255 of the Code of the Town of Glenville to add a new section 255-2, "Authority"; a new section 255-14, "Failure to Obey an Overhead Clearance Sign"; and amending Section 255-15, "Penalties for Offenses", by adding a new sub-section D; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this amendment is to address the public safety concern of vehicles, such as tractor-trailers 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 held a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM, at which time and place all persons interested in an amendment to Chapter 255 of the Code of the Town of Glenville to add a new section 255-2, "Authority"; a new section 255-14, "Failure to Obey an Overhead Clearance Sign"; and amending Section 255-15, "Penalties for Offenses", by adding a new sub-section D, were heard and there being no objection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville does hereby adopt Local Law #7 of 2021 amending Chapter 255 of the Code of the Town of Glenville to add a new section 255-2, "Authority"; a new section 255-14, "Failure to Obey an Overhead Clearance Sign"; and amending Section 255-15, "Penalties for Offenses", by adding a new sub-section D; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the Local Law with the Secretary of State.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2021

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of regular Town Board meeting held on March 3, 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

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2021

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski

Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for February, 2021 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

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; motion to adjourn;
Moved by Councilman Martin; Seconded by Councilman Aragosa, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Linda C. Neals
Town Clerk