

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
JULY 21, 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 and Michael R. Godlewski

Absent: Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

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

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Godlewski – “I had a great time participating in the 4th of July celebration in Alplaus. My family and I also attended the kid’s fair. It’s a wonderful event and it was nice to be back to a sense of normalcy.”

Councilman Martin – “I would like to echo those same sentiments on the Alplaus Parade. It was nice to have it back, in person and have direct participation with the residents up and down the street.”

Councilman Aragosa – “We did have a great time at the Alplaus Parade. They do a great job putting it together.

I continue to get involved with food distribution with the Catholic Charities Group. The need is still there.”

No one wished to exercise the privilege of the floor.

Supervisor’s Comments:

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following information:

I just want to remind folks that we are putting on our “Thursdays in the Park” again this year. We have confirmed that we do have free Stewarts ice cream at every single event at Indian Meadows every Thursday in August and the first day in September this year. They start at 7:00 PM.

The other great venue in our community and I saw Councilman Godlewski down there the other night, is Freedom Park. They have a great line up this year.”

Supervisor Koetzle moved ahead with the agenda items.

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville acquired title to the historic Yates Mansion, which was built in 1737 as the summer home of the prominent Joseph Yates family and which was occupied in the early 1800’s by Joseph C. Yates, a former Mayor of the City of Schenectady and the only Schenectady County resident ever elected Governor of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the mansion had been “remuddled” over the last few decades and is in need of historic restoration, an expense that is currently beyond the means of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the mansion is an important piece of the history of the Town of Glenville, Schenectady County and the State of New York, worthy of preservation and restoration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville authorizes an application for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) under the Environmental Protection Fund: Parks, Preservation and Heritage Grants for the purpose of funding the Yates Mansion restoration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for the Yates Mansion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for the Yates Mansion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any required deed of easement to the Town Supervisor.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville, under Resolution No. 153-2019 approved the establishment of the Dutch Meadows Land Residential Planned Development District; and

WHEREAS, the resolution included a Public Benefit Land Dedication of 6.0+/- acres to encourage the establishment of additional parkland in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the NYSOPRHP grant application is to plan the site layout for pathways and structures, the project constitutes a Type II Action for SEQR purposes under 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(27) in that *conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action*; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville has agreed with the Legacy Project, a veteran’s support group, to provide a site for the Veterans Memorial Park on land dedicated in the Planned Development District and apply for grant funding to develop

the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville authorizes an application for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Environmental Protection Fund: Parks, Preservation and Heritage Park Planning Grants for the purpose of funding the preparation of shovel ready plans for the Veterans Memorial Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for the preparation of shovel ready plans for the Veterans Memorial Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any required deed of easement to the Town Supervisor.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, the 2017 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Glenville has prioritized the completion of the Master Plan improvements at Maalwyck Park; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Draft Glenville Greenway Plan and the Schenectady County LWRP recommend completion of a Greenway along the Mohawk River shoreline in Glenville; and

WHEREAS, a recently concluded recreation survey documented comments from several local residents stating that their access to Maalwyck Park was limited by the perceived lack of safety of the Route 5 for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form completed by the Community Development Director for the Unlisted Action resulted in the following determinations:

1. The project does not rise to a Type I Action under 617.4(b)(9) wherein any Unlisted action (unless the action is designed for the preservation of the facility or site), that exceeds 25 percent of any threshold established in this section, occurring wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any historic building, structure, facility, site or district or prehistoric site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Volume 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 60 and 63, which is incorporated by reference pursuant to section 617.17 of this Part), or that is listed on the State Register of Historic Places or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places pursuant to sections 14.07 or 14.09 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law; nor

2. (10) any Unlisted action, that exceeds 25 percent of any threshold in this section, occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any publicly owned or operated parkland, recreation area or designated open space, including any site on the Register of National Natural Landmarks pursuant to 36 CFR part 62 (which is incorporated by reference pursuant to section 617.17 of this Part); and
3. The matter requires a coordinated SEQR review with notice to all interested and involved agencies with particular attention paid to the NYSDEC for a permitting jurisdictional review for flood waters and potential species impact letters which will determine construction schedule for the species listed in the attached SEAF paperwork; and
4. The Town Board as the first entity to take action on the project shall request lead agency status from the other involved and interested agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville authorizes an application for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Recreational Trails Program Grant for the purpose of funding the Maalwyck Park Neighborhood Connector Trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for the Maalwyck Park Neighborhood Connector Trail; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any required deed of easement to the Town Supervisor.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 141-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, the 2017 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Glenville has prioritized the completion of the Master Plan improvements at Maalwyck Park; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Draft Glenville Greenway Plan and the Schenectady County LWRP recommend completion of a Greenway along the Mohawk River shoreline in Glenville; and

WHEREAS, a recently concluded recreation survey documented comments from several local residents stating that their access to Maalwyck Park was limited by the perceived lack of safety of the Route 5 for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form completed by the Community Development Director for the Unlisted Action resulted in the following

determinations:

1. The project does not rise to a Type I Action under 617.4(b)(9) wherein any Unlisted action (unless the action is designed for the preservation of the facility or site), that exceeds 25 percent of any threshold established in this section, occurring wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any historic building, structure, facility, site or district or prehistoric site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Volume 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 60 and 63, which is incorporated by reference pursuant to section 617.17 of this Part), or that is listed on the State Register of Historic Places or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places pursuant to sections 14.07 or 14.09 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law; nor
2. (10) any Unlisted action, that exceeds 25 percent of any threshold in this section, occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any publicly owned or operated parkland, recreation area or designated open space, including any site on the Register of National Natural Landmarks pursuant to 36 CFR part 62 (which is incorporated by reference pursuant to section 617.17 of this Part); and
3. The matter requires a coordinated SEQR review with notice to all interested and involved agencies with particular attention paid to the NYSDEC for a permitting jurisdictional review for flood waters and potential species impact letters which will determine construction schedule for the species listed in the attached SEAF paperwork; and
4. The Town Board as the first entity to take action on the project shall request lead agency status from the other involved and interested agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville authorizes an application for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Recreational Trails Program Grant for the purpose of funding the Maalwyck Park Neighborhood Connector Trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for the Maalwyck Park Neighborhood Connector Trail; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any required deed of easement to the Town Supervisor.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville unanimously approved a resolution adopting its Comprehensive Plan which included as a priority initiative, participation in the NYS Climate Smart Communities Program, and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2018 the Town of Glenville unanimously adopted a resolution to participate in the NYS Climate Smart Communities Program, to take advantage of free technical assistance provided through CSC program membership in terms of “energy efficiency, energy conservation, energy innovation and resiliency to extreme weather events, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville hereby requests financial assistance from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 title 15, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville certifies that it has identified and secured \$611,000 of matching funds from general funds, in-kind Town services, and other public sources pursuant to the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 title 15; and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form submitted by the Community Development Director illustrates an Unlisted Action requiring coordinated review since the project exceed 75,000 sf and is within ¼ mile of a NYSDEC freshwater wetland.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glenville Town Board hereby authorizes Town Supervisor, Christopher A. Koetzle, to act on its behalf in submittal of an application through the 2019 Consolidated Funding Application for \$611,000, to be used for the Van Buren Road Greenway Project and upon approval of said funding request, to execute a project grant agreement with NYS for such financial assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Glenville Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to undertake any and all necessary steps to accomplish the intent of this resolution.

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

Motion Carried

Discussion...

Councilman Martin – “For the benefit of the public, the reason why you are seeing a flurry of resolutions relating to the grant applications is, as I said, this is a consolidated funding application process which has a firm and fixed application deadline of July 30th. We need to get board authorization on all of these before that date. These go to the capital region for review, from there they go on to the Governor for consideration. The state review process takes several months between now and the beginning of December. We should know whether we received funding award by early December and certainly before Christmas.”

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, the 2017 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Glenville has prioritized the completion of the Master Plan improvements at Maalwyck Park; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County LWRP recommend the addition of several Blueway Trail access points along the Mohawk River shoreline in Glenville; and

WHEREAS, a recently concluded recreation survey documented comments from several local residents stating their desire to utilize a safe and accessible cartop launch site to access the Mohawk River Blueway west of Lock 8; and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form of the Unlisted Action prepared by the Community Development Director was submitted to the Town Board for a SEQR determination, which makes the following findings:

1. The project does not rise to a Type I Action under 617.4(b)(9) wherein any Unlisted action (unless the action is designed for the preservation of the facility or site), that exceeds 25 percent of any threshold established in this section, occurring wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any historic building, structure, facility, site or district or prehistoric site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Volume 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 60 and 63, which is incorporated by reference pursuant to section 617.17 of this Part), or that is listed on the State Register of Historic Places or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places pursuant to sections 14.07 or 14.09 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law; nor
2. (10) any Unlisted action, that exceeds 25 percent of any threshold in this section, occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any publicly owned or operated parkland, recreation area or designated open space, including any site on the Register of National Natural Landmarks pursuant to 36 CFR part 62 (which is incorporated by reference pursuant to section 617.17 of this Part); and
3. The matter requires a coordinated SEQR review with notice to all interested and involved agencies with particular attention paid to the NYSDEC for a permitting jurisdictional review and potential species impact letters which will determine construction schedule for the species listed in the attached SEAF paperwork.
4. As the first permitting agency the Town Board will request lead agency status by letter to all other interested and involved agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville authorizes an application for financial assistance from the New York State Canal Corporation under the Canalway Communities Grant for the purpose of funding the Maalwyck Park Kayak Launch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with the NYS Canal Corporation for the Maalwyck Park Kayak Launch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with the NYS Canal Corporation for the Maalwyck Park Kayak Launch; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any revised Occupancy and Use Agreement with the NYS Canal Corporation; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any required deed of easement to the Town Supervisor.

Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Aragosa, Godlewski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Discussion...

Councilman Martin – “This is accepting a plan that was previously presented to us at our meeting on June 16th and it outlines our plans and intentions for making the town more friendly for movement of people with disabilities and their ability to move through the community as anybody else would. This is a very important plan; it may be subtle but any time you see a drop curb at a sidewalk crossing or something like that it is this kind of planning that goes in place now that provides that inclusive...freedom of movement and that is what we are all anxious to see. We have the plan in place and you will see subsequent initiatives both in terms of grant applications and public works programs that now implement that plan and this is where it all starts. I am happy to accept this plan.”

Councilman Aragosa – “As a side to that. What this plan says is if you are going to build a new building in the Town of Glenville you have to conform to this which takes those private dollars and makes those dollars with us and partner with us and work with us on those type of projects. It’s a big deal, not just in terms of monies we might get from federal or state funds but it is a big deal in terms of how development happens throughout the town. So, in other words Chipotles is coming..

Supervisor Koetzle – “I don’t want to interrupt but I don’t think that is accurate.”

Councilman Aragosa – “No?”

Melissa Cherubino, Director of Community Development – “We have a sidewalk design that is an old standard and when we are doing roadway construction we have to improve the sidewalks to the new standard. So, when they do road construction and it has an existing sidewalk and if it is on a corner it has to lead somewhere. It can’t leave people with a disability in the middle of an intersection...

Councilman Aragosa – “So, are we saying if a new development comes in they don’t have to comply to that?”

Councilman Martin – “No, that’s part of the building code.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “The ADA is part of the building code.”

Councilman Martin – “That is what they have to conform to is part of the building code on the private side. This is in the public realm, public right of way.”

Councilman Aragosa – “So, without this we were able to get away with things that were...

Supervisor Koetzle – “It’s a just a plan. A plan to go forward, a guide.”

Councilman Martin – “It’s not getting away with it, it’s corrective. It’s looked at the areas of the town that are not served in this capacity yet.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “So, things are grandfathered, for example the sidewalks out here, a lot of the money that put the sidewalks in Town Center were ADA monies that we got. There might be somewhere in the town the sidewalk or the walkway was built prior to the ADA and so they are kind of grandfathered in. This just gives us the ability to look at all of that and try to fix where there are deficiencies.”

Councilman Martin – “And also where logical connections can occur in the future, for future public works projects. If we have a new sidewalk that linkage in establishing those areas so you have a continuation of the handicap accessibility through a corridor.”

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS the Town of Glenville applied for and was awarded an ADA Transition Plan grant from Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) for updating the town's ADA Transition Plan; and

WHEREAS, town staff participated in the mapping and reviewing of draft versions of the plan; and

WHEREAS the consultant from Chazen companies presented a final ADA Transition Plan at Glenville's June 16th Town Board meeting; and

WHEREAS the town must post the plan and methods for filing ADA complaints on the town website;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Glenville Town Board accepts the ADA Transition Plan as the official plan and will post the plan conspicuously for transportation planning purposes and for providing a method of filing complaints.

This resolution will take effect immediately.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2021

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, Glenville Town Code Chapter 195-14 B (5) prohibits various activities pertaining to alcohol use or consumption in town parks, and

WHEREAS, Glenville Town Code Chapter 195-16 allows for concessions in the parks only in the event of permission from the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Town's "Thursday in the Park" series, the Town has requested that Wolf Hollow Brewing and food vendors apply for permits to sell beer and food during the events in order to attract greater attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville and the Glenville Business and Professional Association will co-host the Annual Glenville Oktoberfest in Maalwyck Park on September 25, 2021 which includes sale of food (under the requirements of a Schenectady County Environmental Health permit) and sale of beer/ale by outside vendors, and

WHEREAS, the Town has permitted alcohol use and consumption and the sale of food in town parks for special events, and

WHEREAS, Wolf Hollow Brewing and the food vendors will comply with the permit and insurance requirements set in the Town Code; the GPBA and the Oktoberfest vendors have otherwise satisfied the permit and insurance requirements for the Oktoberfest event,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby waives Town Code Chapters 195-14 B 5 and 195-16 for the

sale of food and alcoholic beverages proposed for “Thursday in the Park” at Indian Meadows Park and for the Oktoberfest to be held in Maalwyck Park on September 25, 2021 and approves the permits for the aforementioned events.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, the Development and Planning Department desires to apply for \$500,000 in financial assistance through the 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the Main Street Program, Downtown Anchor Project; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist the property owner to complete building renovations to a downtown “main street” building at 102 Mohawk Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to improvements of the Town’s Western Gateway to Route 50, also known as Saratoga Road, and Town Center; and

WHEREAS, A SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Form submitted to the Town Board was completed by the Town of Glenville Community Development Director and supports a finding that the project is a Type II Action for SEQR purposes under 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(2) as reconstruction or renovation of an existing building; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glenville Town Board of the Town of Glenville approves and endorses the 2021 Main St Anchor Program for assistance prepared and to be submitted by the Economic Development and Planning Department.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2021

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is the recipient of a 2021 Schenectady County Initiative Program Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 in support of the Glenville Oktoberfest, and

WHEREAS, a condition of the grant specifies that a Public Benefit Services Agreement that specifies the terms and conditions of the grant be entered into

between the Town of Glenville and the County of Schenectady,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into the attached Public Benefit Services Agreement in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of Schenectady County's support of Glenville Oktoberfest 2021.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

WHEREAS, a resignation in the Glenville Highway Department in May 2021 has resulted in multiple instances of employees working out-of-class to provide the normal services of the department; and

WHEREAS, Highway Department employees have performed admirably when asked to perform out-of-class duties; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that current employees be promoted to backfill the positions vacated through the resignation; and

WHEREAS, each of the employees recommended for promotion meets the minimum requirements, including possession of the appropriate class of New York State drivers' license, required for the position to which they are recommended for promotion;

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller advises that the recommended promotions can be absorbed within existing 2021 budgeted appropriations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby makes the following provisional appointments in the Glenville Highway Department effective August 2, 2021 at the hourly pay and benefits for such titles as determined by the agreement between the Town and the CSEA Highway Employees Unit:

- Joseph LaBrie to the position of MEO-Medium
- Spencer Lichorat to the position of MEO-Medium
- Joseph Mitchell to the position of MEO-Light
- Patrick Buono to the position of MEO-Light
- Matthew Traficante to the position of MEO-Light

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

Motion Carried

Discussion...

Earl T. Redding, Attorney – "This resolution has to do with promotion to MEO Heavy. We have had highway department employees perform admirably when performing out of class duties as a result of a resignation. The Highway Superintendent has recommended that the MEO Heavy positions be backfilled. Currently the title of

MEO Heavy requires an applicant possess current appropriate level motor vehicle's license issued by DMV at the time of appointment. Whereas by Memorandum dated February 3rd of 2017 the Highway Superintendent had wrote that employees appointed to this title, the MEO Heavy title, must possess and maintain a Class A. It is recommended that the current employees recommended to fill this title do not currently possess the Class A drivers license but will seek to obtain it within ninety (90) calendar days of this resolution. The current staffing needs require the duties and responsibilities be performed and the appointment of the current employees that are recommended to fill the MEO Heavy title will not be effective until seven (7) days following their obtaining a Class A license. It is recommended that while they are performing the duties, except for those duties that require Class A, that they be paid out-of-title and the Comptroller has advised that the promotions can be absorbed within the 2021 budget.

So, we are asking for the resolution that these appointments, Jonathan Sharer and Joseph Batzinger to the position of MEO Heavy be made effective seven (7) days following their obtaining their Class A license which must occur within ninety (90) days of the date of this resolution. In the event that they obtain it they won't be paid for MEO Heavy work after that date but will be paid for out-of-class-title until such time."

Councilman Martin – "Just to clarify for the people in attendance and the people watching at home, MEO stands for Motor Equipment Operator. As you heard in our prior resolution we had MEO Light and Medium and now we are dealing with Heavy and that is kind of like the upper tier of operation if you will that heavy equipment. That requires the most skill and experience and as implied in medium and light maybe less so. These are people who have demonstrated real ability in their work and can operate those heavy pieces of equipment obviously and therefore very complicating and you really have to have a high level of skill. I applaud them for obtaining this level of skill. It is good to see."

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2021

Moved by: Councilman Aragosa

Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, a resignation in the Glenville Highway Department in May 2021 has resulted in multiple instances of employees working out-of-class to provide the normal services of the department; and

WHEREAS, Highway Department employees have performed admirably when asked to perform out-of-class duties; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that current employees be promoted to backfill the positions vacated through the resignation; and

WHEREAS, the title of Motor Equipment Operator (Heavy) requires that an applicant possess a current appropriate level Motor Vehicle's license issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at the time of appointment; and

WHEREAS, by Memorandum dated February 3, 2017, the Highway Superintendent wrote that employees appointed to the MEO-Heavy title must possess and maintain a Class A (formerly Class 1) driver's license; and

WHEREAS, the current employees recommended to fill the MEO Heavy title do not currently possess a Class A driver's license, but will seek to obtain a Class A driver's license within 90 calendar days of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the current staffing needs of the Department require that the current duties and responsibilities of the MEO Heavy title be performed; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of the current employees recommended to fill the MEO Heavy title will not be effective until 7 days following their obtaining a Class A license; and

WHEREAS, the current employees recommended to fill the MEO Heavy title will work out-of-title MEO Heavy duties and responsibilities, except those for which a Class A license is required until such time as they either obtain or fail to obtain a Class A license or the 90 days has expired, whichever is sooner; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller advises that the recommended promotions can be absorbed within existing 2021 budgeted appropriations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby makes the following provisional appointments in the Glenville Highway Department effective 7 days following the below individuals obtaining a Class A license, which must occur within 90 days of the date of this resolution, at the hourly pay and benefits for such titles as determined by the agreement between the Town and the CSEA Highway Employees Unit, and in the event the individuals do not obtain a Class A license within said 90 days, they will not be paid for out-of-title MEO Heavy work and shall resume the full duties and responsibilities of their current title:

- Jonathan Sharer to the position of MEO-Heavy
- Joseph Batzinger to the position of MEO-Heavy

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2021

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on June 16, 2021 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2021

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski
Seconded by: Councilman Aragosa

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for June, 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 and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2021

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, by and through Resolution 217-2020, the Glenville Town Board accepted the low bid from American Petroleum Equipment Construction Company in the amount of \$174,900, with a contingency item in an amount not to exceed \$7,825 should contaminated soils be discovered, for the purchase of one 10,000 gallon underground double-wall fiberglass tank, split with 5,000/5,000 gallon capacity to replace the existing two 4,000 gallon underground fuel tanks, which have reached the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, this was the sole bid; and

WHEREAS, there has been an extensive delay in the delivery of the tank because of a resin shortage due to the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, American Petroleum Equipment Construction Company, Inc. currently maintains in stock a 12,000-gallon tank, split with 5,000/7,000-gallon capacity, which may be installed forthwith; and

WHEREAS, the 12,000-gallon tank, split with 5,000/7,000-gallon capacity would increase the original cost by \$8,593.76; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works recommends moving forward with the purchase of the 12,000-gallon tank, split with 5,000/7,000-gallon capacity at an increased cost of \$8,593.76 above the original cost of \$174,900 for a 10,000-gallon tank, split with 5,000/5,000-gallon capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller has reviewed the increased cost and recommends moving forward with the purchase of the 12,000-gallon tank as the additional funding is available in the highway capital reserve account and can be transferred as part of a future budget amendment to be considered by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney advises that this action does not require competitive bidding due to the circumstances underlying the sole bidding originally and the change order due to a lack of product with minimal increased costs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an amended agreement with American Petroleum Equipment and Construction Company 63 Orange Avenue, Walden, New York 12586 in the increased amount of \$8,593.76 above the original amount of \$174,900 for the revised Underground Storage Tank Project and the contingency item pricing bid in an amount not to exceed \$7,825; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment for these improvements be charged to capital account #HH-042, Underground Storage Tank Project.

Ayes: Councilmen Martin, Aragosa, Godlewski and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

Councilman Godlewski – “Councilman Aragosa had mentioned the fundraiser at the Bethesda House. They did fantastic through out the pandemic in assisting folks here and around our community. They are having a fundraiser at Wolf Hollow on August 12th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The cost is \$25.00. There will be live music.”

Councilman Martin – “I read the article in the business review about the new barrel manufacturer coming on Route 5. It is very good to see that business coming into the community, particularly in line with the plan intended for that corridor. With Wolf Hollow and the distillery being there. I wish them well.”

Supervisor Koetzle – “The agenda has many of our active grants. There is so much going on in this town. There is 8-9 million dollars of stuff in the pipeline that we are looking to get. It is everything from our stuff in our parks to road re-construction or the fifth well, meters, small businesses. It just goes on and on and on of all the things we are trying to get done in the town. I think we do very, very well in our grants. We have always gotten a lot of grants. I think that is a mark of the good work that our staff and the folks we work with, Barton Loguidice and has you know that comes out of a fund that some folks wanted to cut here. We need to pay for professional services to get this stuff done here. This can’t all be done with one person.

I want to update our Climate Smart Community School Sidewalks. As you know the Sacandaga Elementary School path is complete. We are currently in final design for the Lakehill Road at O’Rourke Middle School. In Alplaus we are patiently awaiting the County’s work with their engineering firm. The County has offered to take on the design phase, so we are waiting for that.

50 Cypress Drive – We met with the residents on Cypress and within that whole Berkley Square, St Stephens area because of the concerns that is coming out of the 50 Cypress Drive, the Mekeel Christian Academy property now. It was a very good meeting. I think we did a very good job of getting the people to understand the challenges we have before us and what we are looking to do, all the things we are trying to do. One of the things we are trying to do is to find grants to help the school do something with the building. There is now question there is a problem and there is now question that something has to be done but the municipality’s hands are very much tied in what can be done right now. We are working very closely; we have been working very closely with the school and the neighbors on that. We are pursuing different ideas and different programs. One of the things I have spent a lot of time on is going out finding solar opportunities the residents said they wanted. We had two solar developers look at it. It is a 39-acre parcel but the problem is that there are wetlands along the perimeter and with the setbacks it goes from 39 acres to 20 acres and the economics just was not there to support it. The problem is the economics of the property is about 1.5 million just to get the property and get the building down and get it to start. That’s not including any of the other things you are doing to put something in there. So, you have a lot of hard costs, very expensive, that that project has to carry to make it work. So, solar wasn’t possible. We are pursuing with the land owner potentially a single-family project. There wasn’t a great reception for that at our meeting. It is a single-family neighborhood. So, it would seem to reason those single-family houses would be the next logical thing there. There is a lot of talk about what the town could do with the park but as I explained to them, 1.5 million just to get the property and then you have another million dollars to get your fields in and get all the things you want to get for a park. The town can’t afford a 2.5-million-dollar park. You are not going to sell it to the taxpayers. We are kind of in this unique situation where the economics just make it very difficult. Our police are doing a phenomenal job keeping an eye on it the best they can. They were there today and they found kids in there, the very next day from the meeting. The think that has to be acknowledged at some point is that the kids came from the neighborhood. That is something I think the folks in the neighborhood have to start thinking about and figure out how they are watching their own kids.”

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilman Martin; Seconded by Councilman Godlewski, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Linda C. Neals
Town Clerk