

**Meeting of the Town Board
Town of Glenville
September 21, 2022
At The Glenville Municipal Center
18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, NY**

Supervisor Koetzle Calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

Present: Supervisor Koetzle, Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilmen Godlewski, Martin and Ramotar.

Absent: None

Also present: Courtney Heinel - Attorney for the Town, Jason Cuthbert- Comptroller, Vicki Hillis-Director of Human Services, Stephen Janik- Police Chief.

Town Council Reports

Councilman Godlewski: Just a couple things to report Mr. Supervisor, I had an opportunity to attend the 9/11 ceremony/service at the Lighthouse on 9/11. It was a marking passage of 21 years since the tragic events that occurred. I just wanted to note how thankful I am that the Popolizio's and Lighthouse have been able to put this event on and that it enables us to take some time that day to think about and kind of embrace the phrase "Never Forget" what occurred on that day and to be reminded really, how important Freedom and somethings that we tend to take for granted are. So, I just wanted to note that. Also had an occasion to attend the golf tournament to benefit Scotia Police and Scotia Fire. I actually got to play and share golf cart with the Supervisor for four hours and so that was interesting. We had a good time and we were able to have some fun for a good cause and to benefit Scotia Police and Fire. This section is inaudible. It was the first time I saw the Supervisor on the course, so I got to see that as well. There was some joking between the Supervisor and Councilman Godlewski.

Lastly, just reminding every, although it's been brought up multiple times. This Saturday down at Maalwyck Park is Oktoberfest from 12:00 to 9:00. It's just an awesome event and hope you all will come out and that's all.

Councilwoman Wierzbowski: Yes, Mr. Supervisor, tomorrow evening I will be attending a monthly town chief's meeting. Some of the things that I want to bring up with them is to finalize the members of the working group that we're putting together for the Training Tower Grants that we have received. So, I will report back on that at the next meeting, hopefully we'll be able to set up on thar first meeting moving forward.

Supervisor: Thanked Councilwoman Wierzbowski for her work on this project.

Councilman Martin: Just quickly also to join in the Oktoberfest this weekend. It's the event of the year on the calendar for the Town and look forward to it every year, especially the meal from the German American club. That is a highlight on the Jim Martin calendar, eating counts. So, I hope to see everybody there, it's always a fine event, the weather is looking good.

Councilman Ramotar: No Reports

Privilege of the Floor open 7:05 PM, closed 7:12 PM

George Solotruck, 135 Bruce Street, Scotia NY 12302.

Thank you for letting me speak. I apologize for my pedestrian attire, I had some yard work to do prior to coming here and holding up that last little bit of summer, the next comment was inaudible.

Basically, I want to start out with a couple of thank yous. Thank you to Dave Bucciferro for resigning from Police Reform Committee because this party has commented in serving the village in an appointed position while running for board seats in the same municipality was presumably a conflict.

I applaud you for living up to your representations concerns, and then we want to thank you and your running mate Dave L for having one of your supporters remove the social media post of a picture of your sign in front of the village fire department and presuming support for your party. While, I understand you, (*inaudible*), endorsed candidate at this time, we spoke with you and Dave and you guys had the post remove. So, thank you for that. I also want to thank Supervisor Koetzle for hosting The League of Women Voters village candidate forum that's coming up. As we all know the village residents endorsed and approved the referendum building a new fire station. Oh, by the way did I mention I am the Deputy Mayor of the Village? (*This whole section is inaudible*).

So, every knows the village residents approved a referendum to build a new fire station, rehabilitated our aging Village Hall during previous, (*inaudible*). The need for this is more so pronounced than before and we would not be able to comfortably host the forum such as this but look forward to the next election cycle where we might be able to at the new Scotia Village Hall.

Just a couple of observations from the past few months, there was an explanation posted on the social media for what we get as village residents paying town taxes. And one of the things that mentioned is a 911, that's a service the county provides and we pay the Town of Glenville to pay the County of Schenectady. So that's really a service the county provides.

I pay roughly 25.98 per person for that, so my household with five people and it's \$129.09.

Supervisor Koetzle: I'm sorry, Deputy mayor, I just got a stop you for a moment. You, the Village of Scotia pays for 911 service?

George Solotruck: We pay you for the service, but you do not provide it.

Supervisor Koetzle: How much do you pay us in a year?

George Solotruck: \$25.98 per person.

Supervisor Koetzle: The Village of Scotia writes a check to the Town of Glenville \$25. 98 per person?

George Solotruck: The tax payer, I pay \$25.98 per person.

Supervisor Koetzle: Correct, that's exactly what we said.

There was some discussion back and forth regarding the 911 services and what the Village residents pay in town taxes.

George Solotruck: I will say your successes are good for the past, that you've been putting out there as well as on social media, the slides are there as well, just to give everybody a heads up. And I just want to comment on observation of the population of the Town of Glenville, the population of the Town of Glenville right now is 29308. That's pulled from the census information recently. The Village Scotia, which is at 7257, is roughly 25% of the population of the Town of Glenville. So, your comparisons to other local municipalities is accurate when you're talking about the Town of Niskayuna which is 22,2325. When you compare it to the City of Schenectady at 66,000, the County of Schenectady is at 156,000 it's a little bit of a different apples to apples conversation to providing much more, much different and diverse services. then the Town does for that. So, it's a little bit of an observation that the populations are much different when we talk about comparisons, but your successes at your population of 22,051 people are impressive.

I also want to say that I was wrong about the, us believing that you did not reach out to us about the water, your water engineering thing. I think that's going to be great for the town, it's going to very much improve your water service. But in hindsight you did reach out to us, or your contractor did reach out to us. They sent an e-mail to a 25-year-old, 25-year employee. The e-mail said, hey and I quote having a prior life working, (*the rest of the comment is inaudible*).

So, I guess that's reaching out to the Village Scotia for participation for a comment on the engineering thing. I do want to state to that that as a village representative we are looking to kind of have a conversation with you regarding this, but we need to get our entire village water service and all of the needs in a full package before we have that conversation. 'Cause we wouldn't be servicing our village residents by doing it for just one part of it. So, thank you for your time, I appreciate it.

Supervisor's Comments to the Board: I don't really have a lot of comments to make to the board tonight. I will take one moment, because I do want to get over to what we are here for to celebrate the hiring of a new officer.

Let me start with Oktoberfest because that's a positive one. I just want to point out a few quick things, last week we pointed out that we did not have a title sponsor until First National Bank stepped up at the last minute to become our title sponsor. I again want to thank them for that and they made sure that we're able to continue to do this. Without these sponsors and these volunteers, Vicki and GPPA doing all the work that they do and sponsor the town event. We're very excited to have this again and thank everyone for that. But I do want to point out one event going on down there, we have moved the welcome to 2:00 o'clock. So, if you can be there at 2:00, we're going to welcome First National Bank and some others. At 3:00 o'clock we have the proud privilege of kicking off the Doggy Paddle, first annual Doggy Paddle. This is a fundraiser to raise money for service dogs for Veterans who need him, a service dog for Veteran costs \$40,000. To get them trained and get them all up to speed and everything. We just had one pass away on a Veteran who just got one, unfortunately the dog got cancer and passed away, Boots was his name. But this is we're going to be kicking off this Doggy Paddle, this

Veteran is going to be paddling a kayak from Glenville, New York all the way down to Key West. So, he's going to raise money, it's a marathon thing, and we're going to track him along the way. It starts right here in the Glenville, and very of proud of that.

So, I just wanted to point out the website Doggypaddle.org, you can go to our website and find it from there. I'm not going to take time to really rebut anything that was said here because frankly it didn't make a lot of sense. I'm going to just let everyone know what the budget calendar is and I do ask people if they're going to talk about the budget, come to the forums because you have an opportunity to engage at the forum and that was something this last speaker, I guess, did not do. We will be filing; I will be filing my budget with the Clerk on September 30th. Then the revisions could be made to the budget on October 19th. Our Public Hearing will be October 20th. I'm sorry the notice of the Public Hearing will be October 20th. The Public Hearing itself will be November 2nd and then we will adopt the final budget on November 16th. Those are State of New York guidelines, not our own calendar. We're just following the States calendar. So, there will be opportunities to engage in more discussion on the budget in coming weeks. That's it for Supervisors comments tonight and we will move on to resolution 7 to appoint our new police officer.

All Town Board Members and the Supervisor offer the new officer congratulations, welcome him to the Town and wish him luck with his career here in the Town of Glenville. Supervisor asks the Police Chief Stephen Janik to speak.

Chief Janik: Thank you Mr. Supervisor. I just wanted to call to the attention some of the folks that Kevin brought with him tonight. His fiancé Jill, welcome Jill, and his parents June and Rick thanks for coming. One of the things that stood out in the interview process with Kevin was that I called Chief Clifford directly and Chief Clifford told me that he didn't want lose Kevin, but if he was going to lose Kevin, he's didn't mind losing him to come in Glenville because he knew this was the place stay. The other thing that I've been experiencing a lot lately through these interviews with lateral transfer candidates is that we're talking to residents. These are who people who live here, want to serve here, and it's seems very evident to me, that the police officers who have been serving for some time want to come to this community because they know the reputation of the community. They know that the community supports us and especially at the Town Board supports us. I want to thank you for that for allowing me to hire and keep us up to full staffing immediately after the loss of an officer were right back up to full staffing. I can't say how much more I appreciate that from the Town Board you support for us.

Swearing in of new Police Officer Kevin R. Poltorak.

Sponsored by: Gina Wierzbowski, Deputy Supervisor
Submitted by: Stephen V. Janik, Police Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 171-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, a need exists in the Police Department for the position of police officer due to the resignation of one budgeted position as of September 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Kevin R. Poltorak is a Schenectady Police Officer who holds the necessary

qualifications mandated by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, an interview was conducted on September 8, 2022, after an extensive background investigation was conducted, by the Chief of Police and Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Kevin R. Poltorak is hereby recommended by the Chief of Police and Lieutenant as the candidate to fill the vacant police officer position; and

WHEREAS, Kevin R. Poltorak would be considered as a lateral transfer from the Schenectady Police Department upon approval by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission on September 20, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the appointment of Kevin R. Poltorak of Glenville NY, for the position of Police Officer in the Glenville Police Department, with an effective date of October 10, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mr. Poltorak's prior law enforcement experience, the compensation for said position will be set forth in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Glenville PBA and the Town as a third-year officer and the Town will use January 15, 2020 as the effective date for the purposes of calculating longevity payments, leave time accruals, and insurance benefits; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, on behalf of this Town Board, be and she hereby is authorized and directed to notify said officer of the aforementioned appointment.

Ayes: Councilwoman Wierzbowski, Councilman, Godlewski, Martin and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022.

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Courtney E. Heinel, Attorney for the Town

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2022

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION:

Moved by: Councilman Martin

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville is in support of the submission of a funding application for the proposed **Glenville Navy Depot Demolition/New Building Project**, requesting \$2 million

in Empire State Development (ESD) Restore NY funding, with matching funds provided by private developers involved in the project to address two vacant buildings located in the Glenville Business & Tech Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed combination of private and public financing is appropriate for the **Glenville Navy Depot Demolition/New Building** project, which involves an investment in buildings, built during World War II, that are currently vacant, abandoned, and in dire need of demolition; and

WHEREAS, as required by ESD, the property was selected through a property assessment process to identify parcels and projects, for which site control is secured and financing is in place, that support the Town's economic development efforts and is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and redevelops a blighted property in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Christopher Koetzle, as Supervisor of the Town of Glenville, is hereby authorized to apply for Restore NY Communities Initiative funding made available through Empire State Development (ESD) on behalf of the Town, in an amount not to exceed \$2 million; and that he is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of Glenville if awarded funding.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022

Sponsored by: Gina M. Wierzbowski, Town Councilwoman

Submitted by: Gretchen Braun, Court Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 173-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS funding has been made available under a competitive grant process through the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) for funding of municipal court security projects; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Town of Glenville to apply for

available funding to assist with the financing of such projects for the Town Court,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Town of Glenville Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-23 grant cycle up to \$30,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher A. Koetzle, Supervisor of the Town of Glenville, is authorized to execute all necessary documentation for the 2022-2023 grant application for court funding under the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Services

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville solicited bids for trenching work required for expansion of new electrical service at Indian Meadows Park; and

WHEREAS, the work to be performed includes digging and bedding 760 feet of trench and installation of pipe embedded in concrete per specifications provided by National Grid; and

WHEREAS, the Town received proposals from two firms interested in providing the requested services, while a third firm declined to provide a quote, with the lowest responsible bidder being Dunmore Contracting, Inc., 284 Finley Rd, Ballston Spa NY 12020 with a bid of \$23,100;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby accepts the proposal from Dunmore Contracting, Inc., 284 Finley Rd, Ballston Spa NY 12020 in the amount of \$23,100 for the trenching work at Indian Meadows Park as specified in the bid solicitation with said expense charged to account BB-999-4010-4009 as included in the 2022 amended budget.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022.

Sponsored by: Gina Wierzbowski, Deputy Supervisor

Submitted by: Stephen V. Janik, Police Chief

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, a two-camera license plate reader mounted on a marked police vehicle was destroyed in an accident on May 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police states the license plate reader system is required for traffic enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the destroyed license plate reader system was covered equipment under the Town insurance policy and the cost of a new system will be reimbursed through insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends purchase of a two-camera AutoVu license plate reader system as quoted by SecureWatch 24, LLC in the amount of \$15,035.70 under New York State Contract #PT68857;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to purchase a two-camera AutoVu license plate reader system at New York State Contract pricing from SecureWatch 24, LLC, in a total sum not to exceed \$15,035.70 with said expense charged to account BB-000-3120-2000 as included in the 2022 Amended Budget.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022.

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2022

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on September 7, 2022 are hereby approved and accepted as entered.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: Councilman Ramotar

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022.

Sponsored by: Christopher A. Koetzle, Town Supervisor

Submitted by: Julie Davenport, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2022

Moved by: Councilman Godlewski

Seconded by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski

BE IT RESOLVED that the **Monthly Departmental Reports** for August, 2022 as received from the following:

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

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022.

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor
Submitted by: Vicki Hillis, Director of Human Services

RESOLUTION NO. 178-2022

Moved by: Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Seconded by: Councilman Godlewski

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy for the position of Parks Worker in the Glenville Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville advertisement for the position resulted in several applicants for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Human Services conducted interviews to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works and Director of Human Services recommend that Nicholas Mroczko be appointed to the position;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby provisionally appoints Nicholas Mroczko of Schenectady, New York to the position of Parks Worker effective October 3, 2022, at a starting rate for such title of \$16.34 per hour and benefits as determined by the agreement between the Town and the CSEA Highway Employees Unit.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022.

Sponsored by: Christopher Koetzle, Town Supervisor
Submitted by: Jason Cuthbert, Town Comptroller

RESOLUTION NO. 179-2022

Moved by: Councilman Ramotar
Seconded by: Councilman Martin

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacant position of Superintendent of Water & Sewer in the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, Dana Gilgore retired as Deputy Commissioner of Public Works from the Town of Glenville on August 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilgore is intimately familiar with the Town water and sewer systems through his previous employment with the Town; and

WHEREAS, Town management believes the hiring of Mr. Gilgore would benefit Town water and sewer operations and Mr. Gilgore is agreeable to returning to Town employment in a limited, part-time capacity;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby appoints Dana Gilgore, 60 Vley Road, Scotia, New York to the position of Superintendent of Water & Sewer effective September 21, 2022 at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, up to a maximum of 20 hours per week, with no benefits.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Town Board decision on September 21, 2022.

New Business: None

Supervisor Koetzle: Mentioned the hard work done with paving at Maalwyck Park and took the time to thank the guys at the Highway Department for their work.

I will take a motion to adjourn the Town Board Meeting

Moved: Councilman Martin

Seconded: Councilman Godlewski

All in favor

Meeting is adjourned at 7:38 PM.

ATTEST

Julie Davenport

Julie Davenport
Town Clerk

