

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall 2/3/09 7:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Alexander J. Gromack
Council Members John Maloney, Shirley Lasker, George Hoehmann & Frank Borelli
Amy Mele, Town Attorney
David Carlucci, Town Clerk

Absent: Council Member Ralph Mandia

Supervisor declared Town Board meeting opened. Assemblage saluted the flag.

Supervisor opened the meeting to public comments regarding agenda items with no one wishing to be heard.

RESOLUTION NO. (72-2009)

Co. Maloney offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that the resignation by (retirement) of Ralph F. Mandia, Town Councilman – Town of Clarkstown – is hereby accepted – with regret - effective and retroactive to February 1, 2009.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Mandia. Absent
Co. Borelli Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (73-2009)

Co. Maloney offered and Co. Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that the resignation of George A. Hoehmann – Member – Planning Board – is hereby accepted - effective and retroactive to February 1, 2009.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Mandia. Absent
Co. Borelli Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (74-2009)

Co. Lasker offered and Co. Maloney seconded

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Town Councilman – Town of Clarkstown – created by the resignation (by retirement) of Ralph F. Mandia, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown is empowered by Town Law, Section 64 (5) to fill such vacancy,

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that George A. Hoehmann is hereby appointed to the position of Town Councilman – Town of Clarkstown (to fill the unexpired term of Ralph F. Mandia) said appointment effective on February 3, 2009 and to expire on December 31, 2009 at the 2009 salary of \$41,000.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Mandia. Absent
Co. Borelli Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

Co. George A. Hoehmann made the following comments:

Good Evening and thank you all for coming. First I must offer my deep gratitude to Councilman Ralph Mandia for his friendship and support. Ralph is the consummate public servant whose common sense and care for the people of Clarkstown is legendary. Seven years ago Ralph asked me to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Housing, which began my involvement in the town. Two years later Ralph nominated me to serve on the Planning Board. Throughout, Ralph has offered his sage advice, counsel and friendship. I offer my commitment to the people of Clarkstown that I will continue to work on the issues that were important to Ralph, issues such as affordable housing especially for seniors and emergency service volunteers.

I am humbled by the confidence that Supervisor Gromack, Council members Lasker, Maloney and Borelli have shown in appointing me to the Town Board. I promise that I will work hard every day to make Town Government ever more efficient and responsive to the needs of the people. Many of you know that I am the COO at Camp Venture. In the not-for-profit sector we know that often we are called upon to do more with less; to seek practical

and less expensive solutions to the complex problems that face us. As the newest member, I look forward to bringing my unique and invaluable experience to this bi-partisan town board. I also look forward to building upon the work that I began on the Energy Conservation Committee along with Councilman Borelli and Councilwoman Lasker in recommending and adopting Energy Star Standards for new residential development.

A word of thanks to so many friends who have come here tonight from Camp Venture, from Rotary, and from the Rockland Country Day School. I want to recognize two of my Directors—Denis Barry at Abbott House and Dan Lukens at Camp Venture both fine individuals who have done so much to serve the disabled in Rockland County. I want to say thank you to my friends Mary Loeffler and Ed Lettre for their friendship and support these past years. Also to Marsha Coopersmith for her support and Vincent Reda for all that he has done for me these past years.

For the past three years I have taught at the Rockland Country Day School where I offer a class in—government—go figure. I want to thank all of the students, faculty and staff who are here tonight including the head of the school Dr. Lee Hancock thank you all for being here.

A few more words of thanks, to some who have helped me along the way. I am grateful to the planning department, my fellow planning board members past and present especially the chairpersons whom I served under Dick Paris and Shirley Thormann for their leadership. A special thanks to Rudy Yacyshyn the vice chair who has helped all of the younger members myself included to take our responsibility as Town planners seriously. Rudy was appointed to the board in 1966—I was one year old and he still serves today with as much energy, integrity and dedication as he had I suspect on day one and I thank him for his example and support. To the planning board staff who make all the rest of us look good especially Rosalie, Dianne, Stacey, to our planners Joe, Jim and Bob Geneslaw, I am forever grateful to you all for your assistance. Also to my fellow board members who are here tonight; Gill Heim, Richard Shoberg, Peter Streitman, and John Sullivan. Also to my dear friend Chris Carey who in a few short moments will be appointed to fill my seat on the planning board. Also to former Councilwoman Catherine Nowicki, my friends from Venture, Rotary, RCDS and my friend Phil. I want to thank Judge Craig Johns a fellow Nanuet resident for making it official and swearing me in.

Last but by far not the least—to my family—to my wife and best friend Kathy, our three children; our daughters Ashleen & Ciara and our son Thomas; my mother-in-law—Brigid and my brothers and sisters and all the rest of my family for all your love and support and coming here tonight.

I close with this thought—I will work every day to earn your trust and respect as a member of this town board. I pledge to all of you that I will strive to carry on the proud legacy that Ralph Mandia has demonstrated in so many ways these past twenty years. I owe him much and am grateful to him and offer my continued thoughts and prayers that he may get stronger.

I will work tirelessly to complete his term and seek another this November as a dedicated servant of the people following in Ralph’s example.

Thank You all for coming—and now it is time to get to work.

RESOLUTION NO. (75-2009)

Co. Maloney offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Christopher Carey – Member – Architecture and Landscape Commission – is hereby accepted – effective and retroactive to February 1, 2009.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann. Yes
Co. Borelli. Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (76-2009)

Co. Maloney offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that Christopher Carey is hereby appointed to the position of Member – Planning Board – at the 2009 salary of 7,250., (to fill the unexpired term of George A. Hoehmann) term effective on February 2, 2009 and to expire on January 3, 2013.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann. Yes
Co. Borelli. Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (77-2009)

Co. Lasker offered and Co. Maloney seconded

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Gaetano Pastore – Member – Zoning Board of Appeals – is hereby accepted – effective and retroactive to February 1, 2009.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann. Yes
Co. Borelli. Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (78-2009)
Co. Borelli offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Gaetano Pastore is hereby appointed to the position of Member – Architecture and Landscape Commission – at the 2009 salary of \$5,700., (to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Carey) term effective on February 2, 2009 and to expire on October 28, 2014.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann... Yes
Co. Borelli... Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (79-2009)
Co. Maloney offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Arleen Whittaker – Member – Historical Review Board – is hereby accepted – effective and retroactive to February 1, 2009.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann... Yes
Co. Borelli... Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (80-2009)
Co. Maloney offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Arleen Wittaker is hereby appointed to the position of Member – Zoning Board of Appeals – at the 2009 salary of \$5,700., (to fill the unexpired term of Gaetano Pastore) term effective on February 2, 2009 and to expire on December 31, 2010.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann... Yes
Co. Borelli... Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (81-2009)
Co. Maloney offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Radhika Nagubandi is hereby appointed to the position of Member – Historical Review Board – at the 2009 annual salary of \$2,000., - term effective on February 2, 2009 and to expire on December 31, 2009.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann... Yes
Co. Borelli... Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (82-2009)
Co. Maloney offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Thomas Trevor is hereby appointed to the position of Member – Historical Review Board – at the 2009 annual salary of \$2,000., - term effective on February 2, 2009 and to expire on December 31, 2009.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann... Yes
Co. Borelli... Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (83-2009)
Co. Borelli offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND WITH RESPECT TO
THE NEW CITY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkstown is in the process of designing and bidding the New City Downtown Revitalization Project (the "Project"), and
WHEREAS, a portion of the Project involves the reconstruction/improvement of a portion of Congers Lake Road, a County road, and
WHEREAS, the County has agreed to reimburse the Town of Clarkstown in an amount up to \$2 Million Dollars for the improvements to Congers Lake Road, from Route 304 to Main Street, New City, New York, including road reconstruction, drainage, curbing, sidewalks and decorative elements, as well as design and engineering costs related to this portion of the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Rockland, in a form approved by the Town Attorney, which shall provide that the County of Rockland will reimburse the Town of Clarkstown up to \$2 Million Dollars for the improvements to Congers Lake Road, that portion of the project from Route 304 to Main Street, New City, New York, as set forth above.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann Yes
Co. Borelli Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (84-2009)
Co. Maloney offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 64 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ABC
LAW WITH RESPECT TO RENEWAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DIAMOND JIM'S BILLIARDS & PUB

WHEREAS, Jeremiah DeLeo of Diamond Jim's Billiards and Pub has advised us that he intends to apply to renew an on-premises liquor license for which thirty days advance notice of such application must be sent to the municipality. The establishment is located at 400 Nanuet Mall South, Nanuet, New York, and
WHEREAS, the notice required by Section 64-2(a) ABC Law may be waived by the Town Board, and
WHEREAS, the Clarkstown Town Board does not intend to comment upon the application referred to herein;
NOW, THEREFORE, be it
RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby waives the thirty-day notice Requirement contained in Section 64 of the Alcoholic and Beverage Control Law, and States that it does not intend to offer any comments regarding the application of Diamond Jim's Billiards & Pub for a liquor license renewal at the premises referred to herein.

On roll call the vote was as follows

Co. Lasker Yes
Co. Maloney Yes
Co. Hoehmann Yes
Co. Borelli Yes
Supervisor Gromack Yes

The Supervisor opened the meeting for general public comments with no one wishing to be heard.

On motion of Co. Borelli, seconded by Co. Maloney, and unanimously adopted, Town Board Meeting was closed 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carlucci
Town Clerk