

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
TOWN BOARD REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Town Hall

01/7/2014

8:00 PM

Present: Supervisor Alexander J. Gromack
Council Members Shirley Lasker, Frank Borelli,
George Hoehmann & Stephanie Hausner
Amy Mele, Town Attorney
Justin Sweet, Town Clerk

The Master of Ceremony was Police Chaplain David Lothrop. The Clarkstown Police Honor Guard presented the colors. Veteran of the Year, Kenneth Walters, lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clarkstown South Troubadours sang the Pledge of Allegiance. Msg. Emmet R. Nevin, of St. Paul's Church, read the invocation. Chaplain Lothrop introduced the distinguished guests in attendance at the meeting.

The Hon. Judge Victor Alfieri administered the oath of office to Clarkstown Supervisor Alexander J. Gromack with his wife, Joan, and daughter, Jenna, holding the Bible.

The Hon. Judge Craig Johns administered the oath of office to Councilman George Hoehmann with his wife, Kathy holding the Bible and joined by his children Ashleen, Ciara and Thomas.

The Hon. Judge Howard Gerber administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Stephanie Hausner with her grandparents, Edythe and Shel Haas and Mickey and Milty Hausner holding the Bible.

The Hon. Judge Rolf Thorsen administered the oath of office to Town Clerk Justin Sweet with his wife, Olga holding the Bible along with his children Justin, Matthew, Ksenia, Kiera, Andrew, Alex and Michael.

The Hon. Judge Victor Alfieri administered the oath of office to Town Justice Scott Ugell with his children, Rebecca and Sari, holding the Bible.

The Hon. Judge Charles Apotheker administered the oath of office to Town Justice Craig Johns with his wife, Lana, holding the Bible with sons, Craig, Alexander and Cole.

The Hon. Judge Craig Johns administered the oath of office to Highway Superintendent Wayne Ballard with his children, Kimberly and Justin, holding the Bible.

A musical interlude was performed by the Clarkstown South Troubadours.

Supervisor Gromack delivered the following State of the Town Address:

President Abraham Lincoln said, "You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." Thank you and good evening.

First, let me extend my sincerest wish to all the residents of Clarkstown for health and happiness in the New Year. Once again I have the great privilege of presenting what is now my tenth annual State of the Town address.

I humbly thank the residents of Clarkstown for their continuing support and confidence and pledge all my energy and efforts to keeping our Town a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Professional speech writers suggest that you start every speech with a joke or funny story. President Jimmy Carter once did this when delivering a speech in Japan with a story that lasted about one minute. He was surprised that the audience broke out in such laughter and that it only took the interpreter 10 seconds to retell it. After the speech Carter asked the interpreter how he told the story so quickly and how he got such a big laugh. The interpreter responded, "*I told*

them, President Carter just told a story. It was not very funny, but please laugh now anyway.”

The purpose of the State of the Town address is to provide residents with a summary of what we have accomplished during the past years and to identify the goals for the coming year. It is a difficult speech to write and harder to deliver because many of the accomplishments are described in numbers; like the \$450,000 dollars saved through consolidation of the Receiver of Taxes and Town Clerk, and over one million square feet of new commercial developments, and the 2000 new construction and permanent jobs created with the Shops at Nanuet, and the 100 senior housing units built or under construction, and the reduction of 75 government jobs, and the \$38 million received in local, state and federal grants, and the two hundred acres of open space saved, and the \$15 million tax stabilization fund created. While we have spent millions revitalizing our downtowns and upgrading our infrastructure through sound fiscal planning and strong financial management we have secured and maintained a AAA bond rating, the highest that any government can receive; that has saved our taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest payments. As impressive as those numbers are, they only tell part of the story.

Our achievements have been recognized by others. We received two awards for our Comprehensive Plan, one from Pace University Law and another from the New York Planning Federation. We have been continuously recognized as one of the safest towns in the country as well as one of CNN Money Magazine's 100 best places to live in the nation. We were named #1 Booming Suburb of New York by Coldwell Banker Real Estate, and recently received a \$90,000 grant from the state of New York for our consolidation efforts of the Town Clerk and Receiver of Taxes.

President Teddy Roosevelt once said, *“This country will not be a good place to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in”.*

The same holds true for any community. That has been the goal of this administration: to make Clarkstown a good place for all of us to live in. While we all may choose different ways of doing it, we all want to make this world a better place for our families and our children. Some of us choose to do that at our jobs, some in volunteer work in the community, membership in business or civic organizations, coaching a sports team, participating in church and synagogue groups, and perhaps most importantly being good parents. Some of us have chosen public service as the way to make our contribution to our community.

It was President John F. Kennedy who said, *“Every mother wants their child to grow up and become president, but no mother wants their child to become a politician.”*

I believe that the primary job of government is to provide for and protect the safety of its citizens. They should feel safe and secure on their streets, in their homes, schools, businesses and in their futures.

That is why we have and will continue to provide the necessary resources to our Police Department to recruit, train and keep professional and dedicated police officers on the job. That is why we built a state of the art communication tower that facilitates inter agency communication. That is why through our Ready Clarkstown program we have improved our ability to notify and communicate with residents in real time during an emergency. That is why we have worked closely with our volunteer ambulance corps and fire departments to help them provide the very best service to our residents. That is why our Police Officers are in our schools each and every day. That is part of why we are one of the safest Towns in the nation.

Our downtown revitalization projects have not only transformed our hamlet centers into attractive, pedestrian friendly streets where small businesses, restaurants and specialty shops can compete with our two regional malls. We have designed and constructed them to become the hubs of our communities where families can walk along Main Street, meet with friends, visit pocket parks, attend street fairs, and shop in safety.

The majority of our population are homeowners. Our homes are our largest investment in both money and time. The value of our homes are impacted by the homes that surround us. None of us want to see that value reduced as a result of illegal or unrestricted residential development. Laws and regulations do matter in the Town of Clarkstown.

We want our neighborhoods to flourish not fail. That is why we created the new Comprehensive Plan that established specific zoning laws that permit and encourage sensible land use for residential and commercial development, but prohibits the type of unrestricted development that threatens the nature and composition of our neighborhoods. We revised our Town Zoning Codes and strengthened our code enforcement efforts by establishing a zero tolerance for unsafe or illegally occupied residences.

We have invested heavily in our open space program to secure over 200 acres of private lands keeping them 'forever green' and unavailable for development.

We all understand that new homes and businesses will continue to be built but we have and will continue to work to ensure that those homes and businesses fit into the vision of our Comprehensive Plan, that new construction enhances our neighborhoods and communities, and that our new neighbors are living in a home that is both legal, safe and in character with the surrounding community. That is how it has always been; that is how it will continue to be.

At the same time we are aware of the housing needs of our senior population, our young adults and our volunteers. We created the Active Adult Residence zone which permits the construction of homes specifically designed and constructed for active adults over the age of 55. To date over 100 units have been constructed or are in the planning process. We will continue to work on this challenge and will solve it without compromising our principles and quality of life as we know it in Clarkstown.

Feeling safe and secure in our homes also requires that the infrastructure around our homes is in working order and sufficient to meet our present and future needs. Our drainage system should prevent the constant flooding of homes and businesses that plagued our residents. That is why, in 2005, we created the Drainage Task Force which has completed 130 flood prevention projects.

When it snows we want our roads plowed so we can get to work. We want our Highway Department to have the equipment it needs to do the job and do it quickly and efficiently. We want our roads and bridges to be safe.

We want our sewer system to work, our leaves picked up, our Mini Trans transportation system to be efficient and reliable; our recreational facilities and our Town parks to remain attractive, accessible, safe and enjoyable for Clarkstown residents and for only Clarkstown residents.

We want our town facilities to be energy efficient and environmentally sound in keeping with current technology.

All of these infrastructure issues are part of what keeps our Town and our families safe and secure in their homes and community. It is an investment that protects our futures.

Some have said we have been too aggressive with our capital improvement projects; but I would remind them that Noah's neighbors also criticized him for building his ark when it wasn't even raining yet.

That is why we have a long range five year capital improvement plan that prioritizes projects and creates a sensible and rational bonding program that spreads the necessary funding over a number of years.

Some critics have falsely suggested that our capital improvement plan has created a financial deficit.

They confuse and compare our bonded indebtedness with the county's \$145 million operating deficit. The two are very, very different. So let me set the record straight. Clarkstown, unlike the county, does not have an operating deficit of \$145 million. We have a balanced budget with a tax stabilization fund of \$15 million and growing.

Our fiscal policy and practices have earned us an AAA bond rating, which as I have said, is the highest rating that any municipality can achieve. That rate has not only allowed us to complete necessary repairs and new capital projects but at an interest rate that has saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest charges.

So through sound financial planning and prudent spending we have not only made our town a better place today but we have protected its future for our children. At the same time, every decision and act by government is open to criticism and that is part of what a democracy is all about. However, a responsible and responsive government cannot default on its primary responsibility to provide for and protect the safety and security of its citizens just to avoid criticism.

Every responsible and caring parent has had the experience of making an unpopular decision for the protection of their children. Suddenly that moody teenager who's total vocabulary has been restricted to "whatever" and "uh huh" develops the verbal ability to not only tell us where we should go but is able to share with the utmost confidence where we rate as parents in comparison to every other parent in the world. That criticism stings but we don't stop being good parents. We don't stop making hard but important decisions.

A friend recently asked me how public servants and politicians put up with all the personal attacks and slanderous remarks made about them. I shared a story about what happened during a senatorial debate between Abe Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, where Douglas was assailing Lincoln's integrity and character. To cap his remarks, Douglas called Lincoln 'two faced' to which Lincoln remarked, "*Mr. Douglas if I had two faces do you really think I would be wearing this one?*"

Our Town is strong. It is better today than it was yesterday and I pledge to you that our Town and its government will continue to work to make it even better for tomorrow. We have some unique opportunities in our future.

For the first time in 20 years we have a new County Executive and that provides us with the ability to forge a new partnership with county government, a partnership where villages, towns and the county can work together to address mutual concerns rather than working against each other and solving nothing.

We have shown that consolidation of town government saves money and improves services. If Clarkstown can do it, perhaps we can, with the new County Executive's assistance, form an inter-municipal task force that looks at government consolidation of services across municipal lines. It means that some of us may have to give up parochial concerns; but I believe the benefit of consolidation would far outweigh those concerns. Efficiency and savings, what a novel idea! We have done it in Clarkstown; let's do it together with Rockland County.

We have shown that government can be business friendly and can successfully encourage the expansion of existing businesses and attract new ones to our Town, creating new jobs and diversifying and expanding our economic base.

Perhaps towns and the county can work together to attract more high tech, scientific and pharmaceutical industry to our county. That will provide even more opportunities for economic growth and provide quality employment opportunities for our young professionals right here in Rockland. We can and will be that partner to our county government.

The promise and bright hope is only a "Day" away! Many of our towns and villages share an underutilized and under marketed natural resource: the Hudson River. With a little coordinated planning and a commitment to the environment I believe we can make the Hudson River shoreline a hub for tourism and a vibrant economic center.

Finally, I hope to continue discussing with our new County Executive, Ed Day, the inequity of the current sales tax distribution. The Shops at Nanuet is projected to bring in \$15 million of new county sales tax revenue to county government. The Shops at Nanuet is one of two regional shopping centers located in Clarkstown. The Palisades Mall is projected to bring in \$40 to \$50 million dollars in sales tax revenue to the county. As I have repeatedly argued, our town provides for the essential services to these malls through our town property taxes. That cost should be offset in some reasonable fashion by a more equitable distribution of the county's sales tax revenue. I hope our "Day" has come for economic fairness to our Town.

Our Town is leading the way to an economic revival of our state corridors, creating the first municipal solar field on our capped landfill in New York State saving \$6 million in electric

charges over the next two decades; and we will work with others to make sure the new Tappan Zee Bridge becomes a benefit to our Town and region, not a detriment. Our list is never ending as long as we stay engaged and true to our principles of service, public service.

I have repeatedly used the words we and ours in this address. While I am proud of what has been accomplished in Clarkstown and excited and optimistic about our future opportunities, I know that those accomplishments were the result of people working together to make and keep Clarkstown a great place for families and businesses to grow and flourish. Nothing of importance can be accomplished by any one person but together we can accomplish so much.

My colleagues on the Town Board Shirley Lasker, Frank Borelli, George Hoehmann and Stephanie Hausner deserve much of the credit for the state of our Town. They are tireless in their efforts, unshaken in their commitment and we have never stopped working together for the benefit of our Town and our residents.

All our officials, Highway Superintendent Wayne Ballard, Town Clerk Justin Sweet, Town Judges Ugell, Johns, Gerber and Thorsen, as well as Police Chief Michael Sullivan, Town Attorney Amy Mele, Department Heads, code enforcers, clerks, Recreation and highway workers and all our dedicated employees, the Town Board and I applaud your dedication and the work you do every day to make our Town better.

A personal thank you to Loretta Raimone, our long serving Receiver of Taxes, for her dedication and service to our Town for the past 13 years. We appreciate her support and guidance in helping with a smooth transition during the consolidation of the Receiver of Taxes office with the Town Clerk's office.

To our citizen groups, volunteers, civic and business organizations and every resident who has ever attended a meeting, voiced an opinion, served on a committee, sent a letter or visited our offices, thank you for your participation in our Town. Your input makes Clarkstown special.

We recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address, one of the most famous and notable American political speeches in our country's history. His speech and mine have some differences and some similarities. First, President Lincoln's speech was 36 lines long, mine was 6 pages long. President Lincoln's speech will always be remembered as great. Mine will probably be forgotten by tomorrow; in fact some of you have probably forgotten it already. But there are some similarities. Lincoln's speech was hammered in the press and by his critics. It was called political posturing, lacking substance and insufficiently respectful of the occasion on which it was delivered and those were the kinder comments of those who disliked President Lincoln.

The most important similarity is that both of us have tried to speak to the heart of our community. Lincoln spoke of a new national unity and the purpose of government. He asked people to look ahead and put aside differences, to never forget the promise of our nation.

I believe that if our hearts are true, if our minds are open and free of bias, we can accomplish anything we set our minds to. I believe that through all our efforts, our Town is better today than it was yesterday and I believe, as Lincoln did, through our unity of purpose, it will be better tomorrow. I pledge to continue to work as hard as I can to make Clarkstown a great place for all of us to live, and most importantly, a place where our families and our children can find a safe and secure future.

Clarkstown...a place they can proudly call home!

Thank you, good night, and God Bless America.

Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg of the New City Jewish Center delivered the Benediction and Blessing .

The Clarkstown South Troubadours sang God Bless America.

Town Clerk, Justin Sweet, read the roll call.

RESOLUTION NO. (1-2014)
Co. Lasker offered and Co Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that the following depositories are hereby designated for funds deposited by the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes, Town Justices, Building Inspector, Department of Planning and Comptroller:

- J P Morgan Chase
- Citibank, N.A.
- Capital One
- First Niagara Bank
- Key Bank, NA
- M & T Bank
- Merrill Lynch
- Sterling National Bank
- TD Bank
- Greater Hudson Bank, N.A.

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the banks set forth above shall be required to supply pledge collateral protection for Town funds which are not otherwise insured against loss.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (2-2014)
Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that petty cash be established for the following offices in the amounts designated:

Supervisor's Office	\$200.00	
Assessor's Office	\$100.00	
Building Inspector	\$100.00	
Comptroller's Office	\$100.00	
Data Processing	\$100.00	
Environmental Control	\$100.00	
Justice Court	\$200.00	
Highway Department	\$200.00	
Maintenance	\$100.00	
Mini-Trans	\$100.00	
Personnel	\$25.00	
Planning	\$100.00	
Police	\$700.00	
Purchasing	\$25.00	
Receiver of Taxes	\$300.00	
Recreation & Parks	\$300.00	
Recreation & Parks	\$1500.00	(5/1/14-10/30/14)
Recreation & Parks	\$100.00	
(Wheel Park)		
Recreation & Parks	\$100.00	

RESOLUTION NO. (2-2014) continued

(Germonds Park Mini Golf Course)	
Recreation & Parks	\$200.00
(Zukor Park Registration)	
Safety Manager	\$100.00
Sanitation District	\$150.00
(Landfill)	
Sewer	\$100.00
Town Attorney	\$300.00
Town Clerk	\$200.00
Town Garage	\$50.00

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. (3-2014)

Co. Hausner offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Justin Sweet, 41 High Tor Road, New City, New York, is hereby appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to commence on January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2015 with compensation in accordance with the salary schedule, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all statutory fees payable to the Registrar of Vital Statistics shall be paid into Revenue Account No. B 02 3 2120 0.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. (4-2014)

Co. Borelli offered and Co. Hausner seconded

WHEREAS, §11-c of the Domestic Relations Law provides for the appointment by the Town Board of a Marriage Officer who shall have the authority to solemnize a marriage; NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Justin Sweet, Town Clerk, is hereby appointed a Marriage Officer for the Town of Clarkstown, for a term commencing on January 1, 2014 and terminating on December 31, 2015, at the pleasure of the Town Board, without compensation.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. (5-2014)
Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Comptroller to determine security to be given for the protection of Town Funds (Town Law Section 64, Subd. 1).

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (6-2014)
Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Clarkstown is hereby ordered and directed to deposit monies collected by the Town Clerk for warrants issued for the collection of the 2014 State, County and Town taxes, in an interest bearing checking account in a lending institution designated and approved by the Town Board, if practicable.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (7-2014)
Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that the Insurance and Claims Manager of the Town is hereby authorized to settle liability claims, which involve no bodily injuries, for amounts up to \$10,000.00, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that such settlement authorization is increased to the sum of \$25,000.00 when the Town Attorney reviews and approves the proposed settlement.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (8-2014)
Co. Hausner offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to publish a summary annual financial report (or notice that a copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office) in lieu of an annual financial report, as provided by Town Law Section 29, Subd. 20.

RESOLUTION NO. (8-2014) continued

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (9-2014)

Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that for the year 2014, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Attorney to take all necessary steps to institute actions on behalf of or defend any proceedings brought against the Town of Clarkstown, its agencies and employees, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is hereby made retroactive to January 1, 2014.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (10-2014)

Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that the official undertaking for the Town Officials as authorized by Section 25 of the Town Law be and hereby is established in the amounts provided in the surety bonds previously obtained, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company is hereby authorized to provide such undertaking.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (11-2014)

Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that the provisions of Section 18 of the Public Officers' Law concerning defense and indemnification shall apply to the officers and employees of the Town of Clarkstown who are named defendants in any action arising out of the proper performance of duties to the fullest extent permissible by law, including, but not limited to, punitive damages, and the benefits of Section 18 shall extend to all such employees, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all necessary and reasonable costs for providing this benefit shall be a proper Town charge.

RESOLUTION NO. (11-2014) continued

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (12-2014)

Co. Borelli offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to employ office worker students, laborer students, special studies interns, and temporary part time and/or seasonal workers for various departments within the appropriate budget line(s).

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (13-2014)

Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that Amy Wagner-Mele, 103 Van Houten Fields, West Nyack, New York - is hereby reappointed to the position of Town Attorney – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2015 – at the current 2014 annual salary as set forth in the 2014 salary schedule.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (14-2014)

Co. Hausner offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Edward J. Duer, 937 Flint Court, Valley Cottage, New York - is hereby reappointed to the position of Town Comptroller – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2015 – at the current 2014 annual salary as set forth in the 2014 salary schedule.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (15-2014)
Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that Mary Maloney, 7 Tavo Lane, New City, New York - is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Comptroller – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2015 – at the current 2014 annual salary as set forth in the 2014 salary schedule.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (16-2014)
Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that George Presotto, 7 Rock Drive, Valley Cottage, New York - is hereby re-appointed to the position of Member – Alarm Users Review Board – at the 2014 annual salary of \$1,122., term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2015.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (17-2014)
Co. Hausner offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that Edward J. Lettre, 34 Avner Lane, West Nyack, New York – is hereby re-appointed to the position of Chairman - Architecture and Landscape Commission – at the 2014 annual salary of \$3,672., term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on January 1, 2015.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (18-2014)
Co. Hausner offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Cora Bodkin, 7 Bellwood Drive, New City, New York, is hereby reappointed to the position of Vice-Chairman – Architecture and Landscape Commission – at the current 2014 annual salary as set forth in the 2014 salary schedule - with such appointment to be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. (18-2014) continued

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (19-2014)

Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that Voncile Oliver, 19 Wesley Road, Congers, New York – is hereby reappointed to the position of Member – Clarkstown Citizens Advisory Board – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (20-2014)

Co. Hausner offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby reappointed to the position of Member – Civilian Complaint Review Board – to serve without compensation – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2015.

Louis Alpert
419 Maple Avenue
Upper Nyack, New York

Joel Epstein
99 Bardonia Road
Bardonia, New York

Charles H. Butler
6 Foxcroft Drive
Nanuet, New York

James R. Freeman, Jr.
587 Svahn Drive
Valley Cottage, New York

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (21-2014)

Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that Robert Knight, 18 Gilchrest Road, Congers, New York - is hereby reappointed to the position of Chairman – Historical Review Board – to serve without compensation – for the year 2014 – with such appointment to be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2015, and be it,

RESOLUTION NO. (21-2014) continued

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert Knight, as Chairman of the Historical Review Board, shall be responsible for familiarizing all Historical Review Board Members with the following provisions of the Town Code:

Chapter 18 – Code of Ethics, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Robert Knight at his home address.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (22-2014)

Co. Hausner offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that Lawrence Kigler, 25 Roberts Road, New City, New York – is hereby reappointed to the position of Member – Historical Review Board – at the 2014 annual salary of \$2,040., - term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2020.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (23-2014)

Co. Lasker offered and Co Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that Scott Milich, 9 Link Court, New City, New York - is hereby reappointed to the position of Vice Chairman – Parks and Recreation Commission – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014 with no compensation.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (24-2014)

Co. Lasker offered and Co Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that John J. O’Connell, 5 Hannah Lane, Valley Cottage, New York - is hereby reappointed to the position of Member – Parks Board and Recreation Commission – at the 2014 annual salary of \$3,366., term effective January 7, 2014 and to expire on January 6, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. (24-2014) continued

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (25-2014)

Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that Shirley J. Thormann, 604 Gateway, Valley Cottage, New York – is hereby reappointed to the position of Chairman – Planning Board – term effective January 2, 2014 and to expire on January 1, 2015 – at the current 2014 annual salary of \$14,790.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (26-2014)

Co. Borelli offered and Co. Hoehmann seconded

RESOLVED, that Rudolph Yacyshyn, 48 Washington Circle, New City, New York, is hereby reappointed to the position of Member – Planning Board – at the current 2014 annual salary of \$7,395., term effective January 3, 2014 and to expire on January 2, 2020.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (27-2014)

Co. Hausner offered and Co. Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that Edward Hewitt, 8A Bittman Lane, New City, New York, is hereby reappointed to the position of Chairman – Fire Board of Appeals – to serve without compensation – for the year 2014 – with such appointment to be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2015, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Edward Hewitt, as Chairman of the Fire Board of Appeals, shall be responsible for familiarizing all Fire Board of Appeal members with the following provisions of the Town Code:

Chapter 18 –Code of Ethics, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Edward Hewitt at his home address.

RESOLUTION NO. (27-2014) continued

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (28-2014)

Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that George Nugent, 107 Lake Road, Valley Cottage, New York, is hereby reappointed to the position of Chairman – Sanitation Commission – at the current 2014 annual salary as set forth in the 2014 salary schedule – with such appointment to be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2015, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that George Nugent, as Chairman of the Sanitation Commission, shall be responsible for familiarizing all Sanitation Commission Members with the following provisions of the Town Code:

Chapter 18 – Code of Ethics, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to George Nugent at his home address.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (29-2014)

Co. Borelli offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that John W. Scanlon, 16 Van Nostrand Avenue, Nanuet, New York is hereby reappointed to the position of Member – Sanitation Commission – at the current 2014 annual salary of \$3,468., term effective and retroactive to January 7, 2014 and to expire on January 8, 2019.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (30-2014)

Co. Hausner offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Christopher Martone, 5 Briarcliff Road, New City, New York - is hereby appointed to the position of Chairman – Traffic & Traffic Fire Safety Advisory Board – at the 2014 annual salary of \$791., effective January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. (30-2014) continued

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (31-2014)
Co. Hausner offered and Co. Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that Gaetano U. Massa, 4 Germonds Road, New City, New York is hereby reappointed to the position of Chairman – Zoning Board of Appeals – at the current 2014 annual salary as set forth in the 2014 salary schedule - with such appointment to be effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2015, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gaetano U. Massa, as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, shall be responsible for familiarizing all Zoning Board of Appeals Members with the following provisions of the Town Code:

Chapter 18 – Code of Ethics and

Chapter 42 – Certification of Board of Appeals and Planning Board Members, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Gaetano U. Massa at his home address.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (32-2014)
Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that Edward J. Guardaro, Jr., 9 Emerald Drive, Valley Cottage, New York – is hereby reappointed to the position of Member – Zoning Board of Appeals – – at the 2014 annual salary of \$5,814., - term effective and retroactive to July 23, 2013 and to expire on January 1, 2018.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (33-2014)
Co. Lasker offered and Co. Hausner seconded

RESOLVED, that Brian Tesseyman, 6 Kelvin Court, Nanuet, New York - is hereby appointed to the position of Chairman – Parks Board and Recreation Commission - term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014 at the current annual salary of \$791.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. (34-2014)
Co. Hausner offered and Co. Lasker seconded

RESOLVED, that Joel Epstein, 99 Bardonia Road, Bardonia, New York – is hereby appointed to the position of Member – Clarkstown Citizens Advisory Board – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. (35-2014)
Co. Hausner offered and Co. Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that Jose Simoes, 5 Beauregard Terrace, Congers, New York – is hereby appointed to the position of Member – Clarkstown Citizens Advisory Board – term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. (36-2014)
Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Borelli seconded

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH Article VIII. Section (5) of the Labor Agreement between the Town of Clarkstown and the Clarkstown Unit of the C.S.E.A. , has received a request from Mr. Justin Sweet, Town Clerk, for a reallocation of the title, Registry Clerk-Stenographer, which is currently a grade 21 to be reallocated to a grade 24.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town Board has reviewed the request and has determined that the title of Registry Clerk-Stenographer – Town Clerk’s Office- should be reallocated to a grade 24.

RESOLUTION NO. (36-2014) continued

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kathleen Carleo, 150 Sixth Avenue, Nyack, New York – who presently encumbers the position of Registry Clerk-Stenographer-Town Clerk’s Office-is now appointed to a grade 24 and her salary will reflect the 2014 current annual salary of \$77,956. , effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (37-2014)\
Co. Hausner offered and Co. Borelli seconded

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby reappointed to the Pride of Clarkstown committee – to serve without compensation-term effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014.

- George Hoehmann, Town Board Liaison
- Scott Milich, Chairman
- David Kaminski
- Donald Ritch
- Irene Ryan
- Shirley Washington

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (38-2014)
Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Hausner seconded

Whereas, by Town Board Resolution No. 404-2012, dated August 21, 2012, the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown declared its intent to act as the lead agency for the coordinated review of the construction of the Photovoltaic Solar Panel System Installation on the closed Clarkstown Landfill in accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

Whereas, K. Luke Kalarickal, P.E., acting as agent to the Clarkstown Town Board, circulated the Short Environmental Assessment Form to potential involved or interested agencies, and

Whereas, no involved or interested agencies having, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of circulation of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, submitted an objection to the Clarkstown Town Board being the lead agency for the coordinated review in accordance of the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, whereby the Town Board is Lead Agency, and

RESOLUTION NO. (38-2014) continued

Whereas, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Remediation Bureau's comments have been addressed in the Photovoltaic Solar Panel System Installation Work Plan for the Town of Clarkstown prepared by Holzmacher, McLendon & Murrell, P.C. (H2M), dated October 2013 and revised on November 20, 2013, and

Whereas, on November 27, 2013, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Remediation, approved the Photovoltaic Panel Work Plan for the Town of Clarkstown, and

Whereas, it has been determined that the proposed project is an unlisted action; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the closed landfill and surrounding properties.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (39-2014)

Co. Hausner offered and Co. Borelli seconded

WHEREAS, the Town Board reorganizational meeting, originally scheduled for January 2, 2014, was rescheduled to January 7, 2014 due to inclement weather, and

WHEREAS, the draft resolutions that were posted and distributed were dated January 2, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the resolutions passed at the January 7, 2014 reorganizational meeting shall be deemed dated and adopted as of January 7, 2014, unless otherwise specified in the resolution.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

- Co. Lasker Yes
- Co. Borelli Yes
- Co. Hoehmann Yes
- Co. Hausner. Yes
- Supervisor Gromack Yes

RESOLUTION NO. (40-2014)

Co. Hoehmann offered and Co. Hausner seconded

WHEREAS, the Town has received \$85,086.50 from Rockland County Sewer District #1

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to increase Revenue Account H-15-9-2770-0 (Capital-Misc. Local Revenue) and Expense Account H-8760-409-0-84-9 (Capital-Sewer Pump Station & Collection System Upgrade) by \$85,086.50.

RESOLUTION NO. (40-2014) continued

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

There being no one further wishing to be heard, on motion of Co. Hoehmann seconded by Co. Lasker, the Reorganizational Meeting was adjourned, time: 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Justine Sweet
Town Clerk