

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GLENVILLE
APRIL 3, 2013
AT THE GLENVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTER
18 GLENRIDGE ROAD, GLENVILLE, NEW YORK

Supervisor Koetzle called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM;

Supervisor Koetzle asked the Town Clerk, Linda C. Neals, to call the roll.

Present: Supervisor Christopher A. Koetzle, Councilmen Alan Boulant, and Sid Ramotar

Absent: Councilman John C. Pytlovany and Councilwoman Gina M. Wierzbowski

Also present were Attorney Michael Cuevas and Director of Operations James MacFarland, Comptroller Jason Cuthbert, Planner Kevin Corcoran and Police Chief Michael Ranalli.

Town Council Reports:

Councilman Ramotar – “Sunday, April 14th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, the Scotia-Glenville Seniors are having a volunteer recognition ceremony at the Senior Center.”

Councilman Boulant – “On April 25th we will be having our 2nd Annual Glenville Business Forum at the Waters Edge Lighthouse at 5:30 pm. It was very well attended last year with well over one-hundred (100) people and we are looking at one-hundred fifty (150) this year.”

Privilege of the Floor:

Marc Bachard, 46 Pashley Road – Mr. Bachard had attended a previous town meeting informing the Board about a dangerous intersection at Pashley Road and Birch Lane. He informed the Board that since that meeting he had spoken with Tom Melander, Town’s traffic engineer. Mr. Melander informed him that a traffic study needed to be done. Mr. Bachard said that two studies were done and both indicated that the speeds were high. He told the Board that he had been in contact with Tom Coppola, Highway Superintendent throughout the summer and basically he was just following up with the Board because nothing has been done so far. He informed the Board that Mr. Coppola had actually painted where the pavement should be removed. He is just hoping that this could be taken care of this year.

Supervisor Koetzle asked Mr. Bachard what Tom Coppola had indicated.

Mr. Bachard stated that he was told everything was good to go and that it was just a matter of resources to get the crew there. By the time the agreement was in place it was Christmas and nothing could be done at that time.

Supervisor Koetzle stated that he would follow up with Mr. Coppola.

Dave Gallup, 430 Sacandaga Road – Mr. Gallup read a letter to the editor that he had submitted to the Daily Gazette regarding the County’s Unified Communication Center. He stated that he did not believe it would be published but he wanted the Board to know what was written.

Supervisor’s Comments:

Supervisor Koetzle shared the following information;

The Alplaus Residents Association meeting was on March 21st. We had a good conversation with the residents on economic development, finances, the county home and DOT attended to provide an update on the Glenridge Road project. There is

some concern that the Alplaus 4th of July Parade may not be able to be held this year because of the Glenridge Road project but that has been taken care of and it will take place as usual.

Just a reminder May 2nd the Chamber's Good News Awards Luncheon will be held. Jim Martin, Chairman of the Small Business and Economic Development Committee (SBED) and the Local Development Corporation (LDC) will be honored by the Chamber.

The Town's Wellfield Protection Committee Report was featured in a poster format at the Mohawk River Symposium on March 22nd at Union College. The Symposium brings together a regional audience to take a disciplinary look at the Mohawk River and is organized by Glenville resident and Union College Professor Dr. John Graver. We thank Steve Hamon, a member of the Wellfield Protection Committee for producing the summary report which you all saw and also produced the poster for representing the Town of Glenville in the Symposium.

We just received our invitations for the groundbreaking ceremony at the new Socha Plaza to be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 am. This is obviously exciting project for us, over 10 million dollars in new investment in the Town. We appreciate the confidence of the Socha family that have demonstrated in Glenville by growing their business here.

We were pleased to have been able to forward our board resolution from our last meeting regarding amendments the NYS SAFE Act to Senator Farley and Assemblyman Tedisco. I have received some comments from the public who are in disagreement with our opposition to the SAFE Act but after explaining the issue to them they at least understood why the Town took the action that they took and that we were thoughtful in our process and that It was a fair a open process unlike how the State Act was actually passed.

I thank all residents who have taken time on both sides of the issue to express their opinion. That is an important part of what we are all about and to have that forum here is something that the other side wasn't afforded when the SAFE Act was being passed. I am glad that everyone had a right to at least say how they feel.

I received a letter from Time Warner stating that I did not have a cable bill this month, zero balance because of a rebate for the overcharge on the franchise fee. This got me thinking because my cable bill is normally \$220.00 or so and this month it is zero for April and I just got thinking that really almost 1.2 million dollars is being invested in our Town from Time Warner. That's money in our hands that we can then take, and I would just like residents to think about maybe what we can do with that. If we go out and we go out to dinner somewhere in Glenville or a small business in Glenville and purchase something to just circulate the money around and I believe that would be a 4 or 5% factor. You take that 1.2 million and it gets you almost 5 million in economic impact in the Town.

Supervisor Koetzle moved ahead with the agenda items.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2013

Moved by: Councilman Boulant

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville was a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available through the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities (GOSC) Economic Development program in October 2007; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5, Section 99-h of the General Municipal Law, the Town accepted the funds and made same available to a borrower for the purpose of improving the general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Glenville, specifically to make every reasonable effort to create new full-time jobs, 70% of which

were to be held by low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the loan to the borrower has been repaid and \$565,252.18 of such funds are expected to be available for re-use for an eligible purpose to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input on the potential use of these CDBG funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Town Board of the Town of Glenville to receive public input on the use of \$565,252.18 in Community Development Block Grant funds expected to be made available for reuse for an eligible purpose at 7:30 PM on April 17, 2013, at the Glenville Municipal Center, 18 Glenridge Road, Glenville, New York, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Ayes: Councilmen Boulant, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pytlovany and Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2013

Moved by: Councilman Boulant
Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the Communications Section for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Lauser, Jr. appears number one on the current open competitive Civil Service list for Public Safety Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Lauser, Jr. has prior experience as a Glenville Police Department Public Safety Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief believes hiring Douglas Lauser Jr. will meet the immediate need of the department,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby appoint Douglas Lauser Jr. of 14 Country Fair Lane, Glenville, New York to the position of Public Safety Dispatcher for the Town of Glenville with an effective date of April 7, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation be as set forth in the current C.S.E.A. Contract for the title of Public Safety Dispatcher, referred to in the salary schedules as "Police Dispatch".

Ayes: Councilmen Boulant, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pytlovany and Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 83-2013

Moved by: Councilman Boulant

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town's Electricity Sales Agreement will expire on or about September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville's energy consultant, Four Corners Energy, will solicit competitive bids for the Town's electricity needs for one and two year terms, said bids being solicited during the months of April and May 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently pays \$.0646 per kilowatt-hour (kWh); and

WHEREAS, due to the fluid and sometimes volatile nature of the electricity market, bids must be accepted as soon after having been made as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Town's energy consultant recommends that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the lowest responsible bid received by May 31st so long as the bid does not exceed \$.075 per kilowatt-hour (kWh),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Glenville hereby authorizes the Supervisor to accept the lowest responsible bid received by May 31st 2013, for Town electricity so long as the bid does not exceed \$.075 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Ayes: Councilmen Boulant, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pytlovany and Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2013

Moved by: Councilman Boulant

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Town of Glenville engaged PC Public Affairs, 120 State St., Albany, NY, 12205, to perform a marketing study for the purpose of furthering economic development efforts in the town, and

WHEREAS, the PC Public Affairs report recommended that certain marketing activities be undertaken, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville wishes to implement those marketing recommendations in 2013, including development of a Glenville economic development-specific website, production of electronic and print marketing information and brochures, review of existing marketing materials, and targeted marketing of Glenville to specific businesses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glenville Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Chris Koetzle to enter into agreement with D2 Media Consultants, 9 Inglewood Drive, Glenville, NY for services described above in an amount (budgeted) not to exceed \$6,000, to be charged to the REDI fund account 02.00.1445.4500.

Ayes: Councilmen Boulant, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pytlovany and Councilwoman Wierzbowski

Abstention: None

Motion Carried

Discussion...

Councilman Ramotar – “I think that the last couple of years this has been going on, it was something that was created to help the businesses and it became extremely successful.

Supervisor Koetzle – “I agree, I think this has been very successful. As you drive the business corridor you see new signs everywhere and they look great.

I also want to compliment who ever put the form together. I heard on the news that if you need a subsidy for Obama Care it is a 65 page application you fill out to prove you income. This is a one pager, this is excellent. Nice job Kevin.”

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2013

Moved by: Councilman Boulant

Seconded by: Councilman Ramotar

WHEREAS, the Town of Glenville Town Board made budget appropriations in both 2011 and 2012 for the REDI (Revitalization Economic Development Investment) Fund in order to offer a Sign Replacement Grant Program for Town business owners; and

WHEREAS, given the success of the Sign Replacement Grant Program in 2011 and 2012, and the remaining demand for participation in the program, the Town Board wishes to set aside \$12,500 of the 2013 budget appropriation for the REDI Fund in order to offer sign replacement grant assistance this year; and

WHEREAS, as was the case in 2011 and 2012, the purpose of the 2013 Sign Replacement Grant Programs are to assist local businesses in funding an important element of business operation that is often overlooked or delayed by business owners due to budget prioritization and to promote uniformity in signage so as to improve the overall appearance of the Town’s business community, thereby meeting the objectives of the Town’s various master plans, generating increased business activity and improving the economy of the Town; and

WHEREAS, while the Sign Replacement Grant Program is designed to provide a 50% funding match (with a \$3,000 maximum grant limit) for businesses who are seeking to replace one on-site business sign, should the demand for funding in eligible grant applications received exceed the total funding available, the amount of money of individual to individual grants may be proportionately reduced to accommodate all eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Economic Development and Planning Department has developed parameters for the business sign replacement program, as well as a grant application form that is ready for distribution to would-be grant applicants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Town of Glenville Business Sign Replacement Grant Program for 2013, including the program parameters identified in the grant program description, as well as the grant application form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$12,500 in funding for the Business Sign Replacement Grant Program is to be dedicated for the purpose from the 2013 REDI fund budget appropriation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applications for funding will be accepted until Friday, May 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Glenville Economic Development and Planning Department is hereby charged with administering the Sign Replacement Grant Program for 2013.

Ayes: Councilmen Boulant, Ramotar and Supervisor Koetzle
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pytlovany and Councilwoman Wierzbowski
Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Supervisor Koetzle asked for a motion to adjourn; motion to adjourn; Moved by Councilman Boulant; Seconded by Councilman Ramotar, everyone being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

ATTEST:

Linda C. Neals
Town Clerk