

Zoom Teleconference Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 held in Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Matthew J. Slater, Supervisor
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman
Edward Lachterman, Councilman
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman
Alice E. Roker, Councilman

Also Present: Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Adam Rodriguez, Interim Town Attorney

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Matthew Slater called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Slater, seconded by Councilman Patel, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss litigation and negotiations. Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilwoman Roker the Town Board moved out of Executive Session and proceeded with the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Supervisor Slater asked all to join in a special prayer to officially recognize Yom Hashoah, the Holocaust Remembrance Day. He asked all to join in a prayer by Rabbi David Katz:

Master of the Universe:

On this most solemn of occasions, we open our hearts, minds, and souls to you.

As we remember the six million, the eleven million, the indifference, and the evil;
As we honor the heroes, the martyrs, the survivors, and the victims;

We ask you to soothe our souls, to amplify our memories, to strengthen our resolve, and to hear our prayers.

We ask for your presence in our midst; for healing, light, and love to soothe and ease our pain, as we commemorate the horrors that were committed not long ago.

Please, oh Holy One, be gentle with our souls.

We ask that you help us to forever remember the stories we hear. As tales of the atrocities are shared, as we re-encounter the unthinkable, we ask that these memories be strengthened and never fade, in the hope that those who remember the mistakes of the past will not repeat them. Please, oh Holy One, amplify our ability to remember.

We ask that you strengthen our will, that you help us to ensure that the world does not again see such monstrosities. We say “never again” and we dedicate ourselves to this principle to the idea that justice does not allow persecution that genocide shall not be repeated, and that vigilance is the responsibility of freedom, at all costs. Please, oh Holy One, make manifest our resolve that these horrors remain but memories.

We ask that you answer our prayers. We pray that the call of evil falls on deaf ears, that those who fight for freedom and justice always prevail, that those who need protection do not become victims. We pray that the lessons we learn from this darkest hour allow all humankind to better itself, and to truly and nobly embody the idea that we are each made in Your image. We pray for the souls of the millions and millions of victims of this brutality; we pray that we honor their lives and their memories by observing this day, and by doing everything in our power and beyond to make sure that no such shadow again darkens our world.

Above all, we pray for shalom – for wholeness and peace – to be in our midst, now and forever. Please, oh Holy One, answer our prayers and bring us a world devoid of hatred, filled instead with peace.

May this be God’s will. And may we all say together, Amen.

Members of the Board responded with “Amen.”

INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor welcomed all to the second video conference Town Board meeting. He asked the Town Board to introduce themselves: Tom Diana, Councilman; Ed Lachterman, Councilman; Vishnu Patel, Yorktown Councilman; Alice Roker, Councilman; as well as Diana Quast, Town Clerk; Adam Rodriguez, Town Attorney; John Tegeder, Director of Planning.

REPORT FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR MATTHEW SLATER

Supervisor Slater said he had a few announcements for tonight. As a reminder, the Town continues to provide nearly daily updates on the COVID-19 crisis. To date, we are reporting 370 confirmed cases in the Town of Yorktown – an increase of 8 from yesterday. Westchester County is now at 24, 656 cases; an increase of 350 from yesterday. New York State is now at 251,690 cases; an increase of 4,178 from yesterday. Supervisor Slater said that, again, he wanted to emphasize that while the numbers are still increasing, for the most part, statistically, we are sitting at a plateau, which he thinks is a direct result of the New York on Pause Order and the social distancing parameters that are being followed by the residents of our town, our county, and our state. Supervisor Slater said he thinks everyone should be applauded for their efforts. Again, he said, we are at a plateau so we are not declining and it is important to keep in mind when you are going in public, there are still certain parameters that need to be followed. If you cannot follow social distancing, the six-foot distance, when you are out in public, you are now required to wear a mask or cloth covering – that is an order by the State of New York. And the New York on Pause Order, which is the 100 percent workforce reduction, continues to be in effect until May 15th. Supervisor Slater said we are starting to see very, very slow releases from that – the Governor announced today that elective outpatient treatments are going to start to begin in very specific places that qualify. He said, again, this is based off their level of COVID-19 test results. This will start on April 28th. This was announced earlier today.

Supervisor Slater announced the North County Trailway is going to remain open. He was on a conference call with County Executive Latimer yesterday and he did state that the County was going to keep the North County Trailway open. Supervisor Slater said he knows that people continue to use that quite frequently; it is a great asset to our Town. As a reminder, again, when you are out in these public places that might be open air but if cannot maintain that 6-foot barrier of social distancing, you are required (as he said earlier) to wear a mask and that includes over on the Trailway or if you are going to any of our passive parks that remain open – one that jumps to mind is Turkey Mountain. He said he knows that continues to be a popular spot. So, again, if you cannot maintain social distancing, please make sure you are wearing a facial cover.

Supervisor Slater said that yesterday the County (County Legislator Vedat Gashi will be joining the meeting later) announced that it will be opening two of its public golf courses – Mohansic Golf Course right here in the Town of Yorktown and the Hudson Hills Golf Course, which is technically in Ossining. They will begin opening on Saturday and very specific arrangements for their opening – there are no carts (you will have to walk), there are very specific tee times – and this is a reversal of the State directive that golf courses and marinas were to remain closed. The State has shifted on that and now they are allowed to be open and the County is opening two courses; these are the only two courses currently to be opened, which begins on Saturday.

Supervisor Slater said we are seeing an increase in local COVID-19 testing. There is no state-run facility, like down county in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, and New Rochelle. They also have them at the Medical Center in Valhalla. He said he knows they also have a site

at Phelps Hospital in Sleepy Hollow. We are seeing several Urgent Cares that are offering testing and private health care providers so for anyone who feels they still need to be tested for COVID-19, please contact your health care provider – many of them are using TeleHealth Medicine so it will be a very similar situation like we are using here. You will be talking to your doctor one-on-one over your computer or phone and they will arrange for you to get a COVID-19 test. You can utilize that locally here as well.

Supervisor Slater said he has received quite a number of phone calls and Facebook messages today about recycling. It is important to remember that the co-mingling of recyclables is not allowed. While AAA Carting, our garbage contractor, may have been flexible on that, considering the volume of garbage and recyclables that we are seeing, we are being told that they (AAA Carting) are now strictly enforcing it. So it is very important that you are not co-mingling recyclables because if they are co-mingled, they (AAA Carting) may not pick it up. Supervisor Slater said he is not saying he agrees with that, but that is the policy they are handing down to the Town. He said he is working very closely with our Refuse and Recycling Director to rectify this. Supervisor Slater addressed the residents at home by saying make sure you are separating your plastics and your cardboard, make sure there is no garbage in your recycling container and that will help ensure that your recycling bin is, in fact, picked up. The bulk trash schedule is going to be modified again. As a reminder to everyone at home, we still remain at 50 percent of our total work force so while we technically have 12 people in our Refuse and Recycling Department, we are only functioning right now with 6 for each day. So half of our staff, coupled with the fact that everyone is home producing more garbage (everyone is getting to those long-awaited errands to clean out garages, basements, etc.) and producing larger volumes of bulk pick-up items, it is taking our staff longer to get through the Town. Supervisor Slater said a perfect example of this is the leaf bag and stick bundle pick up that was supposed to be a Thursday-Friday operation for the entire Town. He said he believes we are still going through with this right now so we had to double the time – again, a combination of short staff and high volume. He asked residents to be patient. He said if you do have issues with your trash pickup, you can email him directly at [mslater@yorktownny.org](mailto:m Slater@yorktownny.org) and we will report it directly to our Refuse and Recycling staff who continues to do a great job, as does all of our staff and departments who are continuing to function and do great work. Supervisor Slater thanked all of the members of our staff for their continued efforts during this trying time.

Supervisor Slater announced that all of the Spring Recreation Programs have officially been cancelled. There are some club sports that also have been cancelled. If you did register for a spring program, you will be fully reimbursed. We are looking forward as we prepare for the summer, which include pools and camps. Right now, under the Governor's order, public pools are not allowed to be open so we are, frankly, at the mercy of the Governor's decisions. Under the Town's Emergency Order under active parklands (which do remain closed), pools fall under that category as well. We do continue to have fluid conversations about whether or not we plan on opening our pools and camps. We are still a few weeks away from making that final decision but camp registration is now open for the Town of Yorktown. If it comes to the point where we decide not to offer camp services, anyone who has registered would be fully reimbursed by the Town.

Supervisor Slater said he has received many calls and emails regarding taxes. He said the latest information as of today (County Legislator Gashi will give more insight into this later in the meeting) is that Governor Cuomo handed down an Executive Order essentially giving the County Executive the authority to waive penalties and late fees for those impacted by the coronavirus. He said we are still getting more details on this and will get more details tomorrow from the County Executive's office, who he was speaking with earlier today. Essentially, there is going to be a hardship requirement and so those who have been financially impacted (and we will get more details tomorrow on what that hardship means) there will be an extension on those taxes with no penalty and no fee, which is great. This is something the entire Board has been advocating for both on county and the state level. If you are able to pay your taxes, your tax bill is still due April 30th; no more reduction in penalties and late fees – that has been suspended as part of the Governor's Order. So for those that able to pay, you are still expected to pay by April 30th; for those negatively impacted by the coronavirus and COVID-19 pandemic and once we get those hardship parameters, you will be able to apply and prove hardship and get

your taxes extended. So we are helping those who are most severely impacted by this unprecedented situation. Supervisor Slater said he thinks this is really good news and a great collaboration both from us in Yorktown and the State and County [sic]. Supervisor Slater said he believes Yorktown led on this issue, as we sent a letter to the Governor in March recognizing that this was going to be a problem and asking for some type of flexibility that matches the state and federal tax deadline and he (the Governor) provided that because this is going to essentially provide that extension to the 31st. Supervisor Slater said we passed a resolution just last week restating the same; emphasizing that we believe that a zero percent penalty and late fee should go to those negatively impacted was critical. We were working hand in hand with the County and the Governor's office and think they achieved some real property tax relief for those most impacted by this situation. As he gets more information and details emerge on the hardship clause, Supervisor Slater said he will provide that to everyone on the website and by all means that he can.

Supervisor Slater announced his last piece of good news that his executive assistant, Jenna Belcastro, gave birth last week to a healthy baby boy, Christopher. He sent his love and affection to the entire Belcastro family – Jenna, her husband Dan, and Christopher.

REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Patel told a story about a 93-year-old man who got better in a hospital after one day on a ventilator. The doctor told the old man that it would cost \$500 and the old man began to cry. The doctor told the man not to cry and the man said he wasn't crying because of the bill; he would pay the bill. The old man said money is no problem but why does it cost \$500 to breathe one day's air – for 93 years God had given him free air and that is what made every doctor in the hospital cry. He said the use of a ventilator in a hospital for one day and my free oxygen-rich air for 93 years I did not thank God for that. Everyone was crying because of this message. Councilman Patel said this is a true story. He said he hopes everybody stays safe and continue to follow what the officials and health service providers are saying. He said he hopes to see everyone on live television soon.

Councilwoman Roker thanked everyone in Yorktown for following the guidelines with regard to personal protection. This COVID-19 disease is brutal. She has lost two friends already to it and she asks people to be patient. She knows it is difficult being in the house for as many days as we have been but it is necessary. She also thanked the first responders – the nurses and doctors – who are doing such a great job.

Councilman Diana thanked everyone for tuning in this evening and gave a special congratulations to Dan and Jenna (Belcastro) on the birth of their child – a wonderful event in these trying times. Councilman Diana said, to echo Councilwoman Roker this is real; it isn't spring break, so let's try to do the right thing and try to wear our personal protective equipment when we're out in the public where you are closer than 6 feet to people. He also said these items must be discarded properly. When you get out of the supermarket or wherever you are and you have your personal protective items on, don't throw them on the sidewalk. Somebody's father, mother, brother, sister is going to have to pick them up and dispose of them. Take them with you and put them in your garbage. It is very simple. There are many receptacles throughout town so please throw them away and let's all work through this together.

Supervisor Slater reminded everyone that the Town has doubled the fine for littering in the Town of Yorktown; it is now \$1,000. We have our Code Enforcement out and the police are out – this is a very important issue that we are making sure is properly enforced. To Councilman Diana's point – this is unacceptable behavior.

Councilman Lachterman also echoed the thanks to all of the first responders and all of the people, not only our first responders and health care workers, but to look at our stores and supermarkets taking responsibility and doing what they need to do and being there for our people, which is great. So thank you to all of you. Congratulations to Jenna and Dan, of course.

Councilman Lachterman said he knows that the Board is going to talk about Yom Hashoah a little bit later, which is Holocaust Remembrance. He said we were planning on doing one this year, but of course with everything happening with COVID-19, it went

sideways. He wanted to remind people that you can go online on our (the Town's) website and type in "Holocaust Remembrance" and the one (event) from four years ago with Sam Matsa, one of our local residents, (which was our first one) popped up. Councilman Lachterman said he's sure somewhere on there are the ones for the two Peters for the next two years, both were from Budapest, and had very different experiences. One, Peter Volges, was an Auschwitz survivor and the other Peter was put into the ghetto and talks about the experience with that. It is very powerful stuff if you have the opportunity, please go on and try to look. He said to remember that a time like this you really need to sit back and remember the past and reflect on where we can make life better moving forward. We've had these viruses [sic] before, about a hundred years ago when we had the Spanish influenza and it was a very similar situation – history does repeat itself – and we want to make sure that those things we can control do not repeat especially those that were such horrible, horrible experiences.

Councilman Diana thanked Councilman Lachterman for the work he does with the Yom Hashoah. He said it is a very moving ceremony and talk that those survivors put on. You can watch it on television, you can read about it in books, but it's not until you actually see the tattoos on the survivors' skin and actually hear their stories on how they were used as test tubes, basically to see if they were different from anyone else. He asked if we had something like this in place, is there a possibility we could videotape it and put it up on our website. Supervisor Slater suggested talking to Tom Sciangula and Diana (Quast) about him airing the ones from the past and he'll have Robyn (Steinberg) add it to the Town's Facebook page and we can replay the ceremonies we've had in the past so people can hear those stories and experience what that is like.

Supervisor Slater said that Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli was not present this evening. He said Mr. Paganelli and his staff are working very hard; they continue to have the organic yard open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 to 2:00. They continue to have a large volume of people using that service and the Supervisor thanked Mr. Paganelli and his staff for keeping that open.

Supervisor Slater said that we are currently joined by the County Legislator from the 4th District, Vedat Gashi. Legislator Gashi thanked the Board for having him this evening. Supervisor Slater said there was exciting news that came out of the County today that he talked about earlier and what that announcement broadly entailed regarding the Executive Order by the Governor. He said he and Legislator Gashi had several conversations about this and he appreciates his leadership and partnership along with the County Executive to help those in need during these trying times. Supervisor Slater asked Legislator Gashi to share the details of the Executive Order and what the County is planning on doing.

REPORT FROM COUNTY LEGISLATOR VEDAT GASHI

Legislator Gashi thanked the Supervisor for his kind words. He said he has found the relationship to be great and has been a wonderful joy to work through some difficult problems with Supervisor Slater and with the County and partners everywhere. He said Supervisor Slater and he were in opposition to their colleagues generally on this plan; he thinks that supervisors, in general, preferred the plan where the penalty to the residents was conveyed (the Legislature, as well). He said he stood against that and voted against any imposition of a penalty in a time of crisis. Fortunately, he said, it was a long road getting there but we are there now. Legislator Gashi said some of the details are still coming out – the general idea of the form as it was conveyed to him as a simple form somewhat akin to a STAR tax exemption. The idea is to ask anyone who is experiencing a hardship to affirmatively declare that. That affirmative declaration will be an added step that somebody, under penalty of perjury, would have to say. He said it recognizes that there is a residential class of taxpayer and business and has a criteria applicable to both. For the taxpayers, it is meant to impact those who are affected by the COVID-19 crisis. If they are under a hardship because of that, they have to declare as such. This applies to those who are making payments directly rather than those who are paying through escrows.

It requires the taxpayer be enrolled in the STAR program and fully qualified for it. It is a single page form saying that they are experiencing hardship and a loss of wages, etc.

Supervisor Slater said, just to be clear, this is for those who pay their taxes directly – not through escrow. Legislator Gashi said no, not through escrow. He said obviously this comes out from the Governor, pursuant to our request and we are beholden to what the Governor's Executive Order says. Legislator Gashi said you (Supervisor Slater) and he were against their colleagues. The supervisors had a particular plan and the Legislature was in favor of that plan. He said he was on the other side of it and didn't think their plan was terrible – his thought was when you weigh the needs of the towns versus the needs of the individual, he would hope to protect and be on the side of the individual who is experiencing a personal hardship before the governmental entity. He said he thinks what this would do for people paying directly versus those paying by escrow is to recognize that we still need money to run the government and that we have vital work that needs to be done probably now more than ever. And in this tremendously important time, to take away that money from the towns when towns are spending more money than they would otherwise (same for the county) would place an undue hardship on towns. For that reason, and for the people paying through escrow, the idea is that the money is already there; their payment is already made and frankly, would complicate matters. He said this is his understanding of how we got there.

Supervisor Slater said when he was talking to our Tax Receiver, he was informed that for most who pay through escrow that payment is secured by March so, to Legislator Gashi's point, they have already made that payment and the bank releases it in April to the municipality.

Legislator Gashi said the biggest problem he had with the plan before was that if you lost your job or you're in this time of real extreme hardship, you really don't have a choice. He said this isn't meant to be a blank check or a holiday from our responsibilities. This is meant to respond to the people who are in a position of sincere need. If you are able to make that payment, he said frankly, it is one of the most patriotic things you can do and make the payment; and, incidentally, it is a payment you are going to have to make at some point. He said he has been encouraged to hear from a number of different places (i.e., Supervisor Lucas from North Salem) that their collections are above normal and that's wonderful. These are monies that will have to be paid at some point; if you can pay, you should pay. What he is proud and excited to report is that this is a partial solution to those people who are not able to do so, who find themselves in this difficult position.

Supervisor Slater said this is what our Board supported as well and, to this point, as the new young guy on the block when it comes to Town Supervisors and this is one of those issues where he dug his heels into the ground on. He and Councilwoman Roker had more than a few conversations about this through the process and he and the entire Board felt it was improper. To his (Legislator Gashi) point, Supervisor Slater said that those who are really facing financial hardship as a result of the coronavirus and have lost their jobs (you have millions of New Yorkers filing for unemployment), it is really an uncertain time for a lot of people and to not provide them with some type of relief, whether that's just a simple extension, and he felt that, frankly, from some of his colleagues who believed that a penalty was justified, he just felt that, frankly, it was out of touch and inappropriate. He said that they (the Town Board) stood together on this and passed a resolution just last week in time for your (Legislator Gashi) vote. He and Legislator Gashi had discussed it and going into it, he thinks he was the only supervisor that was a hard no on this. He said Legislator Gashi was one of only three legislators to take a stand on this and what is right, is right – in a time of crisis, this is what you have to focus on.

Councilwoman Roker thanked both the Supervisor and Legislator Gashi for their leadership on this. She said what they did is right; it is right to not charge the penalty or interest to a person who has lost their job. Again, it's not you're (the taxpayer) going to be absolved from it, we're just pushing the date back by which you can pay us.

Supervisor Slater said it's a helping hand. We're just offering a helping hand to help them get through a time of great uncertainty and stress.

Councilman Patel addressed Legislator Gashi. He said you may never know when you need that shoulder to lean on, and he thanked him for his vote. He asked if there was any income limit that this applies to – or is it for everyone. Legislator Gashi said there might

be an indirect income limit insofar as there is one for the STAR requirement and you have to qualify for STAR for this (hardship application). Supervisor Slater said it is under a half a million dollars to qualify for the STAR program. If you make less than a half a million dollars, you qualify. If you make more than a half a million, you won't qualify. So you have to be a STAR recipient or at least qualify for STAR – that is the first qualification to be eligible. Then you have to be able to prove hardship and sign an affidavit stating such hardship.

Legislator Gashi said, just to go back for a second, he doesn't think anybody is doing an "end-zone dance" – he is happy to get this but even the colleagues he disagreed with were all on the same page; they were all trying to get to the same end. He said he is proud of his colleagues and supervisors on both sides of the aisle. They have a really difficult question here and it isn't about partisan politics; he said they are all trying to see how to help during this time. Legislator Gashi said certain of his colleagues felt we would help most by having a penalty, which would shore up the revenues of the towns. He said he and Supervisor Slater felt it would help most by not penalizing those experiencing hardship during the crisis.

Supervisor Slater agreed and said the other part of the plan that really has taken a back seat but spoke to the flexibility of the County is that on May 26th there is a tax warrant that is due – the Town of Yorktown is due to owe \$12 million and, as part of the Executive Order, we are now given the ability to go and negotiate with the Executive and Commissioner of Finance. He asked Legislator Gashi if this is correct and was told yes. Supervisor Slater said that is excellent from a municipal standpoint. He said that was what he was harping on because if the County wanted to provide assistance for local governments, that's the first way for us to address that – the County tax warrant.

Legislator Gashi said there are a lot of moving parts and, again, it's not an easy question. He felt very strongly about his point but recognized there's another side to this. He said, in talking to a number of towns, there's a certain number of towns that are going to have trouble meeting their obligations. He said he's encouraged because there are a number of towns in this district (4th District) that are in a better financial position and, again, this isn't a blank check given for no reason. If you're experiencing hardship and find yourself in a position where you aren't doing the collections, then yes, that is the intent of this. He thinks the County Executive's push for this and eventual flexibility on that payment is remarkable, or at least exceptional and exceptional is not something you would normally see. Supervisor Slater agreed. Legislator Gashi said it is warranted because we are in an exceptional time; this is not something anyone has ever dealt with (maybe the Spanish Flu Pandemic, as Councilman Lachterman had mentioned).

Councilman Patel said the CDC Director said the COVID-19 outbreak could be even more difficult the next time so we want to make sure we continue to encourage the people to social distance and use masks and all of the home hygienics and continue to keep Yorktown green and clean.

Supervisor Slater asked Legislator Gashi if there was anything more to report. Legislator Gashi said this was the biggest ticket item. He said we have a lot of other efforts going around. He is participating in some meal delivery programs, otherwise they are looking for other ways to shore up and plan for the eventual resumption of activity. He applauds the Supervisor and Board's efforts in this regard. Supervisor Slater mentioned a task force and thanked Legislator Gashi's participation. Legislator Gashi said people have different reactions and ways to deal with this; for him, the thing that meant the most to him when he heard it was we are in an uncertain time and we don't know when it will end – another week, another month – but we do know that it will end and when it ends, we should be ready for it. He said he thinks this tax plan recognizes that we have a unique and instantaneously difficult situation that we need to get through and, hopefully, we will get through it. He said he thinks all we can do is continue to be vigilant and prepare as best we can for the next phase.

Supervisor Slater thanked him and said the other thing the two of them are working on (and hopefully Greg Brown is listening) is our Farm Trail signs. He thanked Legislator Gashi for his work on that and said that Councilwoman Roker is a big proponent of our

local farms and that is going to be a nice addition to what Legislator Gashi just said: to get to the point where we are lifting that veil into the new post-coronavirus world and supporting our local businesses, which includes our local farms. He said Legislator Gashi's support in that means an awful lot to this Town and he wanted to really thank him for that. Legislator Gashi said it was his pleasure. Legislator Gashi said we talk about branding our town and you see how many people are on the trails these past days, between Turkey Mountain and the North County Trail, etc. He said we have these wonderful attractions and they're such a wonderful draw – the nature, the trails, the open space – he said that during this moment, between a whole number of factors (family, co-workers, friends, etc.), we really are in a privileged position. He said he thinks it has made him recognize and appreciate that all the more. Supervisor Slater said he couldn't agree with him more.

Legislator Gashi thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak with them today. He said whenever they need him, he'll be there. Supervisor Slater said Legislator Gashi has been a great partner for the Town of Yorktown and on behalf of all of the residents, he thanked him for his leadership and looks forward to accomplishing more with him.

Legislator Gashi thanked the Board for the resolution they put together, which was useful, and wished luck to all.

PROCLAMATION TO COMMEMORATE THE OBSERVANCES OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Councilman Lachterman read the following Proclamation for Holocaust Remembrance:

WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, nearly six million Jews were murdered in the Nazi-led Holocaust as part of a systematic program of genocide; and

WHEREAS, in addition to targeting Jews across Europe millions of other people perished as victims of Nazism; and

WHEREAS, those who fell under German control, especially Jews, were stripped of their rights and property; and

WHEREAS, nations across Europe lost a majority of the Jews living in their countries, especially places such as Poland, the Ukraine, and Belarus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yorktown has hosted Holocaust Remembrance Ceremonies to honor those who perished by educating the living of the atrocities that took place; and

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 87th anniversary of the beginning of the genocide of European Jews, society has an obligation to honor their memory by continued education of younger generations; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom Hashoah, is a day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and reminding citizens of the world what can happen when hatred, bigotry, and indifference become accepted societal policies; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Yorktown pauses in its governmental deliberations to commemorate the observances of Yom Hashoah; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Yorktown rededicates its belief in the principle of equal justice for all people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Yorktown reaffirms its commitment to fight all forms of hatred and anti-Semitism within our great community.

Supervisor Slater said that since he and Town Clerk Diana Quast cannot present the proclamation in person, as they normally would, he asked Councilman Diana, as the liaison to the Interfaith Council, to have copies of the proclamation and sent to the

members of the Interfaith Council to share with their respective congregations.

Councilwoman Roker said we can post in our website for the residents. Supervisor Slater agreed.

RETIREMENT OF REVA QUELER – JOHN C. HART MEMORIAL LIBRARY
RESOLUTION #119

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilwoman Roker,

RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the retirement of Reva Queler from the John C. Hart Memorial Library effective May 4, 2020.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

RETIREMENT OF ISABEL KLEIN – YORKTOWN JUSTICE COURT
RESOLUTION #120

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilwoman Roker,

RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the retirement of Isabel Klein from the Yorktown Justice Court effective May 1, 2020

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

The following people spoke at Courtesy of the Floor:

Mr. Steward Friedman, resident, said he wanted to ask the Board, especially the Republican member of the Board, about the insightful things the President has done and wanted to know the Board's reaction. First he (the President) said he would leave it up to the governors and then Tweets liberty for all of these cities in America, which incites protesters who don't even social distance. Mr. Friedman said if you see it, this is a reality that they didn't social distance, even when the president said they did. He also mentioned the anti-Semitic placards that have been seen – he said this is a bit much. Mr. Friedman said he wouldn't mind if the Board would do something about this, i.e., a strong letter. Mr. Friedman said the President incites his base and wants to know where the Board stands on this. Supervisor Slater said all comments are reserved for the end of Courtesy of the Floor. Mr. Friedman said because it is Holocaust remembrance now, he became very furious over this and said it is hard to support a President who does things like this and looks forward to what the Board has to say later.

Mrs. Susan Siegel, resident, had a question about the resolution to award the contract for legal services. She would like the total annual cost for the services and for the Board to explain what special services may be included in the price (tax certiorari, labor counsel, costs for outside litigation) that she believes would be part of the proposal. Ms. Siegel also asked to compare the annual cost to the annual cost for last year on an annualized basis.

Mr. Jay Kopstein, resident, said although he had no objection to the resolution regarding the tax exemption for Beaveridge, in the interest of transparency, what is the monetary value of the exemption? Mr. Kopstein said, according to the Northern Westchester Examiner published today, the County anticipates a significant budget shortfall – between \$90 and \$160 million. He said the newspaper also stated it is possible that County Executive Latimer will break his word about not raising property taxes after getting a one percent hike in the sales tax for those communities that were not already paying the higher tax. Mr. Kopstein said that once the sales tax increase was approved, the County Legislators voted themselves a hefty 52% salary increase for what is, essentially, a part-time job.

Mr. Kopstein said that perhaps the County Legislators should repeal their excessive pay increase so the average taxpayer does not have to go into financial strain to pay the legislators' exorbitant salaries for part-time jobs.

Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilwoman Roker, Courtesy of the Floor was closed.

Councilman Lachterman thanked Mr. Kopstein for his comments. He also said that one thing being aware of his Jewish heritage and Yom Kippur, he said some of the swastikas that appeared at a protest that Mr. Friedman was referring to – Councilman Lachterman said the protest was not an anti-Semitic protest but a protest to protect civil liberties and a comparison to Nazi Germany and the rights of the people being taken away. He said the COVID-19 crisis is quite complex and if you read four different newspaper articles, you will find four different opinions on the subject and its severity; anywhere from it is the next bubonic plague to it's all a scam. People are entitled to their opinions – it's one of the great things about our country and it's unfortunate that we don't have a handle on everything here. Councilman Lachterman said he thinks it is more a problem from how this disease progressed and what we didn't know about it and he thinks the people making that protest, not that he appreciates the swastika being used, but he understands what they were trying to get across [sic]. He said he did not personally take it as an anti-Semitic point but rather almost a solidarity in saying they felt like the oppressed under the Nazis.

Councilwoman Roker said she had to disagree with Councilman Lachterman. She said whenever she sees a swastika that is representative of anti-Semitism to her. She said maybe not to the world, but certainly to her. Councilwoman Roker said it is very difficult to watch stuff like this, particularly stuff that is cheered on by the President of the United States – which is all of us. We are supposed to be one (nation) and watching sometimes is painful. Councilman Lachterman said he appreciates Councilwoman Roker's comments but where it extremely hard for him to see a swastika, per se, there is no way he wants the image of that symbolism and what it stood for in Nazi Germany to be forgotten. He thinks that if we say every time we see that symbol it is an anti-Semitic remark that is an injustice to remembering what oppression came from and how people can relate to that oppression. Councilwoman Roker said she understood.

Supervisor Slater addressed Mr. Kopstein's remark about the Beaveridge tax exemption resolution. Supervisor Slater the original agreement was a forty-year agreement that expired as of last year. He said there are significant questions that need to be answered before we can negotiate which the Board discussed and that is why they are giving a one-year extension so that our Assessor's office and the Town Attorney can get the necessary information so the Board can make an educated decision on what that is going forward. He said he did not have the monetary value figure in front of him – he believes it is about \$300,000 for this year – but the thought is to continue with the current structure that they have been following for the last forty years and gives the staff the time to provide the Board with the information to make a well-informed decision.

Supervisor Slater addressed Mrs. Siegel's comments. He said the contract for the Town Attorney is, quite frankly, the same contract that was approved two years ago for the previous administration's town attorney, almost to the cent. He said that includes your hourly fees and extraordinary services, which are \$275 an hour under the contract. Obviously, this is a public document, so you are entitled to a copy of it through the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Slater said tax certiorari is \$210 an hour, and overall, the contract is for \$171,000, which includes labor and which, again, mirrors the contract that approved by the previous Town Board for the previous Town Attorney.

Supervisor Slater addressed Mr. Friedman's comments. Supervisor Slater said let's just be very, very clear: hatred of any kind is disgusting and intolerable and he will not tolerate it. He said he doesn't care if it's a white supremacist or who it's directed to – there is not room or tolerance in this community for hatred of any kind. He said he may not agree with everything the President says or does and what you have seen from this Board, especially this year and in the last six weeks, is proof that bipartisanship is alive and well.

He said he would put our team (Town Board) up against anybody as an example of what bipartisanship [sic] should be because we are working really well together; we are putting any political differences aside for the good of the people and we are serving the people of

Yorktown. Supervisor Slater said he is proud to serve with this Board and work with people like Vedat Gashi, who is politically on the other side of the aisle from where he sits, but he thinks they have proved yet again today, both with County Legislator Gashi, County Executive Latimer, and Governor Cuomo that if you really want to do the right thing, you put the politics aside and do the right thing for the people. He said that is exactly what he has done and what this Board has done so any kind of insinuations are uncalled for and, frankly as he said earlier, any type of hatred whatsoever, in whatever form you want to describe it as, is not going to be accepted by him personally and he hopes that answers Mr. Friedman's question.

Councilman Diana said he could only echo what the Supervisor said. He said, as a matter of fact, he brought forth a resolution a few months ago which denounced any type of hatred towards any race, color, or creed. This was read at an open Town Board meeting. Supervisor Slater asked if this Town Board meeting Councilman Diana was referring to right after they had extreme vandalism that attacked a Roman Catholic Church, the First Presbyterian Church, and several Town institutions. He was told yes. Supervisor Slater said he believes that from the get-go they have been very clear in a unified manner, regardless of political affiliation, that this Town Board and this Town Government rejects wholeheartedly any form of hatred no matter who it comes from or what it is perceived as – it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. He said he doesn't think any more needs to be said on the matter.

Supervisor Slater said the following resolution is from the Association of Towns and something they (the Board) were listening to the Governor speak of moments ago before tonight's meeting. He said there is a significant issue of funding; in fact, of the 933 towns in the State of New York 931 do not qualify for funding under the Federal CARES program and so this is a resolution that we will be sending to the following:

(Supervisor Slater asked Councilwoman Roker if she would like to read it.)

CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DONALD J. TRUMP; NANCY PELOSI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; MITCH MCCONNELL, MAJORITY LEADER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE; UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES NITA LOWEY AND SEAN PATRICK MALONEY; AND UNITED STATES SENATORS CHARLES SCHUMER AND KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND TO SUPPORT FEDERAL FUNDING RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC BE DIRECTLY DELIVERED TO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION #121

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Lachterman,

WHEREAS, the federal government recently enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) provides a \$150 billion fund for states, tribal governments, and units of local government with a population in excess of 500,000 people; and

WHEREAS, less than one-half of 1 percent of municipalities in the entire United States meet this population threshold and are thus ineligible to receive direct funding from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, of the 933 towns in New York, 931 are not eligible for direct federal funding under the CARES Act, including the Town of Yorktown; and

WHEREAS, towns provide essential services to the 9 million New York town residents including, but not limited to, ambulance, police and fire protection services, building and code enforcement, and highway maintenance, and have continued to do so throughout the ongoing health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has created significant financial stress for local governments in New York as an estimated \$2 billion in sales tax revenue has been lost, as well as other sources of revenue such as permit fees, justice court fines, and mortgage recording tax; and

WHEREAS, the depletion of different revenue sources for local governments, combined with lack of funding, will result in reducing essential services or shifting the cost onto real property taxpayers, many of whom are experiencing their own financial stress;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Yorktown calls upon the President of the United States Donald J. Trump; Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the United States Senate; United States Congressional Representatives Nita Lowey and Sean Patrick Maloney; and United States Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to support federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic that is directly delivered to all municipalities, regardless of population size.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

Councilwoman Roker said this is a very important resolution for us in terms of funding – we are not saying that small businesses should not be funded but in order for them to exist they have to exist in a Town and the federal government is the only place we can look to get some of the money that we lack. Councilwoman Roker said she wants people to remember that this is our money – it is money the people of the United States, the State of New York and the Town of Yorktown have sent to Washington, D.C. She said her feeling is that if you cannot support the people who sent you the money, who can you support? Supervisor Slater said this was well said.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACTS OF ALL TENANTS, LICENSEES AT THE ALBERT A. CAPELLINI COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
RESOLUTION #122

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute amendments to the contracts of all tenants, licensees, etc., at the Albert A. Capellini Community and Cultural Center (“AACCCC”), for proportional abatements in rent, charges, fees, etc., for the period of time that the AACCCC is closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

Supervisor Slater commented on the previous resolution saying that we do have tenants who are paying rent at the Albert A. Capellini Community and Cultural Center; however, they are not operating because Town buildings are closed. The Town Board had a conversation (he had a conversation with each individually), and they felt it was inappropriate of them to ask them (the tenants) to pay rent when they are not able to operate. Supervisor Slater said this Town Board, leading by example, recognizing the dire situation many small businesses are in, believe this is the right thing to do.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE N.Y. PRIVATE HOUSING FINANCE LAW TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT WITH BEAVERIDGE HOUSING ASSOCIATES, L.P.
RESOLUTION #123

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute a one-year extension to the N.Y. Private Housing Finance Law tax exemption agreement with Beaveridge Housing Associates, L.P.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye

Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION RELATING TO ENERGIZE NY OPEN C-PACE FINANCING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION #124

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the Energy Improvement Corporation relating to Energize NY Open C-PACE Financing Program. The term of this agreement shall be until such time that the Town of Yorktown opts out with 60 days' notice. There are no fees or costs associated with this agreement.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye

Resolution adopted.

Supervisor Slater said that this was something the previous Board had taken up but the contract was never executed so this resolution allows him to execute that final contract. He said this is going to be a great program for this Town and something that he thinks a lot of businesses will hopefully take advantage of when we start to lift the veil on the coronavirus.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BLEAKLEY, PLATT & SCHMIDT TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL LAW SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN

RESOLUTION #125

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Diana,

WHEREAS, the Town issued a request for proposals for Municipal Legal Services/Town Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed the price, experience, knowledge, expertise and skills of the proposers, and determined that the proposal submitted by Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP ("BPS") was in the best interests of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with BPS to provide Municipal Law Services to the Town of Yorktown until December 31, 2021, upon the terms provided by BPS to the Town in its proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Adam Rodriguez, Esq., of BPS, shall serve as Town Attorney until December 31, 2021.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye

Resolution adopted.

DESIGNATE TOWN CLERK AS THE RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER FOR THE TOWN

RESOLUTION #126

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby designates its Town Clerk, with a business address of 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, and an email address of townclerk@yorktownny.org, as Records Access Officer under the N.Y. Freedom of Information Law.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye

Resolution adopted.

The next two resolutions were amended as a result of the following discussion by members of the Town Board:

Councilwoman Roker commented that this is talking about changing a process and to put Ed's (Lachterman) name in it would be a problem because it would be something that

would come up every two years. She said it would be probably be better if you amended the liaison list and put him on the liaison list and let this be a strict resolution as to how you would like to see that Appeals Committee work with a Councilman, Town Attorney, and Director of Planning. Supervisor Slater said he this was not clear since they had discussed this. Councilwoman Roker said there is nothing wrong with the resolution except to add a person's name rather than just their position is difficult because every time we change anything, you have to keep going back to that resolution. Whereas, in a Supervisor's liaison list, can just include that (name) in the list.

Councilman Lachterman said he understands what Councilwoman Roker is saying and actually agrees because it is like he is in the title so if you make a liaison and then add a liaison to the appeals – that's how it could work.

Supervisor Slater said they will designate one Council member instead of designating Councilman Lachterman and he then revised the resolution. Councilwoman Roker asked if the Comptroller would only replace the Director of Planning and not the Councilman because you would always want one Council member and the Town Attorney there. Councilman Lachterman said the only time you wouldn't have the Town Attorney there is if the appeal is for the Legal Department and asked if you want it to be Town Board Member or Town Board Liaison to the Appeals Committee. Councilwoman Roker said yes; and said you don't want the Comptroller to replace a Councilman. For example, if you (Councilman Lachterman) weren't there, then probably another Councilman should sit in [sic]; she said she would always want a Councilman to listen to the appeal because she thinks that would be important for Town business.

Councilman Lachterman asked what if the appeal is something from the Board; wouldn't you then need the Comptroller to sit in? He said he thinks of it like an interchangeable chess piece, depending upon what the appeal is. Councilwoman Roker said that would be okay.

Supervisor Slater said since we have removed Councilman Lachterman from the resolution...

Councilman Lachterman said perhaps next week they should do a resolution of an assignment of someone to the liaison.

Supervisor Slater said he would just do a motion now to appoint Councilman Lachterman as the Town Board liaison to the Appeals Committee.

Councilman Diana said make it so it would serve at the pleasure of the Town Board who that Appeals Officer would be at that point – correct?

DESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN EDWARD LACHTERMAN AS LIAISON TO THE APPEALS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION #127

Upon motion by Supervisor Slater, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that Councilman Edward Lachterman is hereby designated as liaison to the Appeals Committee.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

DESIGNATE COUNCILMAN, TOWN ATTORNEY AND DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AS THE RECORDS APPEAL COMMITTEE AND TOWN COMPTROLLER AS ALTERNATE MEMBER
RESOLUTION #128

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby designates one Council member, the Town Attorney, and the Director of Planning as the body to hear appeals regarding denial of access to records under the N.Y. Freedom of Information Law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comptroller shall serve as an alternate in the event that the Council member, Town Attorney, or Director of Planning are unable to hear an appeal.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

Supervisor Slater said the following resolution was a result of the tree law that was passed at the end of last year. This brought to their attention, despite the fact that a tree bank is cited as a potential alternative to a mitigation plan, there is no apparatus that is formerly in place for the Comptroller to collect these funds and that is what this does.

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO SET UP A TREE BANK FUND UNDER
CHAPTER 270 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN
RESOLUTION #129

Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilman Diana,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to establish a Tree Bank Fund, a dedicated reserve fund to be administered in accordance with Chapter 270 of the Town Code.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

APPROVE EXTENSION OF BID FOR ELECTRICAL WORK ON TOWN BUILDINGS
RESOLUTION #130

Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Annual Maintenance Contract for electrical work on Town Buildings for the Town of Yorktown be hereby extended for one year per the terms of the bid agreement, dated February 6, 2019, to Michael Dubovsky (Hanover Electric) 251 G Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. The date of the extension will be from February 7, 2020 through February 6, 2021.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

Supervisor Slater read the last paragraph of the following resolution as an amendment that was made to the original.

AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR MOHEGAN LAKE AQUATIC
PESTICIDE TREATMENTS
RESOLUTION #131

Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilman Diana,

Whereas, Requests for Proposals were received and opened on the 13th day of April 2020, and

Whereas, the Request for Proposal tabulations are as follows:

Limnology Information & Fresh Water Ecology, Inc.
Cutrine Ultra \$7,150 per treatment
Copper Sulfate \$2,200 per treatment

Solitude Lake Management
Cutrine Ultra \$6,987 per treatment
Copper Sulfate \$2,075 per treatment

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that upon recommendation of the Mohegan Lake Improvement District the bid be awarded to Solitude Lake Management as the lowest responsible bidder.

Be It Further Resolved, that the bid and the NYS DEC permit provide for up to a maximum of 10 lake treatments. The number of treatments, if any, is at the sole discretion of the Mohegan Lake Improvement District upon notification to the Town Board and will not exceed the amount of \$67,870.00, if all treatments are determined to be needed.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO PROCESS THE FOLLOWING BUDGET
TRANSFER
RESOLUTION # 132

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Patel,

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the following budget transfer to fund a Worker's Compensation scheduled loss of use payment / Notice of Decision:

From:		
SW.1002	Water Fund Balance	\$12,014.42
To:		
MC.1930.402	Worker's Comp Indemnity Payments	\$12,014.42

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

APPROVE DEDICATION OF PARKLAND – SECTION 16.10, BLOCK 4, LOT 8.2
PRESTIGE RENOVATIONS AND REMODELING
RESOLUTION #133

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Patel,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section §195-35(A) of the code of the Town of Yorktown, the Planning Board as a part of its approval of a subdivision known as Prestige Renovations and Remodeling, situated on Buckhorn Street and known on the tax map as parcel 16.10-4-8, the Board required a portion of the land within the subdivision to be conveyed by Prestige Renovations and Remodeling, the applicant, to the Town of Yorktown for passive recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board approval for the Prestige Renovations and Remodeling, Resolution #18-15 dated September 17, 2018, required the conveyance of the recreation parcel; and

WHEREAS, that plot, piece, or parcel of land, being that plot designated as “Proposed Recreation Parcel” on the approved sub-division plat entitled “Subdivision Plat prepared for Prestige Renovations and Remodeling, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, dated January 17, 2019 by Badey & Watson, Surveying & Engineering P.C, Cold Spring, N.Y.”, which map was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester (Division of Land Records) on November 22, 2019 as Map No. 29351, (hereinafter, the “Park Parcel”) was offered for dedication to the Town as for public use as parkland, and

WHEREAS, the Park Parcel consists of 0.368 acres, is described on the filed plat as Section 16.10, Block 4, Lot 8.2, and is located near the terminus of Buckhorn Street, adjacent to Town-owned parkland known as Section 16.14, Block 1, Lot 20; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that acceptance of this parcel as parkland is in the public interest and is consistent with the Town's policy with respect to the acquisition and preservation of parkland, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Yorktown does hereby formally accept and dedicate the Park Parcel as a public park; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall cause this accepting resolution to be filed or recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester (Division of Land Records).

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION THAT WILL ENABLE WSP TO SUBMIT ENGINEERING PLANS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER MAIN RELOCATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES
RESOLUTION #134

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Patel,

WHEREAS:

- A. The Town was awarded 100 percent funding (\$820,000) for the Culvert Replacement at Veterans Road over Hallocks Mill Brook as part of the 2016 Bridge NY program.
- B. The Town was awarded 95 percent funding for the Bridge Replacement Hill Boulevard over Tributary to Barger Brook (\$2,600,000 project cost; award amount \$2,470,000) as part of the 2016 Bridge NY program.
- C. The engineering company working for the Town on this project, WSP USA Inc., has completed the engineering design and preparation of the contract drawings and specifications for both projects, which are currently being advertised for bids.
- D. The costs for relocation of the Town water and sewer mains are part of the contract scope of work and will be included in the contractor bid prices.
- E. In order to submit the engineering documents for Westchester County Health Department approval, a Letter of Authorization and signature on the application forms from the Town is required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a Letter of Authorization that will enable WSP to submit engineering plans and associated documents for the water and sewer main relocations to the appropriate regulatory authorities.

Slater, Lachterman, Diana, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Town Board accepted the Receiver of Taxes Monthly Report for March 2020.

ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilwoman Roker the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

DIANA L. QUAST, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF YORKTOWN
CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK

Dated: April 21, 2020