

Zoom Teleconference Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Councilwoman

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 Councilperson Diana, seconded by Councilperson Roker, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss litigation, negotiations, and personnel issues. Upon motion made by Councilperson Lachterman, seconded by Councilperson Patel, 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 him in a moment of silence to remember our brave soldiers serving overseas protecting our freedoms, all of our first responders, and our front line workers who continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Slater introduced members of the Town Board, as well as Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli, Town Attorney Adam Rodriguez, and Town Clerk Diana Quast.

REPORT FROM TOWN SUPERVISOR MATTHEW SLATER

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Good evening, I will provide an update to the Town. We're going to start with COVID-19. I did provide another update earlier today with some new numbers. Currently in the Town of Yorktown, according to the Westchester County Department of Health, we have eight active cases. We have a total of 704 cases that were diagnosed within our community, but we've had zero new cases since the day prior. So we've seen, especially the last few weeks, a steady decline in active cases, but we're not declaring victory over COVID-19. So we still have to stay vigilant and alert and continue to follow social parameters that have been put forth. We are now in Phase Four starting today, which means higher education can begin operating, low risk outdoor arts and entertainment is allowed - like zoos and botanical gardens - and are able to operate with a capacity of 33%. Low risk indoor arts and entertainment, such as museums and aquariums, can open with a cap of 25%. Our sports are returning (with no fans though), and we are going to see some professional sports back on. Indoor religious gatherings are allowed at 33% and social gatherings have an increase from 25 to 50. These are all components of Phase Four. Unfortunately, the Jefferson Valley Mall and all malls still remain closed as part of Phase Four. Our local gyms remain closed as part of Phase Four, as well as movie theaters. We're waiting to hear more from the Governor and the State Department of Health as to when we can expect them to open. All of Yorktown's parks and playgrounds have now been opened by the Parks and Recreation Department. I want to thank them for their great efforts to get our playgrounds open. As part of Phase Four, practices and games are allowed for sports such as baseball and softball, but no tournament plays are allowed. Contact sports are allowed to practice or hold clinics, which include sports like lacrosse, soccer, and football, but no games are allowed at this point in time. The Governor did extend the use of remote meetings through August 5, and so the Town Board is going to continue utilizing Zoom for the month of July into the first week of August. Restaurants, as a reminder, are operating; they are able to provide both limited indoor as well as outdoor dining, and we, of course, encourage all of our residents to continue to support local small businesses. Sparkle Lake Beach does remain open, that's capped at 100 people for Yorktown residents. Only a few updates from some of our departments. We have our Highway Superintendent here so I'm hopefully not going to steal too much of his fire, but the Mohegan Avenue wall is well

underway. I believe he's going to provide an update on the progress there. I know that there's also a growing concern raised over some of our local ash trees and that is something that the Highway Superintendent is keeping a very close eye on. For our friends and neighbors on Nutley Circle, I know that they had a very impactful water main break a few weeks back and we haven't forgotten you - our Highway Department and our Water Department are working diligently to resurface your road in the appropriate manner.

From our library, our summer reading program has started and I encourage all of our residents to check their Facebook page and their website as how to participate. I know my four year old is already well underway. Their porch pickup is continuing every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am to 2pm. They're actually averaging about 100 people a day for their porch pickup services. So we encourage all of our residents who are library card holders and, as a reminder, you can have your library card online now to utilize the porch pickup to pick up some of your summer reading material. There are social distancing circles that have been installed in the front of the John C. Hart Memorial Library. There is children's programming that is occurring outdoors again - check the John C Hart Memorial Library Facebook page or their website for more details. Lastly, one of the new pieces of equipment they're hoping to install relatively soon is their self-checkout machine once our library is back open to the public. Some of our residents will be able to opt into using a self-checkout machine when you're leaving the library.

Our Tax Receiver wanted me to remind everybody again that July 15 is the deadline for your taxes. At that point, the penalties remains at 1% for July 15; starting July 16 that increases to 5%. August and September payments, the increase will go to 7%. This is part of the of the forgiveness or reduction that we were able to fight for the Town of Yorktown. We were one of the leaders in this working with our partners on the State and County levels to provide tax relief for those most impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

From the Planning Department: for those who didn't see our video, we did cut the ribbon at Railroad Station located at Railroad Park after refurbishing the building that was originally built in approximately 1877. Currently we are looking at the next phase in that entire process, which includes an RFP to create a snack bar or concession stand, as well as a Welcome Center to highlight more of Yorktown's incredible history as a great piece of our community. The next planning board meeting, as a reminder, is scheduled for Monday, July 13.

From the Engineering Department: We did receive word from New York State that the grant for more than \$900,000 was preserved, which is going to save considerable money for ratepayers and taxpayers in regards to the fluoridation project. Construction is expected to begin next month. This has been a project that's been kicking around for 10 years and it seems that it's finally going to move to its final stages. I want to thank, of course, our town engineer for his efforts in making sure that the grant is preserved.

Our Senior Nutrition Center will not be open to seniors this summer. Our Senior Nutrition staff used to deliver food to homebound seniors. I encourage anyone who may have needs to call our Senior Nutrition Center and be added to the list to receive your Meals On Wheels that get delivered to your house.

From Refuse & Recycling: We've talked a lot about how much more volume we've seen from bulk trash combined with a reduction of 50% in the workforce are reasons why it took so long to get through our sections. Bulk trash is up 63% since the pandemic started. It's an awful lot but we're continuing. Section One for both pickups started yesterday. Section Two is scheduled to start July 20, Section Three is scheduled for July 27. Then thankfully, beginning August 17, our goal is to return to our normal schedule, which would put Section Four, beginning August 17, for bulk pickup. I also want to thank our Refuse & Recycling staff for the E-Waste day; they had 229 cars come through with a mix of E-waste, as well as our textiles that our staff took care of. Again, thank you to all our residents for participating.

Last minute items: as a reminder, we still have our Yorktown Strong signs located in front of Town Hall and the John C Hart Library. We're asking all of our residents to stop by one or both of the signs with a Sharpie and sign them. This is a way of thanking all of our first responders and frontliners, all of our doctors and nurses, and grocery store workers, and all the people who really were on the front line during the COVID-19 crisis and who remain on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis. This is just one way of us, as a community, to thank all those special people who have

really gone above and beyond. The plan right now is to have one of those signs actually donated to the Hudson Valley Hospital Center. The other sign is going to start our collection at our museum. We had a great meeting today. I met with our Town Clerk Diana Quast, and Councilwoman Alice Roker and our museum staff. We're going to begin collecting items relating to COVID-19: newspaper articles, pictures, etc. because we really want to make sure that we're preserving this historic pandemic so that in the next 100 years when there's another pandemic, just as we've looked back at the Spanish flu, they can look back at how we responded here in the Town of Yorktown. We're going to we're going to work on providing a portal for residents to begin submitting pictures and documentation. This also goes, as well, for our Black Lives Matter rallies that took place; we're going to be asking for submissions for that as well since they were rather historic moments here in the Town of Yorktown. We had two peaceful rallies that took place and we believe it's important to also preserve what took place at those rallies, as well, so that when people look back at our community, historically, they're going to see that as an important piece of our society during this time.

The last item that we are going to begin working on and forgive me, Town Clerk Quast, if I'm letting the cat out of the bag here, but one of the things that the Town Clerk and I are going to be working on is for 9-11. We are unsure if we're going to be able to gather for 9-11 and so what we've decided to do is begin the process of recording primary accounts of our first responders who actually responded. I don't think people recognize how many people in this community did just absolutely incredible things when 9-11 occurred so we're going to begin capturing those accounts. Unfortunately, some dear friends of ours have passed and I think of people like Barry Brown, who was a longtime EMT in this community. Unfortunately, Barry brown passed away just a few weeks ago, right when COVID was reaching its peak. But people like Barry Brown were down on the pile for 9-11. It's just critically important for our community's history to make sure we capture those accounts and preserve them, as well. And so partnering with our Town Clerk and our museum staff, we're going to begin that process in anticipation of this year's 9-11 ceremony, which I think is very, very important for our entire community. And with that, that concludes my report to the Town.

REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Vishnu Patel:

Good evening to everybody. I am seeing more face masks on the town streets and shopping centers and it makes me sick psychologically, because if you infect someone else it may be a mom there or grandchildren or somebody else. Please use a mask because we are all in this together. Please make sure you maintain a safe distance. Please worry about your friends and family. I just want to say one more word about July 4. It was quite a show to see without getting out of my house. So thank you. Congratulations to all the people who organized the show of support and helped each other's morale. Another thing I just want to let you know, Highway Superintendent Paganelli, I read on July 4, your beautiful wall was wonderfully done, and I'm sure it's going to be good thing for the residents. You know the thing about the fluoridation project - I want to be the Town Board Liaison to that project because I understand the chemistry and a lot of discussion. I have seen the picture of the old one and I want to make sure that it will never happen ever again – the deterioration of the supply into the water. So this is my report. Thank you and have a nice evening to everybody.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

Supervisor, have you heard anything from the Superintendents about school?

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Not since right before graduation. I know that George Stone has since retired from Lakeland. We wish him all the best. I did see the Governor say today that there was no decision made about returning to school in the fall.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

Okay, I think a lot of people are very anxious about what decisions are being made. So that was my question for you.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

They said they were still studying before they make a decision.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

And Ken Belfer, if he's on one of the calls, he may want to talk at some point about the affordable housing unit that will be for sale in the future.

Councilman Tom Diana:

Thank you, Supervisor. I just want to wish everybody a belated Happy Fourth of July. I had the honor, privilege, and fun to watch the USS Slater come down the river on Sunday, I videoed it. I actually have the pictures of it. I think I forwarded them to our Supervisor at that point in time. It was fun to watch it come back down all spit-polished on its way down. It is the last destroyer escort in the United States from World War II. It was quite the sight to see. That being said, I want to thank John Tegeder for the wonderful work he did on our train station. The amount of coordination and the amount of time that it took to get it done was an ominous task that he bore very well. And John is always the voice of reason. You get the stuff done. John, thank you.

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

Thank you, I appreciate that and it is my pleasure.

Councilman Tom Diana:

I'd like to talk about our police department a little bit; I want to thank those guys. You know, they're our frontline of support out there. Just in the past month they've arrested homicide suspects, and they have now arrested hate crime suspects for one of the Yeshivas. There was a suspect apprehended as per a NYPD BOLO or "be on the lookout" for who may have been involved in some type of a shooting. He was arrested right here in Mohegan right at Route 6 and Lexington Avenue. They also arrested a fellow who stole a car from Fort Lauderdale, Florida and then lit it on fire on Baldwin Road. They located a suicidal subject on Granite Springs Road, all of this within the last month. Not to mention that during one of our peaceful demonstrations, they were the first on the scene for somebody who went down and helped. So folks, please support our police department. They're our first line of support out there. When it comes to whether you're sick and you need a hand, whether you're in a car accident, whether somebody knocked down your mailbox, they're the first ones out there. So kudos out there to our PD, thank you for the hard work you do the hard work all of our first responders do. Let's face it, folks, they were usually the first ones who came during this COVID pandemic; I would say that we're probably able to get there before the ambulance and then help the ambulance crew. So they put themselves in danger, as well as the ambulance crews, and the rest of the first responders. So I want to put a big shout out to our police department. Thank you.

Councilwoman Roker:

One of the people arrested has an emotional issue and the one who set the car on fire has an addiction – in both cases, the Yorktown Police got them the help they needed with these issues. They took the step beyond.

Councilman Ed Lachterman:

I want to sort of echo a lot of what was just said about PD and all of our departments and department heads. But you know, especially, the latest arrest that the police had with the three suspects and the so called "suspected" hate crime - since it hasn't been officially labeled as such - as someone who has been challenged by this hatred in the past growing up being Jewish, I understand it. I always look at it as a challenge, I'll never look at it as victimization because I think that anytime we have some adversity we should look at it as something to overcome. As you pointed out, Supervisor Slater, getting out there and doing the visits, making the recommendations that can help to stop these crimes, a message is being sent and I hope some education will happen out of it, as well and that's very important. And, Councilwoman Roker, you're pointing out the fact that it's not just about the policing, but what they do afterwards. I read that email as well and it resonated so well; to see what our guys do was phenomenal. I just have two other things. Supervisor Slater mentioned for Kim (Sole Assessor) that July 15 is the end of the period for the taxes where you get the break in the interest, but I will also remind everyone for Uncle Sam, July 15 is also our federal tax day this year. So if you have been procrastinating, it is right around the corner; it's a week from tomorrow. You might want to get those taxes in. The last thing is the Lions have decided that they're going to cancel the concert series this year. Originally, they were going to try to do the four in August. There are some concerns about the amount of people that are going to be allowed and how do the Lions maintain and monitor that? They don't really think that it's going to be an easy situation. Honestly, some of these sponsors had some concerns as well. So the decision was made earlier this morning to cancel those four concerts. On the bright side, I will add that the Lions have been co-sponsors of the drive-in movies at the Jefferson Valley Mall. I believe on the 9th, which is Thursday night the movie "Frozen 2" will be shown.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

The drive-in movie is limited to 80 cars and Thursday sold out within an hour. It has been a very popular event. We had one a few weeks back with “Toy Story 4” – that was our first roll-out – but we do have 2 more scheduled, which we will announce in the coming weeks.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

I do want to add because I did forget to mention, there are new states added to the Restricted States list that was released by Governor Cuomo, as part of his Executive Order 205. As a reminder, if you do visit these states, you are required to quarantine for two weeks upon your return: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. As a reminder, per the executive order issued by Governor Cuomo, if you do visit any of those states, upon your return you will have to quarantine for two weeks.

REPORT FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT DAVE PAGANELLI

Good evening, everyone. I have a quick update on Mohegan Ave. Within a month we should be done there. You'll see some things on the agenda later regarding some health and safety issues with respect to that particular job. Yes, the Emerald Ash Borer Weevil is tearing up the ash trees and within five years, there won't be one left in Yorktown so we're doing our best to continually remove dead trees that are in danger of endangering the public. I would like to take this opportunity, though, to not talk about myself, but talk about the hard working men and women of Highway. From the beginning of this pandemic we have never, never had a scenario in the five days, from seven to three, that we are there that the phone has not been answered, and we've received four times the call volume because we know a lot of the office staff wasn't around in various departments. So I would love to give a shout out to Anne Anderson and Angela Cavallo for scheduling their time such that we would never be without a representative. That being said, I'd like to read something from a resident regarding one of our fellow employees. “Hi, Dave, I was totally shocked when my wife got a call from Anne on Tuesday, telling her that my iPad had been found by Joey D. on Croton Heights Road. Last week I had a medical appointment in the city and inadvertently left the iPad on the roof of my car and drove off. Joey's honesty and integrity is to be commended and I can't thank him enough for turning the iPad in. Is it okay if I send them a gift card? Or is there another way I can thank him and Ann was so lovely to deal with and we are so grateful” – Joe Delillio. You know, we realize we serve the public and the integrity and honesty that my department shows I'm profoundly proud of them. So that's it for me. Thank you.

POET LAUREATE

John McMullen, Poet Laureate, read his original poems, “Weirdness of Pandemic Poetry Reading,” and “Post Fourth of July.”

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

The following members of the public spoke:

John Scavada:

I'm calling in reference to an article I recently read in the Yorktown News, titled “The Chief Reacts to Calls on Defunding the Police Department.” With that being said, I feel that the calls for the defunding of the Police Department are not the direction that the Town of Yorktown should go. As a resident of the Town for 30 plus years, I believe that the Yorktown Police Department is a vital part of our community and needs to be fully funded at the level it is now. I would like to thank the Yorktown Police Department and all of you for your time and commitment to our Town. And that's what I have to say.

Fatima Chaudhry:

Thank you for the time. I'm Fatima, Yorktown High School Class of 2015, later graduated from NYU, and working in advertising now. I, along with people you'll hear later on, are representatives of the Yorktown for Racial Justice Alumni and Students Coalition. We're composed of a group of alumni and current students who came together after the murder of George Floyd to discuss how we want to spread awareness of racial injustice and bring change to Yorktown. So after much discussion, research and collaboration, our coalition wrote an open letter to the YCSD administration in the form of a petition, which over the past couple of weeks has gathered the support of over 4000 community members. So today we're speaking on behalf of those community members. We do applaud the strides that the YCSD has taken in recent years like the creation of the Discovery Program, and the increased emphasis on teaching empathy and kindness to students through their curriculum.

We do still believe though, that the district has to devote more time and resources to specifically and directly address more contemporary racial justice issues. So within our petition, we've included some key goals that we can help start this dialogue with, first by expanding any existing anti-racism curriculum to address specifically the ongoing systemic and institutional racial issues, post 1965 after the Civil Rights Movement, diversifying the teaching and administrative faculty currently in the school, mandating that all staff and faculty have extensive diversity, inclusion, and sensitivity and unconscious bias training, and forming a diverse committee of administrators, teachers, but also parents, students, alumni, where we can all come together and collaborate to spearhead this effort. The community will act as a sort of liaison in the spirit of transparency and accountability. My other members of my coalition will go into further detail later on regarding our petition points. Thank you guys for listening. Appreciate it.

Maya Rau-Murthy:

I'm Maya from the Yorktown for Racial Justice Alumni and Students Coalition. I graduated from Yorktown High School in 2013, Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science in 2017, and I currently work for WayMo, which is part of the Google self-driving car project. I'm going to be speaking on the specifics of the Yorktown for Racial Justice Alumni Student Coalition petition. First, we would like to form a diverse committee of administrators, teachers, students, parents, alumni and other active community members to spearhead racial justice education and ensure racial equity in our schools. This committee should be responsible for acting as a liaison between the district and the community. In Dr. Hatter's letter he commits to building a taskforce but it includes only teachers, we believe that it must include the community as well. Second, we would like to revise and expand the existing anti-racism curriculum for grades K through 12 to address topics such as racial identity, contemporary history of race relations in America post 1965, and ongoing systemic and institutional racial issues. This curriculum should be interdisciplinary and especially prominent in English and social studies classes. In English classes, students should be assigned more texts directly related to systemic racism and activism. In social studies classes teachers should directly address issues like privilege, police brutality, redlining, mass incarceration, and the continuous oppression of the indigenous population. The district should introduce regularly scheduled assemblies and workshops. Three, the district must be up-standers against racial injustice so the district should stand in solidarity with black and indigenous people of color by releasing statements of acknowledgement and support for affected communities when public incidences of racial injustice occur. Four, we would like to diversify the teaching and administrative faculty. The district should specifically aim to hire more black and indigenous people of color as teachers and administrators. The district must make a public commitment to improve minority representation and demographic data of faculty composition, and this should be made available to the Yorktown community on an annual basis. Lastly, we must mandate extensive diversity, inclusion sensitivity and unconscious bias training for faculty and staff. Training should include topics on race and minority empowerment and should be administered by reputable vetted organizations. I would like to stress that this training should be mandatory - another thing that we believe was missing from the letter. We believe this process begins by first listening to community members where we can have an open, meaningful and collaborative dialogue with the Yorktown administration. Sarah is going to talk next about our dialogue with the administration, what steps have been taken, and what we can do next to make Yorktown a leader in the Racial Justice Initiative. Thank you.

Sara Shapiro:

Thank you for having me. So, my name is Sarah Shapiro. I graduated last year from Yorktown High School, and I'm currently attending the University of Vermont. I would just like to go into a few more specifics, which Fatima and Maya stressed, which is that we really want to have a dialogue of collaboration from our entire community. So the day following the publication of our petition, the Superintendent had released a letter outlining steps that the Yorktown Central School district administration will take. These are great initial steps; however, our demands are more specific and we can do better as a community. The district commits to offering faculty and staff and the Board of Education cultural awareness seminars, addressing racism, LGBTQ, and religious topics. This is great. However, we ask that these seminars are mandatory and conducted by reputable and vetted organizations. In addition, they formed an equity and cultural awareness taskforce composed of faculty and staff, but we believe this taskforce must include the wider community including parents, students, alumni, and active community members like yourself. Plans, timelines, and programs should be shared with the greater community in the spirit of transparency and accountability. We're looking forward to the upcoming board meeting where we will be able to share community stories we've collected through surveys. We will also be presenting the goals we shared with them in this letter and how we envision Yorktown being a leader in racial justice education initiative. We all

deeply care about our town, which is why we have been working consistently for the past month, every day through weekends, collaborating with current students and our accomplished alumni, nationally, and internationally. We've been seeking widely with community members, parents, teachers, and even our council members, to understand how best to bring racial justice to your account and have these important conversations. Parents, you are important and we would love to get more of you involved in bringing racial justice education to the Yorktown community to build empathetic members of our society and community leaders. We must equip our students with the resources to critically engage in difficult discussions and teach them what is truly going on in the world. These conversations must be started at a young age and education is a key part of this movement. So if you'd like to reach out to us our email is racialjusticeycsb@gmail.com. Please email us if you're interested in joining, or we can share the petition with you. There's a link to the survey. We'd love to make a change together. Thank you so much for listening and giving us the time. Thank you. Really appreciate it.

Fatima Chaudhry:

Thank you on behalf of the three of us in the wider network of people that we're working with. There's a lot of people behind this. We do appreciate your support.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

I know we don't comment until everyone speaks. But I'd like to comment now with regard to what we just heard. I went to both of those marches and I was so proud to see how strong these young people were. I would obviously love to sign the petition; I would love to be a part of what you're doing because I believe you're doing the right thing. I love the fact that you waited and you received a response but now you're saying this is what we want and I think that that's what you have to do. When you've got specifics, you've got to make it known. I am so proud to live in this community with young people like you. I want to be in your world when you begin to be the ones to run it.

Councilman Vishnu Patel:

It is easy to stand with the crowd and takes real courage to stand alone. Thank you very much for standing up for what you believe is right.

Fatima Chaudhry:

Thank you for your kind words; we do appreciate it. There are many like us behind what we're doing. We do want it to be collaborative with you guys and the district and all everyone in Yorktown who feels like this is the right thing to do. So please do reach out. We can share the email and the petition and hope to get you guys all involved as well.

Councilwoman Roker:

I will reach out to you tomorrow.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

As a fellow Yorktown grad, I think you hit on some good points, without a doubt. I said it before when we recognized Juneteenth for the first time as a municipality. I didn't learn about Juneteenth when I was attending Yorktown's schools and I checked with some of my fellow classmates who I still talk to every once in a while. They agree they didn't hear about it either until well after high school, middle school, elementary school. So there's definitely room for improvement, without a doubt. And so bringing these things to the forefront, and being part of the conversation is critical. So I applaud all of you for bringing this to us and for your leadership. It's great to see - it really is.

Rachel Frederick:

Hi. I am a resident, a mother, a parent, a teacher and I helped organize the March for Racial Justice in Yorktown with the local youth - totally amazing. So echoing everybody's sentiments, I am really, really proud of the youth that the town is putting forth. We have started a petition. I know the word petition seems adversarial. It is not. We are here in collaboration. We are here in support and I'm just going to read that petition because I'm sure you've heard of it. I don't know if you've seen it, but I will send it to you. So reading from the petition, we formed a group called Yorktown for Justice and I'm speaking on behalf of the signees of this petition, which at this point is about 375. Yorktown for Justice calls for immediate and direct action from local town and school leaders to initiate bold statements and initiatives in alignment with issued statements of intended reform. Racism is a pervasive problem in our country. Across the United States, members of the black community are routinely subjected to excessive policing, mass incarceration, inadequate access to health care, education, jobs, housing and voting, resulting in a systemically oppressed population relegated to

subpar livelihoods and routinely subjected to grave injustice. Americans must remember that the foundation of our country is rooted in the systemic oppression of black and native people, and that the black man who didn't even possess the right to vote or to be free at the time of incorporation, was considered three fifths of a human for congressional representation. Despite the introduction of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 to formally end slavery, this practice continued even into the 1960s in some places, while redlining Jim Crow, black codes, mass incarceration, and many other profound systemic inequities continue to this day. And so it is that Racism remains a pervasive problem throughout the US, including our community of Yorktown, New York. Yorktown for Justice formed in June 2020 to organize a local demonstration after the brutal killing of George Floyd, which was just one of too many. More than 1000 Yorktown residents poured into the streets to join us, despite an ongoing global pandemic (and I'm happy that the numbers have stayed down) to express outrage at the injustices long inflicted on people of color in the US. At this event we heard stories from residents, our neighbors, our friends, our family members, our community, about racism in Yorktown. Those who listened closely learned that much of the racism in Yorktown is casual and indirect. White supremacy that is expressed, technically, through school curriculum enshrined in stereotypes and biases that are widely echoed and reified through policies, practices, and most importantly, through silence from those in powerful positions: the peers who do not defend, the teachers at the front of the classrooms who do not interrupt, and the politicians who do not act, and we cannot be silent any longer. It is only now when we call for racial justice that we are met with dismissive and minimizing statements that proclaim "all lives matter" as a retort to "black lives matter." These statements attempt to undermine the movement and are readily proclaimed through the echo chamber of our local online Facebook groups, graduation speeches, and community discussions minimizing and redirecting the calls for justice and equal rights. The country is coming to a reckoning with its deeply racist past. On June 2 2020, the Town of Yorktown and the Yorktown Police Department condemned the killing of George Floyd, and we appreciate that. It was written that we should reject all forms of hatred, racism, oppression, and religious ethnic bias, and discrimination, incitement of violence, vandalism or animus. Yorktown for Justice is calling for actions that embody the sentiment and this statement. We need bold leadership from our government and school officials at this very moment. Clear, strong, unequivocal denouncement of racism in all of its forms, overt and covert. We are calling on our leadership to tell the community in no unclear terms that black lives really do matter in Yorktown, and that town and government officials hereby pledge to establish a diversity and inclusion oversight committee to review town and police practices and policies, and to establish immediately a diversity and inclusion oversight committee composed of professionals in the field, both in Yorktown and Lakeland School Districts to assess K to 12 school curriculum, school hiring practices, and implicit curriculum, to mobilize the district's promise of empathy through explicit social emotional curriculum, and to utilize and expand the Yorktown Heritage Commission as a partnership between town government and the local school districts to oversee and redress local history to rectify mis-education from narrow perspectives. I appreciate all that you guys have done so far. Again, this is this is in support; this is in collaboration. We also support the YPD - racial justice has nothing to do with hating cops. So we are here to support the town be its best.

Patricia Sullivan Rothberg:

So I wanted to make two points, one is that it is certainly John Tegeder day, I was able to watch it on Facebook; it was so beautiful to see the railroad station open. What a gorgeous effort with so many people. So I was delighted to see that. The only thing I would love to add is if the library might be able to partner with the school and if we could do a reading series down there with one of the books that is written about that train station, it would be great. Also the wonderful statue that's down there could almost be a field trip for K through five. That was one thing I wanted to say that it's just delightful. The second thing I wanted to add on to what Rachel and Fatimah and Maya and Sarah was talking about in terms of the petition. The protest was a real watershed moment for Yorktown; it was a wonderful effort with the younger generation really telling us that there is a new priority for them in town. I was listening to the County Task Force. The County Executive was talking about how a lot of the towns are going to have to reform. I hate to use the word reform because everything the police is doing is already amazing. They do a great job. But how we can make a 21st century Police Department better? I know that we're he's (County Executive) charged every town to come up with how they want to reform it - I think by April, there's some due date on it, I might have that date wrong. But to echo what Rachel was saying, if the Town Board and the Supervisor would consider having some community input from Yorktown for Justice, and sit with us and talk about some of the initiatives that Rachel just laid out, I think that would be really helpful. I think that the school and the Town kind of intersect. I mean, our kids go to school and then they hang out in town. I think that this movement really wants to be very inclusive; we'll be at the Board

of Ed meetings, but we also want to come to the Town and be a part of that reform, or let's call it betterment open dialogue. So thank you for letting me speak. And I can't wait to come down to the railroad station when it's up. And thank you for your time.

George Souls:

I'm chairman of the Economic and Business Revitalization Committee and we're charged with continuing to look at opportunities and activities for people in Yorktown to make it a better place to enjoy themselves as residents. With the pandemic we've been challenged not being able to meet in person, but we've suggested some actions to the Town Board to enliven our community and begin to emerge from isolation. I gave the Town Board for consideration and guidance six recommendations that I'm going to go over very quickly. The first is one that's actually been initiated, which was the wonderful re-dedication of the railroad station in Yorktown today. Those of you who were there saw a marvelous event, bringing back the past and looking into the future. For those of you who were not able to make it, please drop by Railroad Park and see the beautiful building that has been constructed and plan to spend some time there, also stop by the monument to our heroes. It's become the core of our community and the work they did was absolutely fantastic. The second item that I presented to the Board was called Food Fair 2020. We all love food and we'd love to get recipes sometimes of the wonderful foods we enjoy. So we're suggesting that maybe we get in touch with local chefs to put together some demos. Hopefully, we might be able to get some of them in person at Granite Knolls Park where there's an open gazebo and a shed, but if we couldn't, we could videotape it. The recipe and the preparation are almost like the Top Chef on TV and it could be made available to the residents so they will not only continue to love our great restaurants, but also when it's all over, go and have a meal there and say I made your recipe. The third area we're suggesting is what I call health-a-ganza sessions running July into August, where we would get in touch with the instructors and management of our local spas and health clubs that have been closed. These are very talented and knowledgeable people that could put together a session of 15 minutes or a half an hour; again, possibly film it and replay it on the Town website so that residents would be able to sign on and have a 15 minute segment on yoga or some other fitness exercise. The fourth idea we put forth - we all have visited Hilltop Hanover Farm. It's a marvelous place. Many of you may have stopped by Willow Park. Our committee member Doug Brown was there with the members of the Board and the dedicated the butterfly garden. Doug is very knowledgeable, as well as the staff at Hilltop Hanover. We're suggesting that we put together some instructions, hopefully in person for small groups with separation, but we could also film it and put it on the website for residents to learn about how you plant vegetables, how you harvest them, and such. The kids would enjoy also it. Possibly if we did have something at the farm, we could arrange a hay ride and free popcorn for the kids. The fifth item is what I call Kids March for Food Pantries. The wonderful people of Yorktown continue to drop off food at our pantries in Town, but I'm trying to suggest something where we blend two good things. We have some wonderful trails, we could put together suggested trails where the food drop offs could take place. Families could come with their children, and maybe even Scout groups or support groups could come drop off food and we would thank them with cookies and a cold beverage at the end of their particular walk. Food pantries would be happy, and our people would enjoy more and more of our trails. The sixth item: we all love music and one of the things I'm suggesting is that we contact our school administrations, Lakeland and Yorktown, middle and high school music staff. As they get ready to start the fall term, they'll be putting together the bands and choral groups to sing and to perform. Again, we could arrange for that to be done in a safe environment to film it like we have on our website for Christmas concerts and things, something to warm the heart as we go into the fall. The kids would enjoy it because they get a jump in August in getting used to their instrument or using their vocal chords again. So these are all suggestions that I've been putting forward that I think will give the residents a little chance to have different things at their fingertips by going onto our website and being able to pull down something as they wish. I would love to see the food developed that might have local names. We might develop Crompond cookies. Another one might be Hunterbrook Trout, and my favorite, Mohansic Meatloaf. So those are my suggestions. I hope that it is of interest to the people who are listening at home. We care about you. We want to reach out to all the various organizations, especially people who have suffered and give them some options.

Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilman Diana, Courtesy of the floor is closed.

Councilman Ed Lachterman:

I think it's great to hear the positive comments about the police department and wanted to say one of the most positive comments was made by the Chief when he said there is always room for

improvement. This is really the key to our success as a police department and the leadership of Chief Robert Noble.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:
I totally agree with you, Ed.

Supervisor Mathew Slater:

I really want to thank all those who came forward, especially Fatima, Maya, and Sarah; it was great to hear from them. They brought some really great items to the table. I can tell you that from the Town's perspective, we are working diligently to bring diversity training and require diversity training moving forward. That was something started when it was realized it had not actually been implemented here. So, along with our Board, our Town Attorney, and our HR director, that type of training is going to be provided for all of our staff and we're working through that as we speak.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

Matthew, I'd like to say something to those young women that spoke. I've heard a lot of people disagree with the young people. I agree with them and there has to be a conversation. There has never been a conversation about the words they use "systemic racism" - the fact that some people are born with and have privilege over other people. I am looking forward to the conversation. It has been apparent and has affected me even when I was Town Clerk in the Town of Yorktown. So I again, I'm just looking for those conversations.

Supervisor Mathew Slater:

Those conversations are going to be really important for our community to have. Some of the things that were referenced; I think it was Trish Sullivan Rothberg had referenced an April deadline, that's for the mandate from the Governor and that is an April 1, 2021 deadline. We're still waiting for some clarity and direction that hasn't been released regarding the additional parameters of what that process is going to look like. But I know that speaking to our police department and speaking to members of the Board, we're very much looking forward to being active participants in that conversation and making it a collaborative effort with people from all across the community. Once that unfolds, we're going to be able to implement, I think, a very forward thinking process that's going to bring everyone to the table and give everyone a seat at the table. I think it's going to provide some really good insight from a lot of different aspects of the community. It's always there, with the mindset of trying to improve, and that's something that we've heard. So, all right, we're going to move to public hearings.

CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 200 ENTITLED "LIGHTING, OUTDOOR," ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS"

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

We're going to convene a public hearing to consider a proposed local law amending Chapter 200, entitled, "Lighting, Outdoors." I see that our Town Clerk is already showing that it was, in fact, advertised. We will convene the public hearing and see if there's anyone who wants to speak on the matter. Quickly, do we want Adam Rodriguez, Town Attorney, or John Tegeder to just provide a quick summary as to what this is trying to accomplish?

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

Well, I can tell you that this arises out of considering lighting for athletic fields, which if you consider them in your mind, have their own; they're a unique animal in the lighting world. So having a hard requirement to "fully shield" them at their height, and how they are used, and the requirements thereof, is difficult in all situations, possibly impossible in many. So we've proposed some language that takes the words "fully shielded," out and replaces it with "shielded to the greatest extent practicable," which means that the Planning Board will do their darndest to attempt to shield them but realizing that in all cases, in this particular instance of sports fields, that you will not be able to.

Councilman Vishnu Patel:

What is really the very important thing is to dim them when they are not being used. That would be really good because there are certain times of the year when the fields are not being used. Dimming will save electricity and solve the problem of extra light going into neighbor's homes.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Are there any members of the public who would like to speak on the matter?

There were no public comments.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Seeing none, we'll make a motion to close the public hearing.

All those present having been given the opportunity to be heard and there being no further discussion, the hearing was closed. Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilman Diana and carried.

Supervisor Matthew Slater: As there were no comments, we'll make a motion to adopt the local law amending Chapter 200 entitled "Lighting, Outdoor" Article III, entitled "Procedures and Requirements."

ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2020 AMENDING CHAPTER 200 ENTITLED "LIGHTING, OUTDOOR" ARTICLE III "PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS" RESOLUTION #210

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 7th day of July 2020 pursuant to notice duly published as required by law amending Chapter 200 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "Lighting, Outdoor" Article III "Procedures and Requirements" as follows:

Section I. Section 200-6(H) in Chapter 200 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "LIGHTING, OUTDOOR," Article III, entitled "Procedures and Requirements," is hereby amended by deleting the words "fully shielded" and replacing it with the words "shielded to the greatest extent practicable."

RESOLVED, that Local Law 6 of 2020, amended and annexed hereto, be and is hereby adopted.

Slater, Diana, Lachterman, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Local Law 6 of 2020 was thereupon declared adopted.

CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 248 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL"

Supervisor Slater convened a public hearing to consider amending Chapter 248 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control."

Supervisor Mathew Slater:

Mr. Tegeder would you like to provide a quick briefing on this?

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

Sure. This goes along with the tree law that we did last December when the tree law was first rolled out. This law was also discussed - and the reason being is that there's a section in the tree law that exempts a permit from being needed under the tree law if you are getting a storm water permit, under certain parameters between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet. What it says is that even though you don't need to get an actual tree permit, you still have to pay attention to the mitigation practices, mitigate it, and utilize some of the mitigation measures that are found in the tree law. So rather than have double layers of permits, it just points you to an administrative permit to do mitigation according to what the tree law suggests as mitigation. So this this amendment to this section of law Chapter 248, Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control law, actually is constructed in a way to be consistent with the tree law so that it is captured appropriately. There are actually some reminders in this law that you need to point back to and pay attention to the tree law - this is essentially what its function is.

Councilman Vishnu Patel:

Maybe you should combine Chapter 278 and Chapter 178?

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

No, we're doing them one at a time.

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

Vishnu, I can tell you my description of 248 and its purpose is the same for the wetland law, so I can re-explain it.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Any members of the public who want to speak on the matter?

Linda Miller, resident:

I would like to make a few comments in agreement with what John said. These comments do apply to both 278 and 178, so if possible they could be just be duplicated for the other public hearing to be on the record for both of them. I think that would probably save time. As John said the Tree and Woodlands Law gave some responsibility to the wetland law and to the stormwater management and erosion sedimentation control law. This was done to avoid the duplicate permit requirements to make it easier for the applicant. Since these laws are taking over woodland functions it is important that they have language that clarifies the goals and intents of the woodland protection as well as appropriate definitions. This is for the benefit and convenience of both the applicant and those administering the laws. Through these amendments each law states what it's trying to do with regard to woodland, rather than having to constantly refer back to another separate law. The proposed amendments give guidance about functions and woodlands that we want to protect and the definitions necessary to protect those functions. There's a requirement, as John said, for woodland mitigation as a permit condition, as well as the requirement for referrals to the Conservation Board and the Tree Committee. Otherwise, there really are no changes, or very minor, changes in what 248 or 278 regulate or how they're administered. So the tree and woodland protection law with these amendments make a package that's supposed to work together. Once this package is in place by passing these amendments with all the i's dotted and the t's crossed, then it's certainly appropriate and quite possibly necessary to move on to fine tuning the tree and woodland law based on experience of administering it for the last seven months. So I ask that the Town Board please pass these amendments tonight so that we can get this package wrapped up and move on to the next phase of using this tree law. Thank you.

Councilwoman Vishnu Patel:

I just want to say thank you to John, our Planning Department head, and Dr. Miller, and all of the committees who worked on this; it is a great job and you have worked so hard and we want to thank you.

Susan Siegel, resident:

I want to go on the record as saying I fully support this law. John and Linda have done an excellent job in explaining the reasons for it and its consistency. I think it was an oversight last year when the tree law was passed, that this was part of the package and it just got somehow forgotten until we realized the need to do it. Again, if my comments in support of 248 public hearing can be used for the 178 hearing so, as Linda said, just to save time and not to be redundant, but the record could show that once that public hearing is open that my comment is there in support of it. Again, as Linda said, I hope that you'll just pass this tonight, and we can get on with preserving our trees and woodlands. Thank you.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Thank you, Ms. Siegel. I only had two questions, John, if you don't mind just providing some insight on this. In regards to 248-6, when we talk about the additional requirement for location of protected woodlands on the site to be included on site maps and construction drawings - from a use standpoint, and this isn't my forte - on 178 it says that only those that will be disturbed be included and we're not saying that in 248. So I'm just wondering if it should say that the additional requirement for location of protective woodlands on this site to be disturbed is be included on the sitemap and construction drawing just to be consistent? I'm just curious, John, if that makes sense from your standpoint?

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

I think that makes a lot of sense. It is consistent and I think the other paragraphs that have that wording in it are probably constructed that way so that if you have, for instance, a large piece of property, which you are getting a permit on and you have to do some work, but you are not disturbing protected woodlands, although you have protected woodlands, you need not go through the burden of showing them or not proposing to disturb them.

I think that's what the other clauses actually are aimed at and so I think that making this particular one consistent with those I agree that's what should be done.

Councilman Vishnu Patel:

There are not too many big lots left in the town.

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

No, but you can certainly have a five acre piece that has a house on it that has half of it still in woodlands - there's plenty of them. If you're doing something out in your yard, you need not go through and show that on your map necessarily.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

So what do you want us to include on 248?

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

For 248-6 - only if the woodlands are to be disturbed would be included on the site map and construction drawing to make it consistent with 178, which it states. Again, that size and boundaries of the areas on the site that will be disturbed would be included and I just want to make it consistent with that.

Linda Miller:

Can I make a statement about that? I think that you need to show all the woodlands that are on the site, because then you need to know what portion of them are going to be disturbed.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

What we are saying is if the woodlands are to be disturbed then it would be included on the site map and construction drawing. Then the only other question I had was in regards to, and again it's on both. I don't mean to blur the lines here, but it seems that we're doing it anyway for both, in 248 and 178, it basically requires the approval authority to take into consideration the intent. I'd like to just get clarity as to how do you define intent?

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

The law requires us to do it anyway. So why are we repeating the same thing?

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

I think that it refers to this at the beginning of the tree law where there is Section 270-2, which is Legislative Intent and right after that there's 70-3 Findings of Fact. By virtue of you adopting those, those are what are being looked at every time there is a review, essentially.

Supervisor Mathew Slater:

It sounds like to me that we would need for both 178 against 178-12(a)(9) and then also for a 248-13. wouldn't need those sections that would require the approving authority taken into consideration the intent and finding, because that's what it seems.

Linda Miller:

The idea is that when you're looking at 248 concerns and 178 concerns that you might regulate or not regulate woodlands and trees based on intents of 248 and 178, that this was put in there to make sure that when woodlands are being regulated by 248 and 178, they're regulated according to what the Tree and Woodland law thinks is important about trees. So for instance, in 248, it might be thought that we can cut these trees because we're putting other kinds of erosion control mechanisms in and things like that. But that doesn't take into account the goals and intents of the Tree and Woodland. Since those laws are going to be, they have the responsibility for protecting trees and woodlands. They need to take into account the reasons why we want to protect trees and woodlands. And that's the goals and intents of 178.

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

I happen to think that by virtue of the fact that we are adding stuff into this law that will require someone to actually do mitigation that is taken from sections of the Tree Law, I think that that goal is being met. I don't necessarily think that one has to read or go over the list of the legislative intent, the findings of fact in the Tree Law to do a good job of providing the mitigation. I think it's embedded and inherent in what you're doing, by virtue of the fact that you're doing it. I think that legislative intent and those findings of fact have been adopted and are the reason for the mitigation.

Susan Siegel:

May I speak? I think that because the stormwater law – 248 – as it is now doesn't say anything about woodlands, doesn't recognize the concept of woodlands, and what the findings are or the intent of preserving them are. It is important if the law is going to be modified to require mitigation dealing with disturbance to woodlands that the law should also say why woodlands are important. It just strengthens that when somebody is required to do mitigation, why are they going to be required to do mitigation? That's because they are disturbing woodlands and there's an importance to that fact, which goes back to the intent and the findings, which is the point that Linda was making. Otherwise, why regulate and what you want to do is put it into 248 and also 178 so somebody doesn't have to go back and go look at another law and find it another law - it's all in one place. So it makes sense to repeat that and to say that protecting the woodlands and the trees are important aspects of 178 and 248.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

Don't you have that in (j)?

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

I was about to say we have that in (j) of 248-1 Findings of Fact – we're adding a paragraph that describes what trees and woodlands do and the vital role they play.

Linda Miller:

In the Tree and Woodland law as part of the way the approval authority reaches its decision, it says that it's required to take into account the goals and intents of that law. So it was just repeating that language into 248 and 178.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

I agree with Matthew. Just by the fact that you talk about the trees and woodlands in letter (j), wouldn't that somewhat describe the goals and intents of the law?

Director of Planner John Tegeder:

I believe it does. And by the way, I think we all need to be reminded that those two sections in the Tree Law - the legislative intent and findings of fact – are, indeed what they are; they are the intent of the legislation adopted by the Town Board. They are facts that were found by the Town Board to actually put in place the Tree Law. So I think that they are inherently there. I don't think they need to be repeated in every permit that the Town Engineer does for this section of law. I think I think it's inherent in there. That's just my opinion on it. I mean, I completely understand what Linda and Susan are saying about consistency, but I think it's in there.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

I agree. I think I totally understand what they're saying, but in this instance, it's spelled out.

Susan Siegel, resident:

What harm would it do to include it? It's just a few more words.

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

Well, I would say, Susan, again, coming at it from as an administrator, is that it has the word shall, which means that you have to roll out every time you do a permit the list of the legislative intent and the findings of fact and do kind of a checklist for every permit and I don't think that is required. I don't think that the Town Engineer should be taken to task every time he does a permit in those regards. It's a permit that will be put in place for disturbances between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet to a protected wetland, nothing more and nothing less. I think the fact that for such a scope of disturbance that they, the applicant, will be providing mitigation that comes from the Tree Law, is well covered.

Susan Siegel:

But going back to what you said, you're implying that this is an extra burden for the engineer to think about what the intent is and to make sure that before a permit is issued the intent of the law is being addressed, which is the word shall, which is one of the most important words because we want to make sure that the intent is taken into consideration when issuing a permit. That was one of the major changes in both the Tree Law that was passed last year was changing “may” to “shall” in many cases, because the “may” was not being observed by the permitting authorities.

The Town Board agreed at the time that the law had to be strengthened, which everybody agreed should be strengthened, and substituted the “mays” for the “shalls.” Here all we're asking, and I don't see where it would be a burden for the engineer's office, which is going to be reviewing this, and yes, it is one more step to consider that there is a woodland and you have to pay attention to the woodland and it's no burden to look at the intent and say, “Yeah, I issue a permit, and I issue a Neg Dec and whatever is required and yes, you have met the intent.” It's no big deal but it does say I shall look at the intent and make sure that I've covered that.

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

Yes, I think, in my opinion, going through the motions of issuing the permit is speaking to the intent and the findings of fact on its own since that is what created the law or the basis of the law. And secondly, the discussion about all of the haggling that went on between “may” and “shall” in the other law that was really discussed about actual actions that need to be taken for the review. In other words, whether or not you refer to the Conservation Board, for instance, what may or shall make sense there with the legislative findings and legislative intent and findings of fact. Those are the basis of the law and inherently in reviewing a permit and issuing a permit, you've done that, you have to take that into account.

Susan Siegel:

And you shall do mitigation, which is, again, one of the major changes in the Tree Law, which is being carried over for consistency into 248 and 178, that when the service does take place, there shall be mitigation, which is, as you well know, is a very flexible kind of an approach that the mitigation is worked out between the applicant and the approving authority to see what is fair and reasonable. But it shall be done. It is not a “may.”

Director of Planning John Tegeder:

Mitigation shall be done, yes I agree with that.

Susan Siegel, resident:

So “shall” does have an importance here. Again, I don't see what the problem is by putting in the extra language.

Supervisor Mathew Slater:

I don't see what the problem is by excluding it.

Councilman Tom Diana:

I don't either. It's I think it's well spelled out. We've been beating these laws up now for long as I can remember, at this point. It seems to read unto itself the way it should. I agree with John Tegeder.

Councilman Ed Lachterman:

I do as well.

Councilwoman Alice Roker:

I think this is one of the better amendments to the law because it forces you, and it puts it right in your face by spelling out what the law and the intent and the findings are. Again, I know, sometimes I just don't understand why it's necessary to do it two times.

Supervisor Mathew Slater:

I just don't see how deleting it depreciates the value of the law or these amendments.

Susan Siegel, resident:

I just think it strengthens it but I have made the point. I just hope that you get this passed so it's there and the protection for the woodlands and for the trees is there in both laws. Again, all of these comments would apply to 248 and the 178 hearing because I don't know if you're planning to bring up the same issues in the 178 hearing.

Supervisor Mathew Slater:

The same issue for 178-12(a)(9), again, it says additional requirement, approval authority take into consideration the intent and finding. It's the same. So I mean, it sounds like we have two amendments to 248, which is the addition of “to be disturbed” for including woodlands on a site map and construction drawing and also and the removal of this addition.

Supervisor Slater reviewed the changes again with Ms. Siegel, as described in the proposed local law.

Susan Siegel, resident:

Everything is in the enforcement (of the law). We look forward to working with the Engineering Department to see that that they pay attention to these because there is really no administrative oversight on these permits because they never come to a public hearing so we have to rely on the Engineering Department as they review these applications.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

So again, the amendments that we're including we're going to add "additional requirements for location of protected Woodlands on the site to be disturbed is to be included in sitemap and construction drawing"; that's 248-6(A)(1)(b) and then we're going to remove this other requirement of that the approval take into consideration the intent and finding. So we'll remove that and add that one portion to 248-6.

All those present having been given the opportunity to be heard and there being no further discussion, the hearing was closed. Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilman Diana and carried.

Considering the new changes discussed to be minor amendments, Supervisor Slater moved to pass the amendments to Chapter 248, entitled "Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control."

ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2020 AMENDING CHAPTER 248 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL" RESOLUTION #211

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 7th day of July 2020 pursuant to notice duly published as required by law amending Chapter 200 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control."

RESOLVED, that Local Law 7 of 2020, amended and annexed hereto, be and is hereby adopted.

Slater, Diana, Lachterman, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Local Law 7 of 2020 was thereupon declared adopted.

CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 178 ENTITLED "FRESHWATER WETLANDS"

Supervisor Slater convened a public hearing to consider amending Chapter 178 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "Freshwater Wetlands."

Residents Linda Miller and Susan Siegel requested that their comments regarding the proposed local law to amend Chapter 248 be repeated as their comments for the proposed local law to amend Chapter 178.

All those present having been given the opportunity to be heard and there being no further discussion, the hearing was closed. Upon motion made by Councilman Lachterman, seconded by Councilwoman Roker and carried.

ADOPT LOCAL LAW 8 OF 2020 AMENDING CHAPTER 178 ENTITLED "FRESHWATER WETLANDS" RESOLUTION #212

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Patel, seconded by Councilwoman Roker,

Whereas, a public hearing was held on the 7th day of July 2020 pursuant to notice duly published as required by law amending Chapter 178 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "Freshwater Wetlands."

Resolved, that Local Law 8 of 2020, amended and annexed hereto, be and is hereby adopted.

Slater, Diana, Lachterman, Patel, Roker Voting Aye
Local Law 8 of 2020 was thereupon declared adopted.

Councilwoman Roker:

I'd like to thank Susan Siegel and Linda Miller for their input that began last year with the law. It really shows the way that the community can help us to make changes in the code when necessary.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Their advocacy on this issue and been incredible. I also appreciate their leadership on it. I also want to thank our Planning Director, John Tegeder, for his assistance as well in crafting the legislation and, of course, helping us with these amendments.

Councilman Vishnu Patel thanked them, as well.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

Okay, we're going to move on to resolutions.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR TITLE III-B NUTRITION SITE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,878
RESOLUTION #213

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an Agreement with Westchester County for Title III-B nutrition site and supportive services transportation funding for senior residents in the amount of \$17,878. This is for the retroactive period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR OVERSERVED MEALS AND OTHER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FUNDING EXPENSES FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,646.00
RESOLUTION #214

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an Agreement with Westchester County for overserved meals and other nutrition programs funding expenses for senior residents in the amount of \$12,646. This is for the retroactive period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH PNW BOCES CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (CEE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING A 2020 SUMMER HIKING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS GRADES 3 THROUGH 8 IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,900 THIS IS CONTINGENT UPON ENROLLMENT
RESOLUTION #215

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

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with PNW BOCES Center for Environmental Education (CEE) for the purpose of facilitating a 2020 summer hiking program for students grades 3 through 8, focusing on the environmental education and the natural world, in an amount not to exceed \$9,900, this is contingent of enrollment. The services will be provided between July 20 and August 7, 2020.

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR CERTAIN VOIP-RELATED EQUIPMENT THAT WILL FACILITATE THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY'S NEW HOTLINE SYSTEM
RESOLUTION #216

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a License Agreement with Westchester County for certain VOIP-related equipment that will facilitate the Town's participation in the County's new Hotline system, facilitating the speedy communication of information, coordination of operations, and the like between the County and various other municipal entities when circumstances necessitate such action.

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC.
RESOLUTION #217

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an Electricity Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. at the rate of \$0.06475/kWh for the term of February 1, 2021 through February 26, 2023.

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

AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR JULY 16, 2020 AND CANCEL WORK SESSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11, 2020
RESOLUTION #218

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

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown will hold an additional Work Session Video Conference Meeting via Zoom on Thursday, July 16, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m., 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598. The televised portion will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Be It Further Resolved, the Town Board Work Session scheduled for August 11, 2020 is cancelled.

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

AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO REFER OUT THE WETLAND-STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM PAUL FITZGERALD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW IN-GROUND SWIMMING POOL
RESOLUTION #219

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

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is authorized to refer out to the appropriate agencies for their review and/or recommendation the application submitted by Paul Fitzgerald for a Wetland-Stormwater Management Permit for the installation of a new in-ground swimming pool.

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

RESOLVED, THAT THE COMPTROLLER IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCESS CREDITS TO AUGUST RENT FOR MARCH ABATEMENTS FOR ALL TENANTS, LICENSES, ETC., AT THE ALBERT A. CAPELLINI COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER
RESOLUTION #220

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed a resolution on April 21, 2020 authorizing the Supervisor to execute amendments to the contracts of all tenants, licenses, etc., at the Albert A. Capellini Community and Cultural Center (“AACCCC”) for proportional abatements in rent, charges, etc., because of the closing of the AACCCC building on March 13, 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to process credits to August rent for March abatements as follows:

Yorktown Stage - daily rent (\$133.10) x total days (11) = \$1,464.10
Bright Beginnings - daily rent (\$203.42) x total days (16) = \$3,254.72
Westchester Ballet - daily rent (\$171.94) x total days (18) = \$3,094.92.

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

EXTEND BID FOR STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #221

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

WHEREAS, invitation to bid for the Street Light Maintenance for the Town of Yorktown was duly advertised, and

WHEREAS, said bids were received and opened on June 17, 2019,

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, Dave Paganelli, the bid for the Street Light Maintenance for the Town of Yorktown be and is hereby extended for one year, per the terms of the Bid, to Hanover Electric, 1803 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the dates of the extension will be August 15th, 2020 to August 14th, 2021.

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

EXTEND BID FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT MAINTENANCE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
RESOLUTION #222

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

WHEREAS, invitation to bid for the Traffic Light Maintenance for the Town of Yorktown was duly advertised, and

WHEREAS, said bids were received and opened on June 17, 2019,

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, Dave Paganelli, the bid for the Traffic Light Maintenance for the Town of Yorktown be and is hereby extended for one year, per the terms of the Bid, to NY-Conn Corporation, 5 Shelter Rock Road, Suite 8, Danbury, CT 06810.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the dates of the extension will be August 15th, 2020 to August 14th, 2021.

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

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR MOHEGAN AVENUE RETAINING WALL PROJECT
RESOLUTION #223

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board awarded the bid for the Mohegan Avenue Retaining Wall Project on May 7, 2019 to the lowest responsible bidder, Remus Industries LLC, and

WHEREAS, additional expenditures for the following are needed:

600' of 4' chain link fencing	\$34,650.00
Road drainage work	\$18,000.00
Alt #1: additional guiderail	\$ 9,300.00
Alt #2: removal of 23 trees	\$14,800.00
Total Additions	\$76,750.00

WHEREAS, the Town Board accepts the following credits to the original contract for work that will not be performed, and

#21 Rock Excavation:	\$10,518.75
#22 Mismarked Utilities	\$ 8,000.00
#23 Temp & Permanent Vegetation	\$ 5,250.00
#24 Additional Concrete	\$ 3,000.00
#25 Additional Foundation Material	\$ 450.00
#26 Police Traffic Control Allowance	\$10,000.00
#27 All Work Allowance	\$25,000.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$62,218.75

Whereas, the Town Board on March 3, 2020, accepted a substitute for the stone Strong System which resulted in a credit of \$18,000, now

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town Board on the recommendation of Dave Paganelli, Superintendent of Highways does hereby accept Change Order #2 in the amount of \$14,531.25 which leaves a credit of \$3,468.75.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO RELEASE WETLAND BOND #WP-FSWPPP-013-14 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR WORK DONE AT 2579 BARRY COURT RESOLUTION #224

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

WHEREAS:

1. Victoria Abbate as applicant, posted check #2590 in the amount of \$4,000 which was deposited to the T33 account on September 29, 20014 (\$2,500 to serve as the Wetland Bond – all other monies previously released).
2. Victoria Abbate has requested the remaining \$2,500 money be released, as the pool construction is complete.
3. The Town Engineer has informed this Board that a representative of his department has inspected the property and determined that the work has been satisfactorily completed, and that the above referenced monies may be released.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above referenced \$2,500 bond be and is hereby released to Victoria Abbate, 2579 Barry Court, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND #BSWPPP-059-19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 FOR WORK DONE AT 830 KIPLING DRIVE RESOLUTION #225

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

WHEREAS,

1. Erica Bates as applicant, posted check #180 in the amount of \$250 which was deposited to the T33 account on October 25, 2019.
2. \$250 of this money was posted to serve as the Performance Bond for construction of a pool.
3. Erica Bates has requested her money be released, as the site is now complete.
4. The Town Engineer has informed this Board that a representative of his department has inspected the property and determined that the work has been satisfactorily completed, and that the above referenced monies may be released.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above referenced \$250 bond be and is hereby released to Ms. Erica Bates, 830 Kipling Drive, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND #WP-T-BSWPPP-006-15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FOR WORK DONE AT 3186 STRANG BOULEVARD
RESOLUTION #226

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

WHEREAS,

1. Savino & Erica Gallinelli as applicants, posted check #723 in the amount of \$2,000 which was deposited to the T33 account on February 26, 2016.
2. \$250 of this money was posted to serve as the Performance Bond for construction of a house.
3. Savino & Erica Gallinelli have requested their money be released, as the site is now complete.
4. The Town Engineer has informed this Board that a representative of his department has inspected the property and determined that the work has been satisfactorily completed, and that the above referenced monies may be released.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above referenced \$2,000 bond be and is hereby released to Savino & Erica Gallinelli, 3186 Strang Boulevard, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND #BSWPPP-019-19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 FOR WORK DONE AT 2747 OLD YORKTOWN ROAD
RESOLUTION #227

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

WHEREAS:

1. Jehona Muriqi as applicant, posted check #112 in the amount of \$250 which was deposited to the T33 account on May 16, 2019.
2. \$250 of this money was posted to serve as the Performance Bond for site improvements and tree removal.
3. Jehona Muriqi has requested her money be released, as the site is now complete.
4. The Town Engineer has informed this Board that a representative of his department has inspected the property and determined that the work has been satisfactorily completed, and that the above referenced monies may be released.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above referenced \$250 bond be and is hereby released to Ms. Jehona Muriqi, 2747 Old Yorktown Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

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

AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,200.50 FOR THE PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT - WALDEN WOODS, JEFFERSON VALLEY AND JEFFERSON PARK PUMP STATIONS CONTRACT NO. 1

RESOLUTION #228

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

WHEREAS,

1. In April 2018, the Town Board passed a resolution that authorized the award of bids for the Pump Station Upgrade Program - Walden Woods, Jefferson Valley and Jefferson Park Pump Stations.
2. For Contract No. 1, General Work, the bid was awarded to Kings Capital Construction Group in the amount of \$1,995,000.
3. During a final inspection performed by a representative of the Westchester County Health Department, it was requested that a perimeter chain link fence be placed around the Jefferson Park Pump Station for site security.
4. Kings Capital Construction Group provided an extra cost proposal in the lump sum amount of \$10,200.50 to furnish and install the following:
 - Furnish and install chain link fencing (vinyl-coated) around the Jefferson Park PS, 8-foot high
 - Provide a 10-foot wide double leaf swing gate
 - Provide privacy slats for all fencing
5. As per the attached communication, GHD accepted the contractor's extra cost proposal as fair and reasonable.
6. The Town Engineer and Assistant Plant Superintendent have also reviewed the submitted cost proposal and recommend approval.
7. This work would be charged to Cost Code HP.8130.200 Equipment/Capital Outlay. We are requesting a transfer from the Sewer operating budget, using funds from Cost Code YS.8130.105 Overtime. Therefore we need the Town Comptroller to make the following budget transfer \$10,200.50 from YS.8130.105 Overtime to HP.8130.200 Equipment/ Capital Outlay.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign Contract Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$10,200.50 for the Pump Station Upgrade, Walden Woods, Jefferson Valley and Jefferson Park Pump Stations, Contract No. 1, General work, Kings Capital Construction. Additionally, the Town Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$10,200.50 from YS.8130.105 Overtime to HP.8130.200 Equipment/Capital Outlay.

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

RESOLVED, THAT THE COMPTROLLER IS AUTHORIZED TO REFUND THE FOLLOWING DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION #229

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

<u>Account No:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2956000	\$4,519.92	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
1593500	\$3,812.00	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
0279641	\$2,108.79	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
3751000	\$4,592.83	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
0542595	\$1,646.57	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
0829000	\$4,278.05	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
3610000	\$4,539.59	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
1554000	\$4,592.83	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax
3014885	\$55,153.94	Refund Duplicate 2020 Town/County Tax

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

APPROVE TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING FOR PARCEL KNOWN AS SECTION 48.10, BLOCK 1, LOT, 25 SECTION 48.11 BLOCK 1 LOTS 1 AND 4, SECTION 48.14 BLOCK 1 LOTS 35,37,51,61 AND 65, SECTION 48.14 BLOCK 2 LOT 9 AND 21 AND SECTION 48.15 BLOCK 1 LOTS 8 AND 25
RESOLUTION #230

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

WHEREAS, Tax certiorari proceeding was instituted challenging the assessment for parcel known as Section 48.10 Block 1 Lot 25, Section 48.11 Block 1 Lots 1 and 4, Section 48.14 Block 1 Lots 35,37,51,61 and 65, Section 48.14 Block 2 Lot 9 and 21 and Section 48.15 Block 1 Lots 8 and 25 on the Tax Maps of the Town of Yorktown, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the tax certiorari proceedings affecting tax parcel Section 48.10 Block 1 Lot 25, Section 48.11 Block 1 Lots 1 and 4, Section 48.14 Blocks 1 Lots 35, 37, 51, 61 and 65, Section 48.14 Block 2 Lots 9 and 21, Section 48.15 Block 1 Lots 8 and 25, owned by Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. for assessment roll year 2019 is settled as set forth in the proposed stipulation as follows:

<u>2019 Roll Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value from</u>	<u>Assessed Value to</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
48.10-1-25	1,500	-0-	1,500
48.11-1-1	950	-0-	950
48.11-1-4	900	-0-	900
48.14-1-35	1,250	-0-	1,250
48.14-1-37	50	-0-	50
48.14-1-51	250	-0-	250
48.14-1-61	1,850	-0-	1,850
48.14-1-65	50	-0-	50
48.14-2-9	50	-0-	50
48.14-2-21	50	-0-	50
48.15-1-8	350	-0-	350
48.15-1-21	250	-0-	250
48.15-1-25	250	-0-	250

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

APPOINT KYRA BRUNNER TEMPORARY OFFICE ASSISTANT (AUTOMATED SYSTEMS)
RESOLUTION #231

BE IT RESOLVED, that Kyra E. Brunner of Yorktown Heights, NY, is hereby appointed as a temporary Office Assistant (automated systems), job class code 0750-01, and effective July 8th, 2020, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A-1, Group 8, Step 1, which is \$52,080.00 annually.

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

Councilman Vishnu Patel:

I have a question about the electrical supply agreement with Constellation Newenergy. The rate they have quoted is 0.0675 kilowatts. Are there other fees? Carrying charges, etc.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

That is a very good question. Adam (Rodriguez), do you want to respond to this?

Adam Rodriguez, Town Attorney:

I believe that is the total cost. I believe the total cost is actually going down – it is certainly not an increase.

Supervisor Matthew Slater:

We had a discussion about the Town Pool. The Town has tried its best to facilitate as many options as we could. At this point the Town Board feels it best to move forward is to open up our Shrub

Oak Pool on July 20. It was a very difficult decision, quite frankly, for quite a few reasons but ultimately what made the decision attainable was the fact that the State has opened FDR's pool in the state park right here in the Town of Yorktown. We continue to work diligently and methodically with the State. We've waited until Phase 4 to make this decision to ensure that it is the best decision for our community with, obviously, public health and safety on the forefront of our minds. There will be COVID-19 protocols that are mandated to be followed by the Department of Health, including a 50% cap on capacity, which translates to 288 people allowed at Shrub Oak Pool at one time. We will be working with our Parks and Recreation staff to set forth the required pool passes on a daily basis.

AUTHORIZE OPENING OF TOWN POOL
RESOLUTION #232

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

WHEREAS, the State of New York has opened the pool in Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, in the Town of Yorktown;

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Valley has been approved to enter Phase 4 of reopening;

WHEREAS, the public health and safety is at the forefront of the Town's concerns;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including a 50% capacity limitation, are mandated to be followed at all pools;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the opening of the Shrub Oak Pool, beginning July 20, 2020, for a five-week period.

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

ADJOURN MEETING

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

DIANA L. QUAIST, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF YORKTOWN
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