

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on January 2, 2018 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Ilan D. Gilbert, Supervisor
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman
Edward A. Lachterman, Councilman

Also Present: Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Michael McDermott, Town Attorney

Absent: Alice E. Roker, Deputy Supervisor

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

Supervisor Gilbert stated that he spent his first day visiting different department heads and employees around town.

Councilman Diana said that, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, it was decided to cancel the New Year's Eve Ball Drop due to the freezing temperatures.

Councilman Patel talked about the inauguration ceremony that took place on January 1.

Councilman Lachterman mentioned that Lester Rosenbaum, a long-time local resident who was assisting in the Hyatt Burying Ground project, passed away on December 31, 2018 and expressed condolences to his family.

Councilman Lachterman also mentioned that on Thursday, January 4, 2018, the American Legion will be inducting charter members of the Sons of the American Legion at 7:30. He also commended the Yorktown Leos for doing a Midnight Run last week.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

The following members of the public spoke:

Jay Kopstein, resident, stated that moving Courtesy of the Floor helps those who do wish to address the Board and leave, but it also eliminates the ability to address items that are brought up during the meeting. He requests that the Town Board allow for two Courtesy of the Floor sessions, as the Town had done in the past. He also stated that it is time for the Town Board to have gender-neutral titles, i.e., Council Member.

Jim Martorano, resident, congratulated everyone new on the Town Board and also thanked Michael Grace and Greg Bernard and those who ran a campaign.

Walt Daniels, Chair of the Open Space Committee, stated that he looks forward to working with the Board. He mentioned outstanding issues such as the purchase Boniello property, and the restoration of the flat tax for the Open Space Fund.

Jane Daniels, member of Yorktown Trailtown, looks for to working with the Board on moving the Mohansic Trailway Project forward. She also thanked Michael Grace for signing the extension for them to move forward with a grant. Ms. Daniels would like to speak with Supervisor Gilbert to bring him up to speed on their projects, as well as discuss the role the New York New Jersey Trail Conference plays with the trails in Town.

John McMullen, resident, said that the Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's Church feeds hundreds of people every Saturday morning and they are always looking for volunteers. As Yorktown's Poet Laureate, Mr. McMullen wanted to inform the Board of poetry workshops that will begin on the fourth Wednesday of every month beginning January 24th at the John C. Hart Memorial Library.

Ed Ciffone, president of UTY, asked the Board to think about having a Budget Committee, which he said had been promised in the past. He also suggested that if this Board is thinking about rescinding on the Highway Garage project, then the last \$120,000 allocated to that project should also be rescinded.

Lynn Briggs, Chairwoman of the Landmarks Preservation Committee, congratulated the new Board and introduced herself. She looks forward to working with them in the coming months.

Supervisor Gilbert stated that he will not debate individuals but to listen to issues raised.

Tony Grasso, resident, welcomed the new Town Board members. He stated that Courtesy of the Floor is supposed to be time to speak on subjects not on the agenda. When there is a public hearing, members of the public may speak on the current issue. Mr. Grasso spoke about a worthwhile program that delivers care packages to the troops, United for the Troops. This was personal for Mr. Grasso, as it affected his grandson who is in the Armed Forces. The group is run by Jim Rathschmidt and they are always in need of donations.

Councilman Diana and Councilman Lachterman both spoke about what a wonderful organization this is. They primarily need monetary donations that will help them cover the cost of the postage for the packages.

Mike Burns, resident, congratulated the Tax Office on the excellent, friendly and efficient customer service he received when paying his taxes recently.

Sergio Esposito, Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the Board and wanted to ensure that the Chamber and the new Board get off to a good start to building a strong community and vibrant business district.

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

APPROVE GARBAGE LICENSE FOR BETTER CARTING SERVICES, INC.

RESOLUTION #1

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

RESOLVED, that Better Carting Services, Inc. be and is hereby granted renewal of their Garbage License to service commercial properties in the Town of Yorktown for the year 2018.

Gilbert, Roker, Patel, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye.

Resolution adopted.

APPROVE GARBAGE LICENSE FOR CARLO MINUTO CARTING CO., INC.

RESOLUTION #2

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

RESOLVED, that Carlo Minuto Carting Co., Inc. be and is hereby granted renewal of their Garbage License to service commercial properties in the Town of Yorktown for the year 2018.

Gilbert, Roker, Patel, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye.

Resolution adopted.

APPROVE GARBAGE LICENSE FOR WASTE SERVICES, INC.

RESOLUTION #3

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

RESOLVED, that Waste Services, Inc. be and is hereby granted renewal of their Garbage License to service commercial properties in the Town of Yorktown for the year 2018.

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

APPROVE GARBAGE LICENSE FOR AAA CARTING & RUBBISH REMOVAL, INC.
RESOLUTION #4

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

RESOLVED, that AAA Carting & Rubbish Removal, Inc. be and is hereby granted renewal of their Garbage License to service commercial properties in the Town of Yorktown for the year 2018.

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

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2018
RESOLUTION #5

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

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be hereby authorized and directed to pay regular bi-weekly salaries of all elected and appointed Town officials and employees without prior audit: this shall not apply to lump sum payments.

RESOLVED, that the rate of 54.5 cents per mile be allowed for those Town officials and employees who use their own automobiles in the performance of their official duties in accordance with the budgetary appropriations, provided however, the expense incurred is presented to the Town Board in the proper manner and on the proper claim form.

RESOLVED, that by the authority vested pursuant to Paragraph 10-a of Section 29 of the Town Law, the Supervisor shall submit to the Town Clerk within one hundred twenty days after the close of the fiscal year, a copy of the report to the State Comptroller required by Section 30 of the General Municipal Law and the Town Clerk shall cause a summary of such report or a notice that a copy of such report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is appointed, as per Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law to make refunds for correction of error up to a maximum of \$2,500.00.

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be directed to make application to the New York State Division of Youth for State Aid for a Recreation and Youth Service Project Grant for 2018. The Parks and Recreation Department receives \$10,000 of this application for recreation youth, and the Police Department receives another \$10,000 via the Youth Officer.

RESOLVED, that Councilman Vishnu Patel be and is hereby designated as the voting delegate to represent the Town of Yorktown at the Association of Towns Meeting to be held in February 2018, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Supervisor Ilan Gilbert be and is hereby designated the alternate delegate to the aforementioned meeting.

RESOLVED, that the following banks located in the Town of Yorktown are hereby designated as depositories for the Town of Yorktown:

JP Morgan Chase
2002 Commerce Street
Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

PCSB Bank
331 Downing Drive
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Signature Bank

1C Quaker Ridge Road
New Rochelle, NY 10804

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ilan Gilbert, Supervisor of the Town of Yorktown, is hereby authorized, pursuant to Town Law Section 29(2), to act on behalf of the Town of Yorktown with said banks, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named banks are hereby required to provide a surety bond or pledge securities when applicable as required by Town Law Section 64(1) and General Municipal Law Section 10, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following banks are designated depositories for the following officers of the Town of Yorktown:

JP Morgan Chase, Yorktown Heights, New York:
Justice Raniolo Account
Justice Lagonia Account
Joint Bail Account - Justice Lagonia & Justice Raniolo

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants blanket authority to sign contracts for the Town, without the necessity of express advance approval by the Town Board to the Supervisor in the event the contract involves any expenditure of not more than \$12,500, not to exceed \$50,000 in any calendar year and is limited to one year in duration and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this blanket authorization shall remain in effect until amended.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Paragraph A of Subdivision 1, of Section 142 of the Highway Law, as last amended, the Town Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements without prior approval of the Town Board in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

RESOLVED, that the official newspapers for the Town of Yorktown are hereby designated to be the Yorktown News and the Journal News.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

The following members of the public spoke:

Ed Ciffone asked why the The Examiner was not listed as an official newspaper for the Town. Supervisor Gilbert stated that the Town needs one daily and one weekly newspaper. Town Clerk Diana Quast stated that the paper's circulation has to hit a certain population within the town and the Yorktown News covers those populations.

ADJOURN

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

DIANA L. QUAIST, RMC
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF YORKTOWN