

**Regular Meeting
Town Board, Town of Glen
August 9, 2021
Held at Town of Glen Town Hall**

Present: Supervisor, John Thomas
Councilman, Ron Crewell
Councilman, Tom Murray
Councilman, Russ Kelly
Highway Superintendent, Dennis Mihuka
Town Clerk, Roxanne Douglass

Bills were audited and ordered paid as follows:

GENERAL OPERATING FUND – GA	\$ 60,291.98
GENERAL OPERATING FUND – GB	\$ 784.11
HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND – DB	\$ 97,649.08
WATER DISTRICT 1 OPERATING FUND	\$ 48,977.12
WATER DISTRICT 2 OPERATING FUND	\$ 4,173.22
SEWER DISTRICT 1 OPERATING FUND	\$ 3,929.68
SEWER DISTRICT 2 OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,312.22

Supervisor Thomas called the Public Hearing regarding a 6-month solar moratorium to order at 6:45 p.m. Those wishing to speak were as follows:

Susan Whiteman gave welcome to laborer's attending meeting and favors a solar moratorium in order to allow for Town to be protected;
Andrea Houser spoke in favor of solar and of Connect Gen;
a Sprakers resident spoke in favor of the solar moratorium;
Dennis Egelston spoke in favor of solar and Connect Gen and of having control of his land and is also in favor of Van Epps solar array;
Tom Farrell spoke in favor of solar;
Sandy Hemstreet wants Town Board to consider moratorium and to update solar law;
Amish residents are against solar;
Steve Helmin spoke in favor of moratorium to have time to develop a stronger solar law;
George Weis spoke in favor of solar moratorium;
John Paseno spoke in favor of solar moratorium;
Michele Egelston spoke in favor of moratorium;
Fred Briggs spoke in favor of solar moratorium in order to preserve value of his home;
Rosalie Farina spoke in favor of moratorium to give Town time to strengthen the solar law;
Ilene Weis spoke in favor of the solar moratorium;
Duanesburg resident spoke in favor of solar moratorium;
Tim Reilly spoke in favor of moratorium, land management, zoning and comprehensive plan updates;
a member of the NYS Laborer's Union spoke to represent union laborers working on solar installation;

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Bob Yurkewecz spoke to advise that he would be taking part in the solar project; Patty Macek spoke in favor of the solar moratorium; and Teresa (town resident) spoke in favor of the solar moratorium.

Supervisor Thomas made motion to end the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Councilman Kelly - 4 voting aye - so hearing closed.

Supervisor Thomas called the Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Resolution of Claims – sponsored by Councilman Crewell, seconded by Councilman Murray - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Supervisor Report, July 2021, as of Aug 9

- Red Cross blood drive, August 18, 9am-2pm, at the town hall
- Budget work continues, General wrapped up Aug 9, tentative budget will be available for Sept 13 meeting
- Received 2Q sales tax, \$177,841. Sales tax is up 43%, we are on track to exceed our budget revenue number by \$100K+
- Monthly court fines for July are \$56,802, on track to exceed our budget revenue number by \$50K+
- American Rescue funding received 7/22, \$84,424. The state did the town/village split. An additional \$84,424 will come to the town next year.
- SAM grant in final approval, we should see \$300,000 by year end, due to principal is \$301,000
- Snow and ice removal contract with the county, July 21, I proposed 10% increase over next three years, 5% year 1, 2.5% years 2 and 3, Matt countered with 5% increase over 2 years, 3% year 1, 2% year two
- Met with the village on July 19 to discuss the new Water and Sewer agreements
 - Both boards will approve a resolution to work together in the event of an issue that does not have a clear owner
 - Sewer rate increase by the village, 31% increase on Jan 1, 2022, going from \$9/thousand gallons to \$11.79/thousand gallons, the village passed the same increase to the village residents
 - There is no change in the water rate, it remains \$13.59, (190% of the resident's rate)
- County wide household hazardous waste collection day – Aug 14
- Eden PILOTS, Tom, Larry, Russ and I met with Eden, (Giovani and Gillian) and Stella
- Cannabis, 1 more public hearing, or put it to a vote?
- Trident/Hoy inventory completed, up 8% to \$42,593, still impacted by claim history

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- National Grid gas service request for Sewer One genset
- 5:30pm, Budget workshop – Sept 13, final draft review, public hearing Oct 11, 6:30pm

No progress to report this month

- W&S truck awarded, lead time is now 6 months, Ford is currently working on their Jan build schedule, color has been changed to blue at no additional cost
- Partial refund for our 2020 unemployment claim, \$1,208, still pending
- Water and sewer connection applications have been submitted to the village for their review and approval for the County Shared Services and Pilot Truck Stop facilities

Town Council Report - Councilman Murray thanked Supervisor for starting the Town of Glen budget process early.

State of County Report - No report submitted.

Resolution No. 25 to Approve PILOT Between the Town of Glen and Van Epps Solar, LLC moved to table on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crewell - 4 voting aye - so tabled.

Resolution No. 26 to Approve PILOT Between the Town of Glen and Mohawk View Solar, LLC moved to table on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crewell - 4 voting aye - so tabled.

Resolution No. 31 to Approve Water Sale Agreement with the Village of Fultonville. Motion to move made by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crewell - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Resolution No. 33 to Approve Sewer Use Agreement with the Village of Fultonville. Motion to move made by Councilman Crewell, seconded by Supervisor Thomas - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Resolution No. 34 to Approve Solar Moratorium moved on motion by Councilman Crewell, seconded by Councilman Murray - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Resolution No. 35 to Approve Year 2022 Employee Handbook moved on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crewell - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Resolution No. 36 to Approve Membership in the Glen Volunteer Fire Department moved on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Kelly - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Motion to approve meeting minutes and reports sponsored by Councilman Crewell, seconded by Councilman Murray - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Building & Code Enforcement Officer Report – written report submitted.

Planning Board Report – verbal update given by Tim Reilly regarding zoning changes and public hearing scheduled for September; and status of Supreme Buddhist group.

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Superintendent of Highways Report - verbal report submitted regarding paving and mowing status.

Historian Report - verbal report submitted regarding records in archives.

Sewer & Water Commission Report - verbal report submitted.

Assessor's report – verbal report submitted regarding STAR changes status.

Animal Control Officer's Report - Written report submitted.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report - No report submitted.

Town of Glen Volunteer Fire Department Report - No report submitted.

Resolution No. 37 to Accept Federal Relief Funds was moved on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crewell - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Public Comment:

Susan Whiteman regarding hitching post being installed at Town Hall;

Resident had a blood drive question;

Fred Briggs regarding Connect Gen meetings and mailings;

Ron Crewell regarding solar sitting and maintenance by Connect Gen;

Tim Reilly regarding American Rescue Fund account being separate from all other and was informed by Supervisor Thomas that it would be separate. Tim also spoke regarding the meetings with Connect Gen happening all on one day;

Eddie Gray from Connect Gen spoke to advise the meeting on August 11, 2021 accounts for 1 meeting so that another meeting will be scheduled;

Steve Helmin spoke regarding the Pledge of Allegiance;

Patty Macek spoke regarding the importance of the moratorium being passed; and

Ron Crewell spoke regarding the civility of the residents in attendance, with Supervisor concurring.

With no further business being brought before the Board, Supervisor Thomas made motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:22 p.m., Councilman Murray seconded - 4 voting aye - so approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Douglass
Town Clerk

