

**Regular Meeting  
Town Board, Town of Glen  
June 14, 2021  
Held at Town of Glen Town Hall**

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

Bills were audited and ordered paid as follows:

GENERAL OPERATING FUND – GA	\$ 46,556.87
GENERAL OPERATING FUND – GB	\$ 2,273.87
HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND – DB	\$ 22,596.87
WATER DISTRICT 1 OPERATING FUND	\$ 678.68
WATER DISTRICT 2 OPERATING FUND	\$ 5,532.73
SEWER DISTRICT 1 OPERATING FUND	\$ 59.23
SEWER DISTRICT 2 OPERATING FUND	\$ 21.90

Supervisor Thomas called the public hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. in order to collect residents' comments regarding cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption licenses within the Town of Glen:

Tim Reilly questioned dispensary licenses for sale vs. consumption;  
Susan Whiteman questioned the amount of dispensaries and is not in favor;  
Tim Reilly is opposed to cannabis dispensary and advised Town of Glen should opt out;  
Councilman Kelly questioned opting out vs. sales tax revenue - was advised by Supervisor opting out means no sales tax revenue for the Town and that if Village opts in they would receive sales tax;  
Susan Whiteman asked if Town of Glen will have responsibility for law enforcement;  
Councilman Coddington advised adults should set examples for children;  
Susan Whiteman asked if each Town has their own choice to opt in or out;  
Councilman Crewell spoke regarding signs of usage of pot being used and that Town should opt out;  
and Councilman Murray spoke regarding Vermont's numbers and advised Town should opt out.

Supervisor Thomas advised a draft resolution to opt out by the end of the year will be given to Board members within the next day for their review.

Supervisor Thomas closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

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

Resolution of Claims – sponsored by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Coddington - 5 voting aye - so approved.

**Supervisor Report, May 2021, as of June 14**

- 400+ Memorial Day flags replaced in the Glen cemeteries, thank you Judy and Russ
- Red Cross blood drive, June 16, 10-2, town hall
- Hamlet street light LED conversion concern
- Porch railing is done, flowers are up
- Budget prep continues, General, Highway and outside the village
- Building sanitization now twice a week rather than daily
- We received the first half of our 2021 snow and ice removal check from the county, \$113,189
- Partial refund for our 2020 unemployment claim, \$1,208, still pending
- American Rescue, \$267,000 coming to Glen, NYS was funded at the end of May, towns will be funded within 60 days. Based on 2019 populations 32%, (\$85,821) goes to village, 68%, (\$181,179) goes to Glen. Funding is in two phases, 50% in 2021, 50% in 2022.
- 2021 CHIP funding was increased to \$121,000, our 2021 budget number was \$61,500
- 2021-2023 snow and ice proposed 10% increase, 5% year 1, 2.5% years 2 and 3, no county response
- 8.5% MVP Health insurance increase proposed, ~\$11K total annual premium increase
- Trident/Hoy renewal time, asset inventory validation in progress
- Updated water and sewer agreements have been submitted by the village, agenda resolutions in July
  - Sewer rate increase by the village, 31% increase on Jan 1, 2022, going from \$9/thousand gallons to \$11.79/thousand gallons, the 29% increase on Jan 1, 2020 was a three year agreement
  - No change in the water rate
- Monthly court fines total \$58,532 for the month of May, we seem to be back to normal.
- External legal council retained for Eden PILOTS. Eden has pushed out the first payment by one year
- Mill Point/Connect Gen solar
  - Hard copies of the April 14 public presentation were delivered
  - Connect Gen agreed to our terms for the next two in-person public information sessions

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- We're getting closer to purchasing the lot next to the hwy garage, price remains \$30,000
- 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
- PILOT Truck Stop
  - Village water main flush on June 1, monthly flushes are scheduled for the next several months. PILOT needs 850 gallons of water for 60 minutes at 20psi, two flow/volume tests have failed, they will include a water tank in their project.
  - Prime AE Engineering costs have increased \$5,800, check received, escrow is funded
- Chiefs is soon to change ownership, significant site cleanup is underway along with a new roof on the main building. Some of the existing warehouse buildings will be demolished and new warehouses are planned. Water meter pit will be installed, sewer tap/extension is being considered.
- Can we tax shipping containers, tractor trailer bodies, car ports, buses, old mobile homes, etc that are used for storage? If it's on-site for more than a year, it's no longer temporary?
- Cannabis is coming, public hearing to gather feedback scheduled for June 14, do we opt out before year end?, we can always opt back in, the opt out deadline is 12/31/2021
- Loader shed being quoted, due June 11, total building cost is estimated at \$35,000, from General FB
- Mini-bid for water and sewer pickup, to be fully funded by W&S, bids due June 11, not to exceed \$52,000, funded from contingency from S1, W2, from fund balance from S2, W1, \$13K each fund
- 5:30pm, Budget workshops - July 12, Highway, August 9, General, Sept 13, final overall review

Town Council Report - No report submitted.

State of County Report - No report submitted.

Resolution No. 25 to Approve PILOT Between the Town of Glen and Van Epps Solar, LLC tabled on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Kelly - 5 voting aye - so tabled.

Resolution No. 26 to Approve PILOT Between the Town of Glen and Mohawk View Solar, LLC tabled by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Murray - 5 voting aye - so tabled.

Motion to approve meeting minutes and reports sponsored by Councilman Crewell, seconded by Councilman Murray - 5 voting aye - so approved.

Building & Code Enforcement Officer Report – written report submitted.

Planning Board Report – verbal update given by Tim regarding status of Pilot for Travel Center having been forwarded to and approved by Montgomery County, so currently waiting for DOT permits; Borego site review status; Supreme Buddhist status given.

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Superintendent of Highways Report - Dennis advised regarding: spring cleanup was light this year; first pass mowing has been done; paving starts this week in amount of 600 tons; and status of truck repair.

Resolution No. 30 to Restore Budget Amount of \$250,000.00 to line DB5110.4 - moved on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crewell - 5 voting aye - so approved.

Historian Report - verbal report submitted regarding wikipedia change of Supervisor's name.

Sewer & Water Commission Report - Dennis advised regarding Carver status; fire pump status; flow test and water leak due to leaky bolt valve.

Resolution No. 31 to Approve Purchase of Truck which will be fully funded by Sewer and Water districts #1 and #2 up to amount of \$44,000.00 moved on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Crewell - 5 voting aye - so approved.

Assessor's report – Stella advised regarding Borego, pilots and taxing at full value at County; discussion regarding when temporary structures become permant and get taxed and there being no set rule advising this. Stella advised possible changes should be within code for changes.

Animal Control Officer's Report - Written report submitted.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report - No report submitted but tiny homes request received.

Town of Glen Volunteer Fire Department Report - Jon Brisbane advised regarding budget increase request; 3 new firemen have completed Level 1 training; gave status of restoration at fire department.

Resolution No. 32 to Approve Concrete for loader shed in amount up to \$10,000.00 moved on motion by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Councilman Murray - 5 voting aye - so approved.

At this time, Councilman Kelly made motion for and read a resolution regarding Connect Gen in-person meetings, seconded by Councilman Crewell. Supervisor Thomas advised Connect Gen has agreed previously to 2 in-person meetings with residents of the Town of Glen - roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Kelly	-	Yes
Councilman Crewell	-	Yes
Supervisor Thomas	-	No
Councilman Coddington	-	No
Councilman Murray	-	No

Resolution therefore not carried or approved.

Public Comment:

Tim Reilly regarding PILOT failed question and Attorney Abbot & Tabor review of PILOTS; Steve Helmin regarding resolution presented - thanked Councilmen Kelly and Crewell for their time and advised Town Board can choose to amend the resolution; it's been 2 months since April for question and answer meetings due to Town residents and the difference in website and actual schedule of meetings and asked for the Board to recall the resolution;

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Susan Whiteman regarding concern about government and Connect Gen communications and documentation proving board will communicate information;  
Councilman Crewell regarding comprehensive plan and zoning law and solar law;  
Supervisor Thomas advised regarding Connect Gen and privileged information;  
Michele Egelston regarding possibility of Town Board rejecting contract with Connect Gen if majority of Town residents do not want solar in the Town; and stated that Amish will leave Glen if solar comes in because Town is agricultural;  
Rosalie Farina spoke regarding privileged information meaning with Attorney Kruger being asked to advised; solar law needs review so Town should have a moratorium;  
Gilian from Eden regarding PILOT agreements which will be on the Agenda for July;  
Bonnie Couture thanked Councilman Kelly; advised of transparency needed and to abide by Comprehensive Plan;  
Sandra Hemstreet advised Connect Gen was at Board meeting to give presentation in October 2020;  
Councilman Coddington spoke against solar farms but stated he can't dictate how people use their land and that the Town of Glen will not be making the final solar decision;  
Stella Gittle spoke regarding devaluation of property in Town due to solar; protection of community as a whole; and that the Town should have an engineer to oversee the solar project;  
Jeffrey Bates spoke regarding his wealth being his property and the residents need representation;  
Victor Eckler questioned whether the map in Connect Gen information is zoned for solar;  
Jon Brisbane spoke regarding the Connect Gen surveys going on in Town of Glen;  
Patricia Eckler spoke regarding owners land being their own;  
Councilman Coddington spoke regarding the Board's responsibility to all residents within the Town;  
Councilman Crewell spoke regarding the future of property within the Town of Glen being lost to solar.

With no further business being brought before the Board, Supervisor Thomas made motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:46 p.m., Councilman Kelly seconded - 5 voting aye - so approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Douglass  
Town Clerk