

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Ilan D. Gilbert, Supervisor
Alice E. Roker, Deputy Supervisor
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman

Absent: Edward Lachterman, Councilman

Tardy: Thomas Diana, Councilman

Also Present: Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Richard S. Abbate, Town Attorney

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senator Peter Harckham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SUPERVISOR ILAN GILBERT'S REPORT TO THE TOWN

Supervisor Gilbert read a correction to the meeting date of the upcoming Senior Advisory Committee: the meeting will be Friday, December 20 at 1:00 P.M.

Supervisor Gilbert reminded residents in the proposed Hallocks Mill Sewer District Extension that petitions are due in to the Town Hall on December 19 and should be signed and notarized. If you do not sign a petition, it is counted as a "no" vote.

REPORTS FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Diana wished all a Happy Holiday and to be careful driving in inclement weather. He mentioned the Holiday Lights Parade, which was well attended and a lot of fun. He said it was a wonderful grand opening of the Granite Knolls Sports Facility, now considered the premier sports facility in Westchester County.

Councilman Patel displayed a holiday greeting card from every corner of the world and wished all a Happy Holiday. He talked about an upcoming presentation being done by local high school students regarding water quality and contamination.

REPORT FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli said the crews on the overnight shift were out salting three times. He asked residents to call the police department regarding icing conditions or downed trees. Mr. Paganelli said he is working on preparing changing 284 NYSEG street lights with LED lights. The cost to the Town will be the replacement cost of the value of the current lights but an overall yearly savings to the Town of \$25,000.

Supervisor Gilbert stated that Granite Knolls had a soft opening this past spring and used throughout the summer and wanted to be able to dedicate it the year it was opened. He noted that the facility will include the all-inclusive playground for children. Councilwoman Roker noted that Granite Knolls is not a park just for children; there is much to do for adults.

PRESENTATIONS BY NEW YORK STATE SENATOR PETER HARCKHAM AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATORS MICHAEL KAPLOWITZ AND JOHN TESTA

New York State Senator Peter Harckham came to acknowledge Supervisor Gilbert, as this was his last Town Board Meeting as Supervisor. He said that Supervisor Gilbert was exemplary in his compassion, empathy, and worked from his heart. On behalf of the State Senate, Senator Harckham wished him well. Supervisor Gilbert acknowledged two individuals who have served the County and Town in an exemplary fashion. One served for 20 years and one for over 10 years, both in the Westchester County Legislature. He thanked John Testa and Michael Kaplowitz for their service to the public and presented them with proclamations of appreciation from the Town of Yorktown.

Westchester County Legislator John Testa thanked the Town Board and stated it was his pleasure and honor to serve Yorktown.

Westchester County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz thanked the Town Board. He talked about Legacy Field and how these types of projects are for residents of all ages. He talked about what a great experience and pleasure it has been representing Yorktown residents and working with the various Town Boards.

POET LAUREATE

Mr. John McMullen, Yorktown Poet Laureate, read his poem “2020 in Yorktown.”

APPOINT LAWRENCE KILIAN TO THE ETHICS BOARD

RESOLUTION #496

Upon motion made by Supervisor Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Patel,

Be It Resolved, that Lawrence Kilian is appointed to the Ethics Board for a term expiring on December 31, 2022.

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

REAPPOINT DIANA L. QUAST TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #497

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

Be It Resolved, that Diana L. Quast is reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2026.

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

REAPPOINT PATRICIA CAPORALE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #498

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

Be It Resolved, that Patricia Caporale is reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2025.

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

APPOINT DAVID PAGANELLI TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #499

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

Be It Resolved, that David Paganelli is appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2021 to fulfill the unexpired term of James Martorano, Jr.

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

Councilman Diana stated that he does not believe department heads should be on volunteer boards; he feels it makes the positions political and wants the charter revisited next year. He stated that his vote has nothing to do with the work these individuals have done or will continue to do or their good standing in the community.

Councilwoman Roker stated that she does not agree and said that if that is what he wants to see done, the code will need to be revised.

Supervisor Gilbert stated that they are appointing the quality of the individuals, their work ethic, and their dedication. He said he witnessed these three individuals work in the most nonpartisan way possible.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Mark Lieberman, resident, thanked Supervisor Gilbert for his service to Yorktown. Mr. Lieberman said people focus more on caring, listening, and empathizing this time of year but this is what Supervisor Gilbert does all year long.

Mr. James Martorano, Sr. – congratulated the Board on the election results. He congratulated Supervisor Gilbert for his service on the Board and his service to the community.

Mr. Michael Grace, resident, thanked Supervisor Gilbert for his service. He then proceeded to ask the Supervisor and the Town Board for reimbursement of legal fees incurred in a lawsuit while he was supervisor. Mr. Grace said he feels that this decision for reimbursement is something that lies solely with Supervisor Gilbert's administration. He would like a correction and a resolution passed for this reimbursement.

Mr. Jay Kopstein, resident, stated that he felt a good budget was passed. He said that the additional tax dollars from county was not a gift – it was expropriated under the sales tax increase.

Mr. John Campobasso, resident and president of the Yorktown Athletic Club, thanked Supervisor Gilbert for being a good partner to the sports clubs. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Granite Knolls facility. He raised the issue of Legacy Fields and the turf replacement. Supervisor Gilbert said that a commitment was made by the Board and some of the money from Enbridge would be used. He said it is an issue that needs to be worked out with Comptroller, i.e., does it come from Fund Balance or revenue? Mr. Campobasso said he applied for the Parks and Recreation Commission and thinks the commission is great, but would like to see the process revisited.

Mr. Michael Kaplowitz, former County Legislator, stated that none of the money (sales tax) goes to communities who do not contribute towards it. He stated that as a fellow public servant, fellow attorney, and friend, he wanted to thank Supervisor Gilbert for his service. Mr. Kaplowitz said there has never been a more decent and humane public servant than Supervisor Gilbert. He pointed out that Supervisor Gilbert and the Board took the sewer debate and moved it along, which is not an easy thing to do.

Mr. Ron Stokes, Co-Chairperson of the Yorktown Democratic Party, said there is a mix of reasons of why people do public service. He said that most of our citizens do not vote and those who are registered many times fail to vote. Mr. Stokes said those who chose to participate do something very special and Lanny has done so on exemplary terms; first as judge, then as supervisor. Yorktown and its people are better for his service.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A GAS STATION LOCATED AT 3700 BARGER STREET, YORKTOWN, NY

Supervisor Gilbert convened a public hearing to consider the application filed by Danny Porco, NY Fuel Distributors, LLC for a Special Use Permit for a gas station located at 3700 Barger Street, Yorktown, NY, also known as Section 16.07, Parcel 1, Lot 43. The request is to demolish the existing Getty Automotive Service Station and replace it with a new gas station and convenience store with a 2,200 square foot canopy and associated appurtenances.

Mr. Richard Williams, Project Engineer – Insite Engineering, said that he was aware of the Town Board receiving two letters from neighbors of the project and asked for more time for their counsel to review the letters and to be able to reach out to the neighbors. They have also met with the Planning Board talking about some layout revisions that they requested and are now working on those revisions.

They have also reached out to the Department of Environmental Conservation, who is a permitting authority on the application.

They were supposed to have already completed a site visit with them, but due to the recent snowstorms the DEC had to cancel and have not yet rescheduled. Mr. Williams said that, given the circumstances, he feels it may be premature to continue the public hearing at this point in time. Mr. Williams respectfully requested the Board adjourn the public hearing.

The following members of the public spoke:

Mr. Jim Burchetta, attorney for a resident of Trump Park, agreed that it is appropriate to adjourn the public hearing. He wanted to know if the Town Board has declared itself lead agency on the project and was told by Supervisor Gilbert that the Board will be declaring itself lead agency. Mr. Burchetta said this is a very sensitive environmental site and he believes that there is a history of contamination on the site. He believes it would be appropriate for the Board to require the applicant to conduct environmental tests and studies on the site.

Mr. Gene Sinnis, a prospective homeowner, disagrees with allowing a gas station on this site. He feels a different type of business would be more appropriate.

Mr. Bill Primavera, resident of Trump Park, stated a number of residents at Trump Park have expressed concern over the proposed project and is in favor of environmental studies being done.

The general manager of the Trump Park Residences also stated that there are a number of residents opposed to the projects.

Mr. Chris Chadwick from Transitional Properties and neighbor to the proposed site is skeptical regarding how clean the site is at the present time. He feels there may still be contamination.

Mr. Marc Lieberman, resident, said traffic in that intersection creates a very dangerous driving situation.

Councilman Diana stated that he has already spoken to the Chief of Police and there will be changes made to alleviate some of the issues at that intersection. Councilman Diana then addressed Mr. Williams regarding remediation. Mr. Williams said the existing underground fuel storage tanks were removed, not by his client but by the entity that currently controls the property. During the removal, contamination was found and a spill report was reported to the DEC. This spill report has since been closed. Mr. Williams said his clients are familiar with the gas station business and are well aware that once they start excavating, more contamination may be found. When that happens, they will be filing spill reports with the DEC and they will remediate to the DEC's satisfaction. Mr. Williams explained what issues they will be looking at to satisfy DEC's requirements in order to obtain their permit.

Mr. Williams showed the plans of the proposed gas station and described the types of work they will be doing. He also feels that allowing this gas station also provides an opportunity to get the site cleaned up.

A resident asked a question about the flow of the underground brook that exists on the property. Mr. Williams said he would prefer to answer neighbors' questions through a different venue than a public hearing, which is why he requested an adjournment.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 300 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN ENTITLED "ZONING" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VII, SECTION 300-81.5 "BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS."

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert convened a public hearing to consider amending Chapter 300 of the Code of the Town of Yorktown entitled "Zoning" by adding a new Article VII, Section 300-81.5 "Battery Energy Storage Systems."

Town Attorney Richard Abbate said that, generally speaking, this law sets out a procedure so people can go ahead and put in battery energy storage units and breaks it into three tiers.

The first tier would be for home use. The second tier is also for home or smaller use. The third tier deals with larger commercial use who charge the batteries during the day and during times of high demand and then utility companies purchase this energy to put back into the grid.

Tier One and Tier Two are administrative permits. Tier Three would go before the Planning Board. Safety has been the primary concern and the Planning Board would decide physical features, screenings, etc. and then make a decision whether or not to grant a special use permit. All other permits would apply (wetlands, stormwater, etc.).

Director of Planning John Tegeder said he feels the Planning Board thinks it is a good idea for the Town to have some kind of legislation on record that regulates and sets the best standards for these types of installations.

Councilwoman Roker raised the issue of safety. Mr. Abbate said the new law states “shall establish a training program and provide for necessary equipment for local first responders.”

Supervisor Gilbert reviewed the other items the Planning Board wished to see incorporated into the law (e.g., an emergency response plan, project should be in compliance with other state and local codes and regulations). Mr. Abbate said that these have been incorporated.

The following members of the public spoke:

Mr. Robert Gaudio, law firm of Snyder & Snyder, representing their client Borego Solar Systems. He said that Borego has had an application for a storage facility at 3091 Gomer Court for six months. They have been before several boards on several occasions and made changes based on board reviews. The facility meets all state and local codes, the NYSERDA model, NYS fire and building codes, and the proposed ordinance. He pointed out there are references to bonds and letters of credit; he felt bonds would not be an issue but letters of credit are more of a concern because they tie up capital whereas a bond serves the same function. He said if this is an “and/or” situation, it would not be a problem. He said that Section 10 has a provision that says the permit will be valid for 24 months – does this mean it has to be built within 24 months or the permit lasts for only 24 months? Mr. Abbate clarified that it is 24 months to get the facility built. A discussion ensued regarding timing of the permit and the time of construction.

Mr. Gaudio referred to the section regarding payment for special equipment, which he does not believe is needed. He said he was uncertain as to how this would be parsed out between applicants over time and/or various applicants and various fire departments. He said he was not sure this was a fair and equitable requirement in a code to require one particular applicant to pay for something that is paid pursuant to the General Fund or pursuant to the Fire District Fund.

Councilman Diana said, for example, if a certain type of chemical is needed to fight a particular fire at one of these facilities, our fire departments may not have that. It would be a requirement of one of the companies running a battery energy storage facility to pay for that chemical. Mr. Gaudio responded that this should be made clearer in the ordinance that it would be specific to the battery storage industry.

Mr. Gaudio said the new ordinance will send them back to the Planning Board and they have a pending application before the Zoning Board. He asked if there could be any way their permit could come from the Zoning Board since they have already been to the Planning Board and have paid all of their permit fees.

Supervisor Gilbert said this law will not be passed this evening, but the Board could give direction to the Zoning Board but the Town Board is on the cusp of passing the law but will done in the next term. Supervisor Gilbert said modifications will need to be made before they will pass an ordinance.

Mr. Jay Kopstein, resident, said the model ordinance spoke about having a company on retainer to respond and sit with a fire until it was declared safe. This law does not have a requirement that the applicant share with the Town annually a copy of that contract with the company they have on retainer. He said that for the protection of our fire departments, this should be added to the proposed law. He also mentioned needing a supply of diking equipment that would surround the fire and catch any of the runoff and prevent it from going into the Town’s wetlands. Mr. Kopstein was for passing the moratorium this evening and to continue working on the law.

Mr. Abbate said adopting the moratorium could be done this evening that would freeze everything until the law is worked on.

Mr. Gaudioso said the Board could adopt the law, as written, and then amend it in the new term. This would allow his client to proceed.

Mr. Abbate said adopting it this evening and then amending it would require another public hearing and be a lengthier process.

Mr. Stewart Glass, Executive Assistant to the Supervisor and resident, said passing the moratorium is necessary because this is not the only application and it will protect the Town and the incoming Board from any applicant trying to move forward without having a law on the books.

Mr. John Campobasso, resident, asked for an explanation of what these battery storage units are. Mr. Gaudioso said the idea is to take the strain off the grid by taking electricity from the grid and store it in battery storage facilities that are especially designed for this and during peak times, sells it back to the grid so the grid has more ability to handle peak usages. It also will help to prevent brown outs. Mr. Gaudioso then explained what the storage facility would physically look like – they look like storage units put on strip footings. The storage unit houses hundreds of batteries about the size of a car battery.

Councilman Patel asked if there were any noise issues associated with these facilities and Mr. Gaudioso said he was not aware of any noise problems.

Mr. Campobasso asked if these facilities will be allowed in residential areas and was told by Mr. Abbate that this law will be applicable to all zones, so a possibility may exist that they will be allowed in residential areas.

A discussion took place with Director of Planning John Tegeder about how the planning department will consider these facilities in residential zones.

Councilman Diana asked what size of parcel do these facilities require and Mr. Gaudioso said approximately one-half acre.

Mr. Campobasso asked the Board to consider the implications of these facilities on residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Paul Moskowitz, resident, said he noticed in the proposed law that Tier Three allows for the installation of these facilities in residential areas. He is opposed to this and feels the Town has to seriously consider the issue of fires – lithium batteries have been used for years but have had problems as the technology advanced. Any time you store a lot of energy, you have the potential for problems.

Ms. Susan Siegel, resident, said she is not opposed to the concept of battery storage facilities but has issues with the law. She sent a marked up copy of the law to the Board with her suggestions. Ms. Siegel said allowing these facilities in residential zones has not been brought to light before this evening and feels that much more discussion needs to take place regarding this issue. Ms. Siegel is in favor of passing the moratorium until the law is reviewed completely. She asked what Tier Two is for and asked for examples. She also said the law should reflect laws specific to Yorktown, such as wetlands, conservation, etc. Ms. Siegel felt the model law was used too much in the proposed local law and should be more specific to Yorktown. She raised other issues regarding safety and training requirements, as well as language.

Mr. Kopstein feels that the Board may be rushing this and thinks this is problematic. He said training has not been mentioned for the police department and ambulance corps and they are as vital as the fire departments. He spoke about the voltage and amperage of the units and asked where if the Town has received the specifications for these units.

Mr. Michael Beaks, resident, seconded what others have said about not rushing to judgement. Technology regarding lithium batteries is changing rapidly. He mentioned thermal runaway as a potential hazard and how new battery technology will solve some of the problems that exist today. He suggested waiting until the technology is safer.

Councilwoman Roker said that enough questions were raised this evening that she agrees with the residents that this not be rushed and the moratorium would be the better option.

Mr. Gaudioso said he felt most of the issues raised this evening were addressed by example (with the exception of residential zones). He said that the ordinance has captured the issues raised.

Councilwoman Roker said, although it was referred to them, it is important to hear the Yorktown Fire Commissioners opinions on the proposed law.

Supervisor Gilbert said he is in favor of passing the moratorium.

Mr. John McMullen, resident, said that if there is nothing negative about passing the moratorium, why not just do that and deal with the law separately.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW KNOWN AS THE “MORATORIUM AND PROHIBITION OF LARGE SCALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN.”

Supervisor Ilan Gilbert convened a public hearing to consider a proposed local law known as the “Moratorium and Prohibition of Large Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems Installations within the Town of Yorktown.”

The following members of the public spoke:

Robert Gaudioso stated that since his client’s application goes back six months and they have made all the requested modifications and/or changes, he respectfully requested that his client be exempted from the moratorium.

Town Attorney Richard Abbate said that in the moratorium an applicant could make an application directly to the Board to show a hardship.

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 Councilwoman Roker, seconded by Councilman Diana, and carried.

ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2019 “MORATORIUM AND PROHIBITION OF LARGE SCALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF YORKTOWN
RESOLUTION #500

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

Whereas, a public hearing was held on the 17th day of December, 2019 pursuant to notice duly published as required by law to consider adopting the “Moratorium and Prohibition of Large Scale Battery Energy Storage System Installations within the Town of Yorktown.”

Resolved that Local Law No. 7 of 2019, as annexed hereto, be and is hereby adopted.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Ilan D. Gilbert, Supervisor	Voting Aye
Alice E. Roker, Councilwoman	Voting Aye
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman	Voting Aye
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman	Voting Aye

Local Law No. 7 of 2019 was thereupon declared adopted.

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH LIRO GIS AND SURVEY, PC FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED TO COMPLETE UPDATES TO THE TOWN'S TAX MAP ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

RESOLUTION #501

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board Authorizes the Supervisor to sign an Agreement with LiRo GIS and Survey, PC for services to be rendered to complete updates to the Town's Tax Map on an as-needed basis. The term of the agreement shall be for 2 years from January 1, 2020. The cost shall be \$20,140.00.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO PROCESS THE FOLLOWING BUDGET TRANSFER (STREET LIGHTING)

RESOLUTION #502

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

Resolved, Comptroller is authorized to process the following budget transfer:

From: A1990.499.1	General Fund – Contingency Capital	\$11,262.32
To:		
A5182.200	Street Lighting - Equipment	\$11,262.32

For the additional purchase of generators, chains and locks on twenty-six (26) traffic light poles to keep lights operable in the event of emergencies and power failures to comply with New York State Department of Transportation guidelines.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO PROCESS THE FOLLOWING BUDGET TRANSFER (TOWN EQUIPMENT)

RESOLUTION #503

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

Resolved, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to process the following budget transfer:

From:		
A.1220.110	Supervisor - Part Time Salary	\$7,116.84
To:		
A1345.201	Town - Equipment	\$7,116.84

For the purchase of an HP DesignJet T1600 PostScript Color Inkjet Large Format 36" Print Width Printer (Plotter) from Sullivan Data (NYS Contract UB8P2E) including configuration and installation.

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

AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A 2020 HENDERSON DUMP BODY FOR 2020 FREIGHTLINER 114SD SIX-WHEEL CAB AND CHASSIS FOR A SLIDE IN SALTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,946.00

RESOLUTION #504

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

Whereas, it is the intention of the Superintendent of Highways to purchase a 2020 Henderson Dump Body for 2020 Freightliner 114SD six-wheel cab and chassis for a slide in salter,

Whereas, monies have been allocated in the 2019 Highway budget D5110.201 (Equipment) and

Whereas, the 2020 Henderson Dump Body for 2020 Freightliner 114SD six wheel cab and chassis for a slide in salter, will be purchased from Henderson Products Inc located at 22686 Fisher Road, Watertown, NY 13601 which is a sole source provider of Henderson products in Westchester County, New York

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town Board authorizes the Town of Yorktown Highway Department to purchase a 2020 Henderson Dump Body for 2020 Freightliner 114SD six wheel cab and chassis for a slide in salter, from Henderson Products Inc, 22686 Fisher Road, Watertown, NY 13601 for a total amount of \$78,946.00.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO RELEASE RETAINAGE TO NIKA CONTRACTING CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,532.88 FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF BATHROOM RENOVATIONS RESOLUTION #505

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

Resolved, the comptroller is authorized to release retainage to NIKA Contracting Group Corp. in the amount of \$6,532.88 from budget line HH605, representing final payment for work done on the John C. Hart Memorial Library bathrooms.

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

APPROVE VACATION TIME CARRY OVER FOR THE FOLLOWING TOWN EMPLOYEES RESOLUTION #506

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

Whereas, the following employees have requested and received permission from their applicable department heads to carry accrued 2019 vacation time for use in 2020 and
Whereas, the Comptroller has confirmed the available balances as of 2019 Payroll 23, for pay period ending November 21, 2019, now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the following employees may carry over remaining vacation time balances as follows, unless the employee takes vacation time after 2019 Payroll 23, which would reduce the time listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u># hours</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u># hours</u>
Patty DeMarsh	87.500	Ken Rundle	56.000
Maureen Connelly	34.500	John Van Debrook	45.000
Allison Egan	29.660	James Waterhouse	75.000
Thomas Gallelo	50.000	Joe Venitucci	137.000
Irena Goss	39.000	John Landi	183.500
Margaret Groccia	30.000	Margaret Gspurning	154.000
Christine Julian	21.000	Robert Alfano	30.000
Marca McClenon	48.000	Andrew Cerrato	90.500
Shirley McCord	92.000	Scott Ferreira	7.540
Jennifer O'Neill	98.000	Barry Gelbman	63.750
Margaret O'Reilly	23.000	Michael Hoek	69.570
Reva Queler	56.000	Eric Hollberg	22.500
Debbie Sarno	12.000	Dominic Monopoli	152.500
Maria Stolfi	116.000	Bryan O'Keefe	21.000
Ellen Tannenbaum	25.000	Guido Parks	113.000
Patricia Caporale	245.000	Richard Williams	15.000
Gennelle MacNeil	109.750	Jessica Bambach	115.500
Donna Polito	14.000	Anita Hecker	84.000
Peggiann Thorp	79.500	James Martorano	63.000
Anne Anderson	148.500	Kyle Thornton	163.000
Mike Battista	2.370	Isabel Klein	139.750
Nick Bernard	41.350	Michael Quinn	126.000
Kieran Carney	86.250	Louise Kobiliak	157.500
Angela Cavallo	71.000	Edward Mahoney	93.500
Ted Devlin	37.500	Anthony Cuccovia	105.500
Peter Goldberg	57.750	Martin McGannon	236.250
Mike Grasso	123.750	Curt Chase	64.750
Kevin Harrigan	45.000	Elena Panagi	63.000

Bob Ireland	176.250	Tom Travis	34.280
Tom McNulty	60.000	Lori Rotunno	41.500
Scott Mills	37.500	Barbara Korsak	245.000
Dan Moran	48.750	John Tegeder	245.000
Dave Nikisher	105.000	Maria Ricci	147.000
Nick Titka	37.500	Yolanda Vazquez	21.000
Charlie Vilarino	288.750	Michael Mill	115.500
Noreen O'Driscoll	245.000	Kathleen Nicholson	63.000
Terri Campanaro	36.000	Kim Penner	245.000
Le Artis El	54.500	Joseph Dellolio	39.000
Franz Rom	21.500	Donna Andrews	14.400
Salvador Rivera	66.000	Michael Hoy	15.000
David Humphrey	39.000	Al Pisano	86.250
Vincent Calicchia	80.000	Paul Colarusso	68.200
Curtis Doerr	202.500	Steve Vitulli	55.550
Carl Laduca	137.500	Danny Cruz	24.500
James Morgan	109.800	Chris Moran	28.000
Cathleen Romanych	211.500	Maura Weissleder	49.000
John Winter Jr.	53.750	Dawn Irving	66.500
Shane Enea	4.790	Michael Echeverria	96.000
Karren Perez	161.000		

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

AUTHORIZE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2020 FORD SUPER DUTY F-350 PICK-UP TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,791.50 FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY CONTRACT #RFB-WC-19108 RESOLUTION #507

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

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase one (1) 2020 Ford Super Duty F-350 Pick-Up Truck in the amount of \$35,791.50 off Westchester County contract #RFB-WC-19108 from Beyer Ford.

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

AUTHORIZE COMPTROLLER TO TRANSFER \$806.00 FROM CAPITAL CONTINGENCY A1990.499.1 TO THE RAILROAD REHABILITATION CAPITAL PROJECT JJ7110.0200 RESOLUTION #508

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown on July 2, 2019 awarded Clemco Construction & Restoration, Inc. for restoration of the Yorktown Heights Railroad Station Building in Railroad Park; and

Whereas, said contract was awarded for a maximum amount of \$476,386.00; and WHEREAS the Town board authorized a change order in the amount of \$12,431.00 for the Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond; and

Whereas, the amount covering the Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond included in the bid, is corrected to \$13,237.00, an increase of \$806.00; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Yorktown hereby authorizes an additional \$806.00 for the bond as cited herein and authorizes the maximum amount of \$489,623.00 for this contract; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$806.00 from Capital Contingency A1990.499.1 to the Railroad Rehabilitation Capital Project JJ7110.0200.

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

AUTHORIZE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TRADE IN TWO USED AND PURCHASE TWO NEW HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES
RESOLUTION #509

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

Whereas, invitation to bid for (2) Police Department Police Motorcycles trade in and purchases was duly advertised, and

Whereas, said bid was received and opened on the 16th day of December 2019, and now therefore be it,

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the bid be and is hereby awarded to Jim Moroney's Inc., located at 833 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553..

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the Yorktown Police Department to Trade In (2) used 2010 Harley Davidson Police Road King model FLHP as is with all police equipment and lighting removed on trade in, at fair market value or more and Purchase (2) New 2020 New Birch White Harley Davidson Police Road Kings model FLHP, equipped with a Milwaukee-Eight 114 engine, Saddle Bag Guards (part 90200561) and with all standard factory equipment, for a total amount of Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six dollars (\$25,486.00).

Resolved, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to process the following Budget Transfer to cover this purchase:

From 3120.101 - \$7,486.00, and From 3120.210.01 - \$18,000.00

To 3120.210

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AMENDED NYCDEP LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR THE CATSKILL WATER SUPPLY FLUORIDATION PROJECT
RESOLUTION #510

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

Whereas, the Town received a \$901,050 grant award from the New York State Department of Health for construction of a facility for fluoride addition to the Yorktown drinking water supply. In a prior resolution, the Town Board awarded bids as follows: General Construction Contract to ELQ Industries Inc., and Electrical Contact to Acorn Electrical.

Whereas, as part of the project, the Town obtained approval from the NYCDEP for work to be performed at the Town-owned Catherine Street facility, which is located on land owned by the NYCDEP. The NYCDEP is issuing an amended land use permit, which will obligate the Town to pay land use fees in accordance with the current billing rates of the NYCDEP.

Whereas, in order to finalize the permit, an authorized signatory of the Town is required.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an amended NYCDEP Land Use Permit Application and associated application materials for the Catskill Water Supply Fluoridation Project.

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

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,428.02 FOR THE PUMP STATION UPGRADE, WALDEN WOODS, JEFFERSON VALLEY AND JEFFERSON PARK PUMP STATIONS
RESOLUTION #511

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

Whereas, 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.

Whereas, for Contract No. 2, Electrical Work, the bid was awarded to Acorn Electric in the amount of \$350,000.

Whereas, the Town Board previously approved Contract Amendment #1 for this project, in the amount of \$79,700, which covered the following additional work items:

- New underground electric feeder cable from the property line to the new transformer (furnished by NYSEG),
- New 2-inch conduit from the property line to the pump station for telecommunications,
- Work includes excavation, backfill and compaction associated with above work,
- New utility pole at the site entrance to receive the line power from NYSEG,
- New concrete bases for the transformer and electrical disconnects,
- Removal of the existing utility poles and overhead electric service

Whereas, in Contract Amendment #2, Acorn Electric proposes to perform the following additional work items:

- Furnish and install horn & strobe light at each of the three (3) pump stations as per requirement of the Westchester County Health Department.
- Furnish and install conduit and wiring from the emergency generator to the PLC control panel. Also furnish and install control wiring from the generator automatic transfer switch to the PLC control panel. Includes wire pulls and terminations at the landing wire strips.

Whereas, as per the attached itemized cost breakdown, Acorn Electric will perform the additional work for the lump sum amount of \$11,428.02. GHD accepted the contractor's extra cost proposal as fair and reasonable. They noted the extra work item associated with the horn/strobe light was an extra requirement imposed upon the Town by the health department, which has the regulatory jurisdiction to dictate this work be done. The extra work associated with PLC control panel conduit, wiring and terminations was not shown on the contract documents, however it is required for the pump station to function as per the system electrical design.

Whereas, GHD reviewed the submitted cost proposal, met with representatives of Town and Acorn Electric to review each additional work scope item and recommends approval.

Whereas, this work would be charged to Cost Code HP.8130.200 Equipment/Capital Outlay. We are requesting a transfer from the 2019 Sewer budget, using funds from YS.8130.460.4 Digester Cleaning, therefore we need the Town Comptroller to make the following budget transfer:

- \$11,428.02 from YS.8130.460.4 Digester Cleaning 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. 2 in the amount of \$11,428.02 for the Pump Station Upgrade, Walden Woods, Jefferson Valley and Jefferson Park Pump Stations, Contract No. 2 Electrical Contract/Acorn Electric. Additionally, the Town Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$11,428.02 from YS.8130.460.4 Digester Cleaning to HP.8130.200 Equipment/Capital Outlay.

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

PROMOTION OF KEVIN HARRIGAN TO MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, HIGHWAY RESOLUTION #512

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

Be It Resolved, that Kevin Harrigan, is hereby promoted as a Motor Equipment Operator, job class code 0427-02, effective January 1, 2020 in the Highway Department, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 10, Step 2 which is \$56,079.00 annually,

Be It Further Resolved, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on January 1, 2020.

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

PROMOTION OF JOSEPH BERGIN TO MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, HIGHWAY
RESOLUTION #513

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

Be It Resolved, that Joseph Bergin, is hereby promoted as a Motor Equipment Operator, job class code 0427-02, effective January 1st, 2020 in the Highway Department, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 10, Step 1 which is \$53,209.00 annually,

Be It Further Resolved, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on January 1, 2020.

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

PROMOTION OF MICHAEL BATTISTA TO MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, HIGHWAY
RESOLUTION #514

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

Be It Resolved, that Michael Battista, is hereby promoted as a Motor Equipment Operator, job class code 0427-02, effective January 1, 2020 in the Highway Department, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 10, Step 3 which is \$58,957.00 annually,

Be It Further Resolved, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on January 1, 2020.

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

PROMOTION OF BRIAN STAM TO MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/MAINTENANCE
WORKER (MASON), HIGHWAY
RESOLUTION #515

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

Be It Resolved, that Brian Stam, is hereby promoted as a Motor Equipment Operator/ Maintenance Worker (Mason), job class code 0427-02/0459-02, effective January 1, 2020 in the Highway Department, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 11, Step 4 which is \$66,122.00 annually, as an exception to Town of Yorktown Nepotism Policy,

Be It Further Resolved, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on January 1, 2020.

Highway Superintendent Dave Paganelli stated that Brian Stam is his son-in-law and was the only person who applied for the job because he rebuilds catch basins, which is one of the most difficult and unpleasant jobs that Highway does.

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

PROMOTION OF PATRICIA DICKAN TO HEAVY MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR,
HIGHWAY
RESOLUTION #516

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

Be It Resolved, that Patricia Dickan, is hereby promoted as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator, job class code 0429-02, effective January 1, 2020 in the Highway Department, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 11, Step 3 which is \$63,452.00 annually,

Be It Further Resolved, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on January 1, 2020.

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

PROMOTION OF PETER GOLDBERG TO HEAVY MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR,
HIGHWAY
RESOLUTION #517

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

Be It Resolved, that Peter Goldberg, is hereby promoted as a Heavy Motor Equipment Operator, job class code 0429-02, effective January 1, 2020 in the Highway Department, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 11, Step 4 which is \$66,122.00 annually,

Be It Further Resolved, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on January 1, 2020.

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

PROMOTION OF THOMAS MCNULTY TO ROAD MAINTENANCE FOREMAN, HIGHWAY
RESOLUTION #518

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

Be It Resolved, that Thomas McNulty, is hereby promoted as a Road Maintenance Foreman, job class code 0435-02, effective January 1, 2020 in the Highway Department, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 14, Step 4 which is \$76,068.00 annually,

Be It Further Resolved, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks, commencing on the first date of appointment on January 1, 2020.

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

Councilwoman Roker said she received the following resolution from several residents with the suggestion the Town adopt it. She said this is the perfect time of year for such a resolution when people seek peace on earth and good will.

YORKTOWN TOWN VALUES
RESOLUTION #519

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

Whereas, the Town of Yorktown is dedicated to fostering a welcoming environment for all community members, regardless of race, ethnicity or cultural identity; and

Whereas, the United States was founded on the ideals stated in the Declaration of Independence with the unalienable rights of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" for all Americans, and

Whereas, freedoms for all Americans are guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States of America, and

Whereas, racism is defined as a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and the racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race, and

Whereas, there has risen in the United States a growing threat to stability and justice that could re-ignite social animosities, and

Whereas, the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of New York do not support in any way acts of bigotry, sexism, or racism,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Yorktown Town Board is proud of its cultural diversity and rejects violence, hateful speech, and racial bigotry; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board recognizes that the path toward an equitable, diverse, and inclusive Yorktown will depend upon the Town and its many community partners coming together to support our common values of inclusion, access to resources, a sense of belonging, and a shared vision for a community in which everyone can prosper.

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

Supervisor Gilbert spoke about a documentary he watched about New York's history; particularly the portion regarding the gifting of the Statue of Liberty and the poem that was written upon its presentation, "The Great Colossus." He read a portion of the poem in support of the preceding resolution.

Councilman Patel thanked Supervisor Gilbert for his remarks.

SUPERVISOR GILBERT'S CLOSING REMARKS

Supervisor Gilbert read the following statement:

I am proud of what my administration has accomplished in the short period of two years. I believe I have returned civility to the Town Board. In addition, I have listened to our residents by moving Courtesy of the Floor to the beginning of Town Board meetings. I am also proud that I have maintained an Open Door Policy for all residents.

Financially the Town is in better fiscal shape than it has been in years. This is the result of a number of steps that I took over the last two years. Negotiations with Enbridge resulted in an additional \$4.15 million in payments to the Town. By directing the Town Attorney to initiate actions against delinquent taxpayers for the first time since 2013, to make sure that all taxpayers pay their fair share, the Town has collected over \$ 800,000 in delinquent payments.

While some municipalities receive payments from the State on State owned land within their communities, others, including Yorktown, do not. To correct this inequity I met with Senator Harckham when he was first elected to discuss this issue. I not only informed him of this situation but strongly advocated to correct this situation. The goal is to have New York State compensate Yorktown and similarly situated communities that have State park properties located within their borders but do not currently receive taxes or other payments for those facilities. To his credit, Senator Harckham introduced a bill to rectify this situation and it passed the Senate but did not pass in the Assembly. I have been assured this bill will be reintroduced next session and it is anticipated that at that time it will pass both houses.

At the same time during my two year tenure the Town has made tremendous strides in addressing its infrastructure needs.

Replaced the roof on the Courthouse, the roof on the Police Department and two roofs at Town Hall. Replaced the failing air conditioning system at the Police Department; installed generators at Town Hall and the Highway Garage so that those facilities could continue to function during power outages; increased the paving budget in 2019 and even added additional funding to utilize advantageous pricing of asphalt resulting in even additional paving this year and further increased funding in the 2020 budget for paving so that the cycle of repaving Yorktown's roads could be further reduced from 27 years to 19 years, at the same time, working with Dave Paganelli our Highway Superintendent we were able to negotiate with Con Edison to have them pave curb to curb when they worked on projects in our Town roads – thereby getting additional roads paved at no cost to the town or its residents, Negotiated in cooperation with David Paganelli to have Con Edison pave Gomer Street curb to curb rather than just patch their work areas. Renegotiated agreement entered into by prior Town Supervisor with Enbridge resulting in Enbridge repaving a number of streets without cost to the Town. Negotiated in cooperation with Highway Superintendent to secure an additional \$195,000 from Enbridge to repave sections of Stony Street and Strang Blvd.

Awarded contract to repair the retaining wall on Mohegan Avenue. Refurbished a number of town tennis courts. Replaced three sewer pump stations and started the process to replace four additional pump stations. At the same time, we addressed serious shortfalls in the Water Department's Budget,

while moving forward the fluoridation project. Not only were needed infrastructure repairs put off by prior administrations but it became apparent that sufficient funds were not allocated to replace aging equipment. My goal was to replace equipment on a continuous basis so that the Town is not faced with extraordinary costs in any one year. That being said, trucks were needed and purchased for the Highway Department as well as a bobcat, a mini excavator, a catch basin truck to facilitate a more efficient method of repairing storm drains, and a hot box so that the town did not have to rely on cold patches during the winter, which do not last as long.

Working with contractors, town departments and volunteers Granite Knolls became a reality as one of the leading sports facilities in our area. In fact, even though this facility was used by various sports teams and individuals this summer the official Grand Opening took place last weekend. But we are always looking to improve upon our work to make sure that all of our residents can participate in the opportunities that our town has to offer. Therefore, I worked with Town Clerk Diana Quast to acquire a grant, with the assistance of Senator Peter Harckham, for \$260,000 for the construction of an inclusive playground at Granite Knolls Park. Plans have been drafted and we hope to have the playground available for use next summer.

Besides the Town's own infrastructure there were a number of unaddressed issues relating to infrastructure owned by local utilities. I was able to get Con Edison, NYSEG, Cablevision/Altice and Verizon to reduce the number of "double poles" in Yorktown. I also worked with Con Edison to institute a Pilot Program on Underhill Avenue from the Taconic to Route 118 resulting in Con Edison's arborist identification of trees on private property that were dead or diseased and posed a risk to the electric lines (called danger trees) on Underhill Avenue. These trees were removed, at no cost to the homeowner and only with the homeowners consent. Permission was granted by approximately 18 homeowners for the removal of 48 danger trees.

I also worked with Con Edison & NYSEG to have them institute storm-hardening projects in Yorktown. While talking about our local electric utility companies, I fought NYSEG's proposed rate increase and brought the NYS Public Service Commission Public Statement Hearing to Yorktown so local residents, businesses and government representatives could directly present their opposition to the proposed exorbitantly large rate increase to representatives of the Public Service Commission, including one of its Commissioners. In addition, I recently filed a statement in opposition to the proposed Con Edison Electric and Gas Rate Increases. Responded to snow emergencies and expedited response from utilities. Submitted comments to the NYS Public Service Commission on Con Edison's and NYSEG's response during the March storms having first-hand experience after working 18 days straight dealing with those storms and the recovery efforts. Con Edison adopted several of my suggestions to improve their response during storms, which will benefit our residents and businesses.

My administration worked on behalf of all of our residents. In that regard, we acquired a grant of \$65,000 from the Field Hall Foundation for the purchase of a senior bus and a food serving table for use in the Senior Center, both of which are now in use. We also have received grant and are awaiting delivery of two additional vans for use by our seniors. I also personally worked closely with our Senior Advisory Committee to host our first Senior Living Fair, which highlighted services available to seniors and highlighted why Yorktown is a great place for our seniors to age in place.

As further concern for the youth in our community I was able to acquire grants from Enbridge/Spectra totaling \$7,500 for Alliance for Safe Kids and \$2,500 for the Yorktown Teen Center. At the same time we negotiated additional Police/School Resource Officers for the Lakeland School District.

Concern for safety is not limited to any one age group. Working with our Highway Superintendent, Dave Paganelli, we arranged for the replacement of the traffic lights at Moseman & Hanover and at Veterans & Commerce to insure the safety of residents. I requested and received a \$70,000 grant for the installation of 12 radar speed devices at schools in the Yorktown and Lakeland School Districts. This equipment will display the speed limit in school zones and at the same time flash the driver's actual speed. This system has been shown to result in better compliance with the speed limit thereby helping keep our children safe.

Economic Development takes many forms. It was important that our Town assist new and existing businesses. Toward that end I advocated on behalf of a new local business to expedite the installation of gas lines necessary for its operation, in another case my office arranged for Con Edison to provide necessary electrical service redundancy so that business could operate, and in another case successfully advocated for payment to a local business by Con Edison of the businesses claim for lost product as a result of the March 2018 storms.

In response to my request Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced an \$875,000 investment in Hilltop Hanover Farm. This is the result of numerous meetings with the County Executive and others. It is important that our County Executive equally shares our vision and is ready to infuse new life into Hilltop Hanover Farm. This will help revitalize this wonderful resource and will not only be a great source of enjoyment for our town residents but will also help it to continue to attract visitors to our town.

I also established the Economic & Business Revitalization Committee, which brought a diverse group of individuals together, to provide innovative ideas to help our business community, including a proposal for branding and actively marketing Yorktown. This resulted in the Town Board awarding a contract to a consultant to help the Town in this important endeavor.

But business alone does not make Yorktown great. We also have to be concerned with our environment. In that regard I worked with members of our community, town staff and the Town Board to strengthen our tree law. We also started work on a solar law, which I hope the incoming administration will pursue to completion.

An important part of our environment is maintaining clean water. As part of that process it is important to address failing septic systems. One way of doing that is assisting those who want to hook up to municipal sewer systems. Though we could not address all of those who want sewers we did make an important start in the Hallocks Mill Sewer District. I secured from East of Hudson Watershed Corporation \$10 million towards the expansion of the Hallocks Mill Sewer District to make sewers available to 315 residential parcels that currently rely on septic systems, a number of which are failing. I held numerous meetings on this issue. Petitions, as required, were distributed with follow-up letters and phone calls to those who had not yet returned their petitions. I personally made over 50 calls over the last two days to encourage our residents to return those petitions. The results of the Petition process should be known shortly.

I want to thank the residents of Yorktown for giving me the opportunity to serve you. It has been my honor and privilege to have served the Town both as a Town Justice and Town Supervisor. I will continue to work, in one manner or another, on behalf of Yorktown.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

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