

Zoom Video Conference Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 held in Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Matthew J. Slater, Supervisor  
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman  
Edward Lachterman, Councilman  
Vishnu Patel, Councilman  
Alice E. Roker, Councilwoman

Also Present: Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk  
David Paganelli, Superintendent of Highways  
Adam Rodriguez, Town Attorney

#### TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Matthew Slater called the meeting to order.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Roker, seconded by Councilman Patel, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to conduct interviews for facilities assessment, the employment of a particular person and Litigation. Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Lachterman, 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 for a moment of silence to remember those who have been impacted by COVID-19, as well as our front liners, first responders, EMS workers, police and our military service people.

#### REPORT FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR MATTHEW SLATER

Supervisor Slater began with a report on the COVID Community Impact Dashboard that shows a map broken down by zip code with updated numbers of COVID cases. Supervisor Slater thanked Robyn Steinberg of the Planning Department for helping him put this together. Updated numbers are released by the Westchester County Health Department who receive the data from the New York State Department of Health. Yorktown's numbers had risen to 457 with 53 new cases since yesterday. Supervisor Slater discussed the data and said this is not a Yorktown specific issue and that it is happening across Westchester County, the state, and across the globe. He said in comparison to other towns and municipalities with similar populations, the biggest difference to Yorktown are that it is one of the largest geographically, but it does not have villages. When you look at other municipalities, such as Cortlandt, Mount Pleasant, even if you look at Greenburgh, those numbers are broken down to include the individual village counts. If you go back to Yorktown-10598 is at 328. If you back to that County map, the Yorktown number was 320 and in comparison, 361 for Cortlandt, 218 for Mount Pleasant, and 326 for Greenburgh, those numbers don't include villages. Supervisor Slater said he thinks it gives a little bit more of a realistic picture of what we're dealing with in our community. He said the anticipation is that the numbers are going to go up, which is why it is so imperative that the residents of Yorktown make responsible decisions, and the Town will continue to provide information so residents will know what is happening in the community and know how to act and react as the situation continues.

Councilwoman Roker asked if you are exposed to someone who finds out that they've tested positive, what should be done and Supervisor Slater advised to call your health care provider and get a test. The common advice from the Department of Health and the CDC is to contact your healthcare provider immediately and contact those with whom you have been in contact. It's a contact of a direct contact versus a contact of a contact. Supervisor Slater said it's very confusing but he has had this conversation ad nauseam with the Department of Health. So only if you have been contacted by the contact tracing program, or somebody you know, who you have been in personal touch with without a mask without social distancing, that you've had a direct exposure then you should contact your health care provider immediately and plan on getting a COVID test.

Councilwoman Roker asked if a person could go to work while waiting for test results and Supervisor Slater said no, you should be quarantining until you get a negative test. Supervisor Slater then reviewed the information on the COVID Community Impact Dashboard, as it contains a wealth of information, including testing sites, school district information, etc. Supervisor Slater

introduced a new app that was launched by New York State, “Am I Eligible?” that is about vaccine information. You can sign up to be alerted when you are eligible to get the vaccination. Supervisor Slater encouraged everyone in town to sign up and said the Town is trying their best to get as much information as possible to residents so they know when to be prepared.

Right now, the people who are qualified for the vaccine are all front liners, high risk public health workers who have direct contact with patients, including individuals who administer COVID-19 tests, handle COVID-19 lab specimens, and those directly engaged in COVID-19 vaccinations. In addition, the State has also expanded the eligibility to include all outpatient and ambulatory front line workers, high risk healthcare workers of any age, who provide direct in person patient care, or other staff in a position in which they have direct contact with patients. Again, they are all eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine today. The Yorktown website is [yorktownny.org](http://yorktownny.org), and then you can click on the COVID-19 Community Impact Dashboard.

Supervisor Slater said he wanted to give a big hand to the Water Department, as they had a big day today. They had four breaks today starting on Quinlan Street just above London Road, two on Veterans Road, and one on Narragansett between Cooper and Sagamore. They've all been repaired and he thanked them for a fantastic job.

Supervisor Slater said the construction on the culvert replacement on Veterans Road has started and the road closure and construction will be in place for 12 weeks. Residents may still access Solaris and all the medical buildings in the area. All of the construction documents, maps, and information on both the Veterans Road and Hill Boulevard culvert replacement projects can be found on the Town's website, on the Engineering Department webpage.

Supervisor Slater also thanked the Highway Department for their recent work during the storm that occurred on Christmas Eve. Highway was also out yesterday salting the roads, as the Town has received its first batch of winter weather for 2021.

Supervisor Slater spoke about volunteer opportunities in Town for both the Advisory Board on Architecture and Community Appearance (ABACA) and the Conservation Board who are looking for interested members of the community to serve. He also announced that on January 6 at 6:30 p.m. will be the Coalition on Community Safety and Engagement work group meeting, which is to ensure the Town is compliant with Executive Order 203. The Community Housing Board is also meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Slater said that his office has received a lot of emails and phone calls regarding mail delivery. To be clear, he said that mail delivery is overseen by the Federal Government, not local government; however, if you are having problems with mail delivery to contact his office because he is trying to provide the postal service with a record of how many residents are having their mail impacted and how he can provide some type of assistance.

#### DURING REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL

Councilman Patel cautioned residents that when there is a water main break the water freezes and caution must be used while driving. He also requested that when snow comes, residents should not shovel snow into the road. Councilman Patel also asked residents to wear masks by saying a little inconvenience can save many lives. He complimented Town Hall procedures, as they continuously monitor for COVID safety.

Councilwoman Roker related a story about a 79-year-old woman she saw yesterday who had just gotten her first shot of the vaccine. The woman said she was doing it so that she could protect other people. Councilwoman Roker thought that was such a great gesture for a 79-year-old woman to get the vaccine to protect others and thinks that is the way everyone should think about the vaccine, about mask wearing, and social distancing.

Councilman Lachterman complimented the Water Department and how they handled a resident's concern regarding possible contamination in a water pipe. The resident said how wonderful Jeff in the Water Department was, not only answering her questions, but the interest and professionalism they showed in helping her. He said it really made an impression. He also recognized Noreen O'Driscoll and the staff of the Senior Center, as well as all of the employees of the Town for contributing to the Center's Adopt-A-Senior Program in December, which includes gifts to the seniors. Noreen had put out an email hoping that they could take care of the 110 people that were on their immediate list and she ended up getting more over 170 gifts donated. They were able to go above and beyond and help some of the other people that were there. He said they did such a great job.

Councilman Lachterman also announced the Sons of the American Legion Breakfast for the month of January has been canceled due to the rise in COVID numbers. He also announced that the Jefferson Valley Mall will have a farmer's market inside at the food court on Wednesday, January 6 from 1:30 to 5:30. It will run every Wednesday through April.

Councilman Diana announced that Popeye's has opened and it's a major success. There was a bit of a traffic jam and he urged residents to be careful upon entering the property. Supervisor Slater mentioned that the owner of Popeye's is Yorktown resident, Mr. Vijay Singh. He congratulated Mr. Singh and his family on the opening.

Councilman Diana also reiterated the advice about pushing snow across the street and how leaving it will cause narrowing of the road and urged residents to find alternate snow storage areas. He also acknowledged the mail delivery issues the Supervisor mentioned earlier and that he has heard similar complaints. Councilman Diana said the Highway Superintendent has the posts up for the new stop signs on East Main Street in Shrub Oak. They will be for traffic heading eastbound from the Yorktown Funeral Home in the vicinity of Spirelli Electric. They will be flashing stop signs. There will be one eastbound by Lakeland Lumber on East Main Street, and there will be one westbound coming from Lakeland High School, the intersection of Stoney Street and East Main. The stop signs are a precursor to the stop light that will be going up sometime in the future that will take further legislation. Councilman Diana thanked the Highway Department for getting that done before inclement weather and freezing. He mentioned his disappointment at not being able to have the ball drop for New Year's Eve in 2020 and hopes it will be different for 2021.

Councilman Diana said there is a zombie property law that currently being drafted that will help the Town with some of the houses on East Main Street and the abandoned commercial buildings. This legislation will give the Town "more teeth" to ensure that these properties are taken care of properly, or knocked down, boarded, and/or cleaned. It will also help residents who have these types of properties in their neighborhoods, as these properties help to devalue others in the area.

Councilman Patel cautioned residents to make sure their lights are on and that your house number is visible for delivery trucks. If there is snow, please make a path for the delivery person.

#### REPORT FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Paganelli said that Veterans Road was closed yesterday and they had their first catastrophe there today. He said they are adding additional detour signs after determining that they are needed. He mentioned a meeting he had with Asplundh who is doing the work for Con Edison regarding the 50+ trees that they need to take down. They have almost completed the task and asked for permission to take down an additional 17 trees that were in danger, and he said he is thrilled that they will be taking care of that.

Superintendent Paganelli said he had a meeting at the Greenwood Street Bridge, a culvert bridge, regarding what they are experiencing there – it is a red flag notice. He met with an additional contractor to get some initial ideas. The Supervisor and he met there last week and discussed what roughly to expect financially.

Superintendent Paganelli thanked Councilman Diana and Councilman Patel for mentioning not putting snow in the street, as it is a big problem for his department.

Councilman Diana asked the Superintendent if Hill Boulevard is still tentatively scheduled for a road closure the first week in February and was told he was not sure but would find out tomorrow. Supervisor Slater said they were waiting for Department of Health approval and said that they have not been notified definitely that it has been obtained. Councilman Diana said he has talked to Mr. O'Neill from Jefferson Village and told him to prepare the residents for the first week of February and would check to see if it is being announced in their newsletter.

#### POET LAUREATE

John McMullen, Poet Laureate, asked the Supervisor about the number of COVID cases in Yorktown, as they sounded very high. Supervisor Slater said the County's confirmed cases were 704, which is about 7.5% and reiterated that this is not a Yorktown-specific problem, as the number are going up across the county, state, country, and globe. Mr. McMullen mentioned a couple who he is friends with as both were stricken with COVID. The husband, Dave, a night clerk at the local Valley Market deli recovered. His wife, Lorraine, a former postal clerk and an active member of their church, died on Christmas Eve. Councilman Diana thank Mr. McMullen for recognizing Lorraine, who was a dear friend of his and his mother's.

Supervisor Slater said this is the sad reality of what we are all going through right now. He said the week of Christmas they were notified of three or four residents that were well known to them who lost their battles with COVID and more that are, unfortunately, in rough shape. He said our thoughts and prayers are with every single one of them.

#### PERSONNEL

Supervisor Slater accepted the retirement of Thomas Travis from the Town Clerk's office. He read, on behalf of Town Clerk Diana Quast, the following: "With many thanks for all his years of dedicated service to the Town. His hard work and diligence have greatly benefitted the Town's Records Management Program. His retirement date will be effective on January 15, 2021."

Councilwoman Roker, who hired Mr. Travis said that Tom was one of those blessings that come from God. He replaced another woman in the office and he came as a member of the Yorktown Historical Society. She said that it had to be within two or three weeks on the job and he knew exactly what he had to do, to the point of where when a department had problems, he would be sent to troubleshoot. She said she will miss him, as will the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Slater said he had the pleasure of getting to know him during his short time here and described him as a gentleman and a wonderful human being. He spoke about Mr. Travis' battle with illness but how he always had a smile on his face. He came to the office determined to work and do his part. He wished him all the best in the next chapter of his life.

Councilman Patel thanked Mr. Travis for all his work and monument fundraising collection.

Councilman Lachterman congratulated Mr. Travis on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the Town.

Councilman Diana wished Mr. Travis good luck and to enjoy his retirement.

#### ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF THOMAS TRAVIS - TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE RESOLUTION #1

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the Retirement of Thomas Travis from the Town Clerk's Office with many thanks for all his years of dedicated service to the Town. His hard work and diligence have greatly benefitted the Town's Records Management Program. His retirement date will be effective January 15, 2021.

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

#### COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

The following members of the public spoke at Courtesy of the Floor:

Carmine Furci, resident and business owner, wanted to weigh in and share his thoughts about the project proposed for the Soundview property on Underhill Avenue. As a small business owner and resident of the Town, he believes it is a good idea for the Town because in order to succeed in small business he said you need two things: customers and an environment in which to grow. He said that the people who will live in the new townhouses and condos, particularly seniors and those who come to the property for the environments amenities and for the new use of the historic main building will be shot in the arm for businesses that are located within walking distance of the property. He talked about how the main building is a beautiful historic structure and that people who live in the Town will have the opportunity to visit and share its history.

Mr. Furci said that the project will provide more than a million dollars per year in extra tax revenue to local government. That is a significant amount of money, and it will help ease the burden on taxpayers. He commended the Town Board for unanimously passing the Town Budget that held the line on taxes and spending for this year. He thanked the Town Board for all they have done for small businesses throughout the Town and for their support. He mentioned their assistance in getting permits for outside dining and seating during COVID.

Councilwoman Roker thanked Mr. Furci for hanging in there during COVID and supporting the Board.

Peter Lanza, resident & business owner, seconded Mr. Furci's opinion regarding the Soundview property. He believes it will bring in new customers, spending, and new businesses. He hopes new businesses will help fill some of the empty spaces in downtown.

Sergio Esposito, President of the Chamber of Commerce, also wanted to talk about the Soundview property. He said as important as the project would be to businesses in the Town, the building's historic significance and beauty is just as important. He said he was able to do a walkthrough of the house and talked about its condition and what had been updated at one particular time, stating it was a pragmatic approach. He said, aside from the economic benefits of the project, he is more excited that it is a public-private partnership. He spoke about proposed changes to the property that would open it up to the residents and that the building would be perfect to hold meetings, specifically the Historical Society. He said that this is a very exciting project from both a business aspect and a preservation aspect.

John McMullen, resident, spoke about how he was in the building many years ago when it was a conference center run by people who were very committed to peace and justice. He said he was not sure what happened to them and why they went out of business. Councilwoman Roker said the upkeep of the building was very difficult. She said when they left, they had a lot of money and Monsignor Brennan was the head of their board. He went to various charitable groups and gave them a portion of the money that was left. She said Mr. McMullen was right – it was a great organization.

Sergio Esposito said you need a lot of money to put into that building. He also said to imagine the prospect of actually being able to have a conference center in there once again.

Councilwoman Roker said Mr. Esposito is correct in that a charitable group could not continue with the upkeep on that building, but certainly a developer could bring it back to what it was: a wonderful building.

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

Councilman Patel and Councilwoman Roker spoke about the history of the Soundview property, both as a meeting place, as a school, and as its community participation. Councilman Lachterman spoke about how he recently visited the building for the first time and the grandeur of the building was impressive. He complimented the Supervisor on his leadership in trying to attract new businesses. He said that this project will be a great test to see what the Board could do to work out the situation to the benefit of the Town.

Supervisor Slater said he wanted to make a few points for the public. He said that from an educational standpoint and as a reminder, the Soundview school actually went bankrupt earlier this year. He spoke with the board president and dean several times and brought him and the Planning Director, John Tegeder, on a tour of the building. He said it is a beautiful building and the grounds are very promising. Ultimately, the Town was not in a financial position at that time to purchase the property for which he is rather thankful that we had that foresight for the \$3 million that it would have cost considering COVID then hit immediately after the property was purchased. It is now under a private property owner purchased out of bankruptcy court, so it did need court approval for the sale to go through. Although he appreciated the comments from the residents, he said it is also important to the public to understand that the approval process rests with the Planning Board. The Town Board is not the approving authority. The applicant is going through the same process that every other project needs to go through; a process governed by Town law and state law. Supervisor Slater said that when you look at the things the Town is trying to implement, they are really things that are being recognized by other communities. Neighboring communities are all going through similar revisions of their zoning and code in an effort to entice and spur economic development, which is what this Town Board is trying to do through our overlay districts.

Councilwoman Roker said that the Supervisor is correct in that all communities in Westchester are racing to revise their code because they understand COVID has really changed the way businesses operate and the way people live. She thinks that in order for Yorktown to come out of this in a survival mode, they have to look at these things in a different light.

Supervisor Slater said that in addition to regular resolutions, organization resolutions will be done as this is the first meeting of the new year.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH GREG AND ALANA MILLINGS TO ENTER UPON TOWN PROPERTY AND REMOVE 30 FEET OF NATURAL GROWTH AT THEIR EXPENSE

RESOLUTION #2

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to enter into a license agreement with Greg Millings and Alana Millings to enter upon Town Property and remove, at their sole cost and expense, approximately (30) feet of natural growth running perpendicularly beyond the boundary between the Millings' Premises and Town Property and to install shrubbery around the property line to act as a natural screen and buffer.

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

REQUESTS THAT THE N.Y.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERFORM AN ANALYSIS OF THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 35 AND QUAKER CHURCH ROAD

RESOLUTION #3

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

RESOLVED, that the Town desires and requests that the N.Y.S. Department of Transportation perform an analysis of the intersection of Route 35 and Quaker Church Road to determine if a traffic signal is warranted.

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

TOWN OF YORKTOWN DOES NOT DESIRE TO ELIMINATE THE N.Y. R.P.T.L. 487 EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR CERTAIN ENERGY SYSTEMS REGULATED UNDER THAT SECTION

RESOLUTION #4

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Yorktown does not desire to eliminate the N.Y. R.P.T.L. 487 exemption from taxation for certain energy systems regulated under that section, but will instead require the owner or developer of such systems to enter into a contract for payments in lieu of taxes.

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

AUTHORIZE RECYCLING BINS TO BE PLACED IN ALL TOWN-OWNED BUILDINGS, COMMON AREAS AND EMPLOYEE WORK STATIONS

RESOLUTION #5

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

RESOLVED, that in all Town-owned buildings, to the extent safe and practical, a recycling bin shall be placed wherever there is a trash bin, including in common areas (e.g., copy rooms) and at every employee workstation.

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

AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE A USE AND DISSEMINATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY AND WANTED AND/OR MISSING PERSONS DATA

RESOLUTION #6

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police is authorized to execute a Use and Dissemination Agreement with the N.Y.S. Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the access to criminal history and wanted and/or missing persons data.

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

AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROVIDING FOOD AND REFRESHMENT SERVICE AT THE YORKTOWN HEIGHTS RAILROAD STATION IN RAILROAD PARK  
RESOLUTION #7

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise a Request for Proposals from qualified proposers interested in providing high quality, reasonably priced food and refreshment service (snack bar service) at the Yorktown Heights Railroad Station in Railroad Park located at 1862 Commerce Street in Yorktown Heights, NY.

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

ACCEPT LANDSCAPE AND SITE IMPROVEMENT BOND FROM AVS FOOD, INC. FOR POPEYE'S RESTAURANT  
RESOLUTION #8

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

WHEREAS, Vijay Singh, of AVS Food Inc., owner of Popeye's Restaurant, has completed site work for the project known as Popeye's at Staples Plaza, approved by Planning Board Resolution #18-18 dated October 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, due to winter conditions the applicant is not able to complete on-site landscaping and a few other minor site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Popeye's Restaurant owner has informed the Yorktown Planning Board and the Planning Board determined that, to insure the installation of the on-site landscaping and other minor site improvements, the applicant must post a cash bond; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the cash bond has been determined to be in the amount of \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, AVS Food, Inc. has provided the Town with check# 1095 in the amount of \$20,000.00, to serve as the required cash bond; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the monies required prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the project known as Popeye's at Staples Plaza have been tendered to the Town and that the Town Comptroller is authorized to accept the above-referenced project bond for the purposes stated herein.

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

Supervisor Slater said the following resolution directs the Town Assessor to continue temporary suspension and modification of laws relating to the Pandemic Disaster Emergency, specifically as it pertains to Senior and Disability Exemptions, Section 467 and 459C of the Real Property Tax Law to grant Exemptions on the 2021 Assessment Roll. He stated that this is already law now so the Town no longer needs to pass the resolution.

Assessor Kim Adams Penner said that if seniors had the exemption on the 2020 assessment for Section 467, which is the limited income or the disability exemption, that exemptions will roll over to 2021 and re-filing is not necessary. If your income has decreased since 2019, Ms. Penner's office should be contacted.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 202.83, a portion of which includes a local option pertaining to Senior Citizens' and Persons with Disabilities' partial property tax exemption, Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law (Partial Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities), and Subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of

Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law (Partial Tax Exemption for Low Income Senior Citizens), to the extent necessary to permit the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received either of those exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, unless there has been a change in status that would no longer qualify the homeowner, dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous to adopt such resolution while also allowing the assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when the assessor has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown directs the Town Assessor, pursuant to the NYS Governor's Executive Order 202.83 Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws relating to the pandemic disaster emergency, specifically as it pertains to Senior and Disability Exemptions, Section 467 and 459c of the Real Property Tax Law, to grant exemptions on the 2021 Assessment Roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 Assessment Roll, except in the case that there is a change of status that would no longer qualify the homeowner, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons.

ACCEPT AUDIT OF YORKTOWN JUSTICE COURT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019  
RESOLUTION #9

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Alice Roker, seconded by Councilman Ed Lachterman,

Resolved, that the audit of the Town of Yorktown Justice Court prepared by PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, for the fiscal year 2019, submitted to the Town on December 23, 2020 be and is hereby accepted by the Town Board. A copy of the audit is filed with the Town Clerk and available for public inspection.

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

THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE TOWN  
BOARD

RESOLUTION #10

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

**Salaries**

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be hereby authorized and directed to pay salaries of all elected and appointed Town officials and employees without prior audit.

**Mileage Rate**

RESOLVED, that the rate of 56 cents per mile be allowed to 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.

**Blanket Authority to Sign Contracts**

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.

**Fiscal Report Filing to State Comptroller**

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 to be published within 10 days after receipt thereof in a form approved by the State Comptroller.



**Comptroller to Refund Certain Corrections of Error**

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.

**New York State Division of Youth State Aid Recreation/Youth Services Project**

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 2021. The Parks and Recreation Department receives \$10,000 of this application for youth recreation, and the Police Department receives another \$10,000 for the Youth Officer.

**Authorize Supervisor to sign Agreement with Nor-West**

Authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Nor-West for therapeutic recreational programs.

**Authorize Supervisor to sign Agreement with Sports Clubs**

Authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the following Sports Clubs:

- Shrub Oak Athletic Club
- Yorktown Athletic Club

**Authorize Supervisor to sign Agreement with Senior Clubs**

Authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the following Senior Clubs:

- Jefferson Owners Foundation
- AARP Chapter 3297
- Shrub Oak Senior Citizens Club
- St. Patrick’s Seniors
- Yorktown Senior Club Chapter 1

**Designate Official Newspapers**

RESOLVED, that the official newspaper for the Town of Yorktown is hereby designated to be The Yorktown News, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should a daily Newspaper be required, The Journal News is hereby designated.

**Designated Depositories**

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

JP Morgan Chase  
 1975 Commerce Street  
 Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

PCSB Bank  
 2002 Commerce Street  
 Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Signature Bank  
 1C Quaker Ridge Road  
 New Rochelle, NY 10804,

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 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 Article 2, 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 - Justices Lagonia & Justice Raniolo

**Meeting Dates**

RESOLVED, that the following meeting dates of this Town Board shall be as follows for the year 2021:

January 5  
January 12  
January 19  
January 26  
February 2  
February 9  
February 16  
February 23  
March 2  
March 9  
March 16  
March 23  
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December 7 (Budget Public Hearing)  
December 14  
December 21  
December 28, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board meetings will begin at 6:00 PM, with television coverage beginning at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold its budget review with department heads during regular business hours on November 4 and 5, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold its regular budget public hearing meeting at 7:00 PM on the following date: December 7, 2021 (Tuesday) and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Yorktown will hold its annual Record Management Days on February 4 and February 5, 2021.

**Delegates for Association of Towns Meetings**

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 2021, and be it

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

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

**ADJOURN**

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

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