

**APPROVED**

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Clay, Onondaga County, held at the Town Hall, Clay, New York on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 2018 at 7:30 P.M., there were:

**PRESENT:**

Damian Ulatowski	Supervisor
Joseph A. Bick	Deputy Supervisor/Councilor
David Hess	Councilor
Ryan Pleskach	Councilor
Kevin Meaker	Councilor
Jill Hageman-Clark	Town Clerk
Mark V. Territo	Commissioner of Planning and Development
Robert Germain	Town Attorney
Ron DeTota	Town Engineer

**ABSENT:**

Eugene Young	Councilor
Brian Hall	Councilor

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Russ Mitchell; Chairman of the Planning Board Hal Henty; Member of the Planning Board & Dorothy Heller; Town Historian.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ulatowski at 7:30 P.M. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councilor Hess made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bick.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

Councilor Bick made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hess.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

**Cancellation and/or requested adjournments.**

Supervisor Ulatowski said that Town Board Case # 1125 Joseph Ligoci will be adjourned at the request of the applicant. Councilor Hess made a motion to adjourn

the public hearing to **June 4, 2018 at 7:35 P.M.** Motion was seconded by Councilor Pleskach.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:**

Supervisor Ulatowski explained that at this time he would like to address a letter that was sent to the Town Board members from a resident present at this meeting. He continued that the resident first approached Councilor Bick at the conclusion of the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to comment on how he read the resolutions. Councilor Bick explained that he is hearing impaired as a result of an injury sustained in combat during his service in Afghanistan. The councilor continued that in the letter the resident stated that he was a poor example to the children in the audience. Councilor Bick explained that he took exception to this statement. He added that he has dedicated his life to the service of others, from his service in the military to his career in nursing and his service on the Town Board he has been civically involved.

Supervisor Ulatowski interjected that he is appalled by the rude comments made on social media regarding this incident and another Town Board member who has been absent due to a serious illness. The Supervisor continued that the comments made on social media are alarming so much in fact that he has had to enlist the help of law enforcement and it is no wonder our Country is crumbling. He concluded by imploring the residents to think before they begin typing because you can't take back those insensitive statements once they have been posted. Several residents began applauding Supervisor Ulatowski's statement.

Supervisor Ulatowski responded to Mike LaPoint's question from the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the paving of the parking lot at the soccer fields on Wetzel Road. He reported that he had spoken to the Recreation Department and they reported that money budgeted for paving projects for 2018 will be used to repair the dilapidated parking lot at the Senior Center. The Supervisor continued that he looked into it with the Highway Department and they had spoken with Mr. LaPoint regarding this. He concluded that the lot on Wetzel Road will not be on the paving list this year. Mr. LaPoint responded that a lady fell on Saturday.

Supervisor Ulatowski asked if anyone wished to address the Town Board on anything not on the agenda.

Nancy Kinnetz said that she would like to respond to the statement by Councilor Bick; she explained that she was not aware that the Councilor was hearing impaired and was merely trying to share information, give feedback. She continued that she understood Councilor Bick perfectly when he addressed her letter. She suggested that she could give a wave if he was reading too fast. She continued that Councilor

Pleskach could teach people to read out loud. She concluded that the Town Board has improved in the past several months and all of her feedback is not negative.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ZONE CHANGE (PH/Adj.) – Town Board Case # 1125 JOSEPH LIGOCI, JR. and TIMOTHY NEEDLE – ALLSTATE INSURANCE OFFICE:**

A public hearing to consider the application of **JOSEPH LIGOCI, JR. AND TIMOTHY NEEDLE FOR A ZONE CHANGE** from **R-10 One Family Residential District** to **0-1 Neighborhood Office District** to allow for an Allstate Insurance Office in the existing residence located at **5307 W. Taft Road, Tax Map No. 113.-01-22.0**, consisting of approximately 0.36± acres of land. (Adjourned to this date from the April 16, 2018 Town Board Meeting).

**ADJOURNED** at the request of the applicant to **June 4, 2018 at 7:35 P.M.**

*Supervisor Ulatowski said that he would open the next three public hearing together.*

**Special Permit – Town Board Case # 1127 (PH) Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Utility Substation:**

A public hearing to consider the application of **NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID** for a **UTILITY SUBSTATION PERMIT** pursuant to Section 230-27 I. (2)(e) to allow for the location/configuration of 2 utility poles with voltage regulators, known as a Utica Rack on land located at **7333 Buckley Road, Tax Map No. 107.-09-01.0** was opened by the Supervisor; proof of publication and posting was furnished by the Town Clerk.

**Special Permit – Town Board Case # 1128 (PH) Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Utility Substation:**

A public hearing to consider the application of **NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID** for a **UTILITY SUBSTATION PERMIT** pursuant to Section 230-27 I. (2)(e) to allow for the location/configuration of 2 utility poles with voltage regulators, known as a Utica Rack on land located at **8530 Henry Clay Boulevard, Tax Map No. 061.-01-16.3** was opened by the Supervisor; proof of publication and posting was furnished by the Town Clerk.

**Special Permit – Town Board Case # 1129 (PH) Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Utility Substation:**

A public hearing to consider the application of **NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID** for a **UTILITY SUBSTATION PERMIT** pursuant to Section 230-27 I. (2)(e) to allow for the location/configuration of 2 utility poles with voltage regulators, known as a Utica Rack on vacant land located at **3537 Ver Plank Road, Tax Map No. 017.-03-14.0** was opened by the Supervisor; proof of publication and posting was furnished by the Town Clerk. Councilor Hess explained that he will recuse himself due to his employment.

Karla Corpus, Legal Counsel and Jeremy Johnson, Design Supervisor for National Grid were present. Ms. Corpus gave a brief overview of the applications while the Town Clerk distributed several handouts that Ms. Corpus brought.

Councilor Pleskach asked if the Utica Racks were designed to serve small areas. Mr. Johnson explained that they are necessary for growth. Mr. Pleskach asked if others are planned and Mr. Johnson answered no. Councilor Meaker asked if they are an extension to add power. Mr. Johnson replied that the purpose is to maintain a constant voltage to reduce the possibility of brownouts adding that they are not able to be placed just anywhere. Robert Germain, Legal Counsel for the Town of Clay explained that this may be a solution to unresolved issues.

Supervisor Ulatowski asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none he **closed** all three of the public hearings.

**Street Lights (7) FARMSTEAD SUBDIVISION SECTION No. 3:**

Councilor Meaker moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing the installation of seven (7) 100w high pressure fixtures to be installed on 14' fiberglass embedded poles using 100w fixtures to help illuminate a portion of the tract in **Farmstead Subdivision, Section No. 3**, as shown on a sketch plan provided by National Grid. The estimated annual cost for the underground lighting fixtures is **\$2,448.18**. Motion was seconded by Councilor Pleskach.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Hess abstaining.*

**Street Lights (1) PINE GATE COMMUNITY PARK:**

Councilor moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing the installation of one (1) 96w LED fixture to be installed on an aluminum pendant pole to help illuminate the playground area in the **Pinegate Community Park**, as shown on a sketch plan provided by National Grid. The estimated annual cost for the underground lighting fixture is **\$699.62**. Motion was seconded by Councilor Pleskach.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Hess abstaining.*

**STORMWATER and EDUCATION COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

Councilor moved the adoption of a resolution supporting participation in the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board's year (11) **STORMWATER AND EDUCATION COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** and authorizing the Supervisor to act on behalf of the Town of Clay and execute any and all documents necessary with regard to said matters. In line with the recommendations of the CNY Stormwater Coalition Finance Committee, the CNY RPDB (Regional Planning & Development Board) has adopted a flat fee structure to simplify the municipal budgeting process. At **\$3,600.00** per municipality, this rate reflects shared costs for common services provided equally to all participating municipalities regardless of size or population. The funds will be available to the Board no later than **January 31, 2019** to complete the project, and a certified copy of this resolution will be prepared and sent to the Board no later than **November 30, 2018**. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bick.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Hess abstaining.*

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. upon motion by Councilor Bick and seconded by Councilor Hess.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

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Jill Hageman-Clark RMC / Town Clerk