

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD,
HELD AT TOWN HALL, 4383 ALBANY POST ROAD, HYDE PARK, NEW YORK,
12538, ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023 AT 6:00PM

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN NICOLE NOAKES
COUNCILWOMAN LYNN RUGGIERO
COUNCILMAN JOHN LOMBARDI
COUNCILMAN DONALD PRUSAKOWSKI
SUPERVISOR ALFRED TORREGGIANI
ATTORNEY TO THE TOWN KYLE BARNETT
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK LISA GIBSON

ABSENT:

TOWN CLERK DONNA MCGROGAN

Supervisor Torreggiani called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Supervisor Torreggiani asked “Do any Town Board members have any conflicts of interest regarding any items on tonight’s agenda”?

The Town Board members stated “No”.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

That the minutes of the Town Board meeting of June 12, 2023 and June 29th, 2023 as submitted by the Town Clerk, be approved.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 3
ALL OPPOSED 0

Councilwoman Noakes Recused
Councilwoman Ruggiero Recused CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Scieppi, 1 River Road, urges to table or vote down Resolution 7:17 – 5. Prosecuting the Neil Krupnick case will be a divisive process and have serious consequences for the town.

Howard Fisher, Highway Superintendent, spoke in regard to Resolution 7:17 – 14. He disapproves of a mid-year raise for 3 selected employees who already received raises in January. He stated that it was unfair to do so when his employees did not receive any raises.

Supervisor Torreggiani stated that he is working with the non-union employees as to where their pay level should be. Supervisor Torreggiani stated that they will speak with CSEA and start the Highway Department’s negotiation soon.

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 1 OF 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRANCE ONTO THE PROPERTIES
LOCATED AT 599 VIOLET AVENUE, TAX ID NO. 6163-02-558890; 563
NORTH QUAKER LANE, TAX ID NO. 6266-19-6541344357-4359 ALBANY
POST ROAD TAX ID NO. 6065-20-836205 & 839198 ALL WITHIN THE
TOWN OF HYDE PARK; AND 18 LONG MEADOW**

DRIVE, STAATSBURG, TAX ID NO. 6166-02-841705; TO BRING THESE PROPERTIES INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF CHAPTER 85-5(B) OF THE TOWN CODE AND TO ASSESS THE COSTS OF SUCH ACTION AGAINST THE PROPERTIES AS A LIEN AND CHARGE ON THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Town Deputy Building Inspector served a notice of Compliance Order on the owner of the properties listed above in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 85-5(b), Grass Maintenance Law, of the Town Code and proof of the sending and posting of said notices has been provided by the Deputy Building Inspector to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Deputy Building Inspector has reported to the Town Board that these properties have not been brought into compliance with the provisions of the Law, as specified in the said Compliance Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any such employee or officers of the Town of Hyde Park, or a private contractor retained by the Town is hereby authorized to enter the properties listed above and bring these properties into compliance with the standards of Chapter 85-5(b), Grass Maintenance Law, of the Town Code as specified in the Compliance Order sent to the property owner and that all costs incurred by the Town shall be assessed against the property and shall constitute a lien and charge on the property until it is paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged, and that the same shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi

SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 2 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF A ROAD OPENING BOND FOR DS ELECTRIC OF THE HUDSON VALLEY (ROAD LOCATION: 33 BROWER BOULEVARD)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent accepted a check from DS Electric of the Hudson Valley (Road Location: 33 Brower Boulevard); and

WHEREAS, this check was deposited into a non-interest-bearing account to be held until the applicant complied with the terms and conditions as set forth by the Highway Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has inspected this road and is satisfied that the applicant has met all terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to issue a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the above road location to DS Electric of the Hudson Valley, PO Box 701, Hyde Park, NY 12538; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town retains a \$100.00 permit fee from the applicant for said road location.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 - 3 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO AMEND RESOLUTION 4:10 – 4 OF 2023 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SUBMIT TO CENTRAL HUDSON GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION THEIR APPLICATION TO ALLOW FOR DECORATIVE TEMPORARY ATTACHMENTS TO CENTRAL HUDSON UTILITY POLES WITHIN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING THE TOWN’S HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CENTRAL HUDSON’S DECORATIVE TEMPORARY ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT AND INCLUDE ANY AND ALL AMENDED POLE NUMBERS WITH SAID AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park has instituted the “Hometown Heroes Banner Program” in the Town of Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, in order to display these banners throughout the Town, the Town would like to place them on various Central Hudson utility poles located throughout the Town of Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, in order to do so, Central Hudson requires the completion of an application for Decorative Temporary Attachments to Utility Poles that belong to Central Hudson before any temporary decorative attachments can be placed on said utility poles throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 4:10 – 4 of 2023 the Town Supervisor was authorized to submit said application; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with authorizing the Town Supervisor to submit said application for Decorative Temporary Attachments to Utility Poles the Town Supervisor should have also been authorized to execute the Decorative Temporary Attachment License Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby amend Resolution 4:10 – 4 of 2023 authorizing the Town Supervisor to submit to Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation their application to allow for Decorative Temporary Attachments to Central Hudson Utility Poles within the Town of Hyde Park for the sole purpose of displaying the Town’s “Hometown Hero Banners” to also authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the Central Hudson Decorative Temporary Attachment License Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said executed Decorative Temporary Attachment License Agreement will be resubmitted to Central Hudson with any and all updated pole number listings.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 4 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO AMEND RESOLUTION 6:29 – 1 OF 2023 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD (“TOWN”) TO AWARD BIDS FOR THE TOWN HALL ADDITION TO LBS 2020 FOR ELECTRICAL WORK, BARONE CONSTRUCTION GROUP FOR GENERAL TRADES, AND PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL HVAC TO S & O CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE ADDRESSES LISTED FOR THE BUSINESSES THAT WERE AWARDED SAID BIDS

WHEREAS, by Resolution 6:29 – 1 of 2023 the Town Board authorized bids to be awarded to LBS 2020 for Electrical Work, Barone Construction Group for General Trades, and S & O Construction for Plumbing and Mechanical HVAC; and

WHEREAS, the address listed for LBS 2020 was that of S & O Construction and the address listed for S & O Construction was that of LBS 2020; and

WHEREAS, these addresses need to be corrected to reflect the right addresses for the awarding of said bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby amend Resolution 6:29 – 1 of 2023 “Authorizing the Town of Hyde Park Town Board (“Town”) to Award Bids for the Town Hall Addition to LBS 2020 for Electrical Work, Barone Construction Group for General Trades, and Plumbing and Mechanical HVAC to S & O Construction Services to correct an error in the addresses listed for the businesses that were awarded said bids as follows:

- 1) LBS 2020, having an address at 25 Windy Hill Road New Windsor, NY 12553 for “Electrical Work”; and
- 2) S & O Construction Services, having an address at, 11 Charles Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 for the “Mechanical HVAC and Plumbing”.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 5 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF THE ETHICS BOARD THAT NEIL KRUPNICK VIOLATED THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK CODE OF ETHICS AND GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND TO REFER SAID FINDINGS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO REFER ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS BY FORMER TOWN BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ETHICS BOARD FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park Board of Ethics, (“Ethics Board”) reviewed allegations against former Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”) and former Town Board member Neil Krupnick (“Krupnick”); and

WHEREAS, at all times mentioned in this Resolution, Krupnick was a Town of Hyde Park “officer or employee” as defined in COE §11-2; and

WHEREAS, in pertinent part, it was alleged that Krupnick violated the Town of Hyde Park Code of Ethics (“COE”) and provisions of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law (“GML”); and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2023, the Ethics Board issued an opinion which stated that Krupnick violated the COE and the GML resulting in Official Misconduct, a Class A Misdemeanor, in violation of Penal Law § 195 by committing the following:

1. Krupnick failed to comply with COE §11-7(B) while serving on the ZBA when the Town of Hyde Park (“Town”) entered a contract with Krupnick for webmaster services. Krupnick should have either resigned from the ZBA or not accepted employment with the Town.
2. Krupnick’s employment as the Town’s webmaster and remote meetings producer created a conflict of interest as it may have impaired Krupnick’s judgment and interfered with the discharge of his official duties in violation of COE §11-3(C)
3. Krupnick’s employment as the Town’s webmaster and remote meetings producer violated GML §805-a(c) which provides that no municipal officer or employee shall receive, or enter into any agreement, express or implied, for compensation for services to be rendered in relation to any matter before any municipal agency of which he is an officer, member, or employee.
4. Krupnick’s renewal contract of January 1, 2019, as the Town’s webmaster violated COE § 11-3(A), § 11-3(C), GML § 805-a(c), and § 803 as Krupnick, as a member of the ZBA prior to the renewal, was an “officer or employee” of the Town.
5. Krupnick’s renewal contract of December 16, 2019, as Town’s webmaster while serving as a member of the Town Board, violated COE § 11-3(A), § 11-3(C), GML § 805-a(c), and § 803.
6. Krupnick’s employment as the Town’s webmaster and remote meetings producer while serving as a member of the Town Board violated COE § 11-G which prohibits an officer or employee from having a personal interest in any transaction with the Town when that officer or employee has the authority to negotiate, prepare, authorize, approve or audit such transactions or the vouchers or claims for its payment or to appoint another official or employee with such authority. As a Town Board member, Krupnick had such authority.
7. Krupnick’s employment as the Town’s webmaster and remote meetings producer while serving as a member of the Town Board violated GML § 801 which prohibits conflicts of interest. No municipal officer or employee shall have an interest in any contract with the municipality of which he is an officer or employee when that officer or employee has the power or duty to negotiate, prepare, authorize, or approve the contract or authorize or approve payment thereunder. As a Town Board member, Krupnick had such authority, and his contract was private employment.

8. Krupnick’s renewal contract of December 7, 2020, as the Town’s webmaster violated COE § 11-3(A), § 11-3(C), § 11-G, GML § 805-a(c), § 803, and §801.
9. Krupnick’s renewal contract January 4, 2021, as the Town’s remote meetings producer violated COE § 11-3(A), § 11-3(C), § 11-G, GML § 805-a(c), § 803, and §801; and

WHEREAS the Town Board accepts the Ethics Board’s findings; and

WHEREAS Krupnick’s unethical and unlawful actions impacted the Town Board’s ability to carry out the public business, impaired the integrity of the Town Board, adversely impacts the public perception of the Town’s government, and undermines the public’s confidence in its elected and appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is now acting to implement the Ethics Board’s findings and opinion on behalf of the Town of Hyde Park, and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby finds it both appropriate and vital to censure the unethical and unlawful conduct committed by Krupnick as referenced herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Krupnick may have committed Official Misconduct, a Class A Misdemeanor, in violation of Penal Law § 195.00 and the Town Board shall refer this matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board makes a further referral to the Ethics Board for an advisory opinion on whether the other Town Board members violated the COE and GML when voting to approve the contracts between Krupnick and the Town.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
 SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Nay	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 6 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE BILL OF SALE CONVEYING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK’S INTEREST IN THE VANDERBURGH COVE SEWER SYSTEM TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2016, the Town of Hyde Park, (“Town”) along with the Town of Rhinebeck (“Rhinebeck”) entered into a written agreement (“Agreement”) to convey their respective interests in the Vanderburgh Cove Sewer System (“System”) to the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (“DCWWA”); and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the conveyance of the System, in December of 2017, the Town and the DCWWA entered into an intermunicipal agreement

pursuant to which the DCWWA took over operations and maintenance of the System; and

WHEREAS, Rhinebeck and the DCWWA is desirous of completing the conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the Town would also like to complete the conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the real estate assets are owned by Rhinebeck and both Rhinebeck and the Town own the personal property; and

WHEREAS, to complete the conveyance the Town must authorize the Supervisor to sign the required bill of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of all sewer collection, lines, equipment, facilities, and improvements and other assets which constitute the Sewer System of the Vanderburgh Cove Sewer Districts 1 and 2, as defined in the Agreement and Bill of Sale, and authorizes the Supervisor to sign said Bill of Sale.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi

SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 7 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPOINT KRIST BERISHA AS A FULL TIME MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Hyde Park Highway Department for a full time Motor Equipment Operator; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park Highway Superintendent has conducted interviews and wishes to hire Krist Berisha as a new full time Motor Equipment Operator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby appoint Krist Berisha as a full time Motor Equipment Operator for the Town of Hyde Park Highway Department effective Monday, August 14, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment will be at an hourly rate of \$23.14 as established by the CSEA Highway Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is subject to a probationary period as set forth in the Civil Service Law of the State of New York and shall be subject to all Civil Service Law Rules and Regulations.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye
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Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye
Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 8 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE A STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT SETTLEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK CSEA HIGHWAY UNIT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby approve the Stipulation of Agreement Settlement dated June 15, 2023, between the Town of Hyde Park, CSEA Highway Unit, Grievant and AAA Case #01-22-0003-8168.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes Aye
Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye
Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 - 9 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER POSITION WITHIN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPOINT JORDAN FEIN TO SAID POSITION

WHEREAS, there currently exists a need for another full time police officer to fill the vacancy left by the promotion of former police officer Michael Stallone to Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, a new officer cannot be appointed to the position that Sergeant Stallone vacated until such time he completes his six-month probationary period; and

WHEREAS, after conducting interviews, Police Chief Robert Benson has recommended that Jordan Fein a Police Officer with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office be appointed to said position according to the provisions stipulated by Civil Service Law dealing with a resignation/reinstatement; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Fein falls under this category for appointment to the Town of Hyde Park Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize a new full time police officer position to be created within the Town of Hyde Park Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does also hereby appoint Jordan Fein to said position effective Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at a rate of \$33.75 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is subject to a probationary period and is subject to the approval of the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources and is further subject to Civil Service Law and the Rules of the Dutchess County Department of Civil Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is also hereby authorized to file the necessary paperwork with the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources to create the additional full time police officer position to effectuate the appointment of Jordan Fein to said position.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 10 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDE THE RESIGNATION OF PART TIME TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE OFFICER JOHN RISPOLI

WHEREAS, part time Town of Hyde Park Police Officer John Rispoli has submitted his letter of resignation effective Sunday, July 9, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board acknowledges the resignation of Town of Hyde Park Police Officer John Rispoli; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Supervisor and Town Board extend their appreciation and gratitude to Police Officer John Rispoli for his dedicated service to the Town of Hyde Park.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 11 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDE THE RESIGNATION OF PART TIME TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL SARIGIANIS

WHEREAS, part time Town of Hyde Park Police Officer Michael Sarigianis has submitted his letter of resignation effective Friday, July 21, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board acknowledges the resignation of Town of Hyde Park Police Officer Michael Sarigianis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Supervisor and Town Board extend their appreciation and gratitude to Police Officer Michael Sarigianis for his dedicated service to the Town of Hyde Park.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi

SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 12 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RETIREMENT OF FULL TIME TOWN OF HYDE PARK POLICE SERGEANT DEAN ROBINSON

WHEREAS, full time Town of Hyde Park Police Sergeant Dean Robinson has submitted his letter of retirement effective Thursday, July 20, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby acknowledge with great sadness the retirement of Town of Hyde Park Police Sergeant Dean Robinson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Supervisor and Town Board extend their appreciation and gratitude to Sergeant Dean Robinson for over thirty-five years of dedicated service protecting and serving the residents of the Town of Hyde Park and be it known that his presence as an officer will be sorely missed.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 - 13 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPOINT TINA ZUBRADT AS THE HOURLY SECRETARY FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy for an hourly Secretary in the Town Supervisor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor would like to fill said position as he feels it is necessary to have the added administrative support in the office; and

WHEREAS, the position was advertised, interviews were held, and it was determined that Tina Zubradt was the best candidate to fill said position.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby appoint Tina Zubradt to said hourly position of Secretary for the Town Supervisor effective Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at a rate of \$19.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Zubradt's benefits, terms, and conditions of employment shall be subject to the Town of Hyde Park Employee Handbook.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski
SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

To enter executive session to discuss the personnel history of a particular individual.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR: 5
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED AT 6:49pm

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilwoman Prusakowski

To return from executive session

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 5
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED AT 7:25pm

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

To table resolution 7:17 – 14 of 2023

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

**TABLED
RESOLUTION 7:17 – 14 OF 2023**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE SALARY AND HOURLY RATE INCREASES FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK BUILDING INSPECTOR, LEGISLATIVE AIDE, AND THE PART TIME SENIOR CLERK FOR UNION CEMETERY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salaries for the Town of Hyde Park Building Inspector shall be increased from \$91,000 to \$95,000 and the Legislative Aide shall be increased from \$47,500 to \$55,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Aide salary shall be paid retroactive to May 16, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hourly rate for the part time Senior Clerk for Union Cemetery shall be increased from \$17.00 an hour to \$24 an hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said increases have been reviewed and considered necessary in order to make these salaries more competitive for the aforementioned positions.

MOTION:

SECOND:

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

Councilwoman Noakes _____
Councilwoman Ruggiero _____
Councilman Lombardi _____
Councilman Prusakowski _____
Supervisor Torreggiani _____

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 15 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE VACATION CARRY OVER FOR PERSONNEL ACCOUNT CLERK MEGHAN CARDINAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Personnel Account Clerk, Meghan Cardinal to carry over up to thirty-five (35) hours of accrued vacation time which she is unable to use prior to her anniversary date of August 9, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said carry over vacation time must be used no later than February 9, 2024.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes Aye
Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye
Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 16 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE VACATION CARRY OVER FOR POLICE ASSISTANT JENNIFER LEFEVE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Police Assistant, Jennifer Lefevé to carry over up to 130 hours of accrued vacation time which she was unable to use prior to her anniversary date of July 26, 2023, and that said carry over vacation time must be used no later than January 26, 2024.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes Aye

Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye
Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 17 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE POLICE LIEUTENANT JASON RUSCILLO’S ATTENDANCE AT THE TOWN OF FISHKILL POLICE DEPARTMENT’S INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS COMPLAINT PROCESSING AND PROCEDURAL RESPONSIBILITIES COURSE SEPTEMBER 11TH & 12TH, 2023 IN FISHKILL, NY

WHEREAS, Hyde Park Police Chief Robert Benson has requested approval for Police Lieutenant Jason Ruscillo to attend the Town of Fishkill Police Department’s Internal Affairs Investigations Complaint Processing and Procedural Responsibilities Course September 11th & 12th, 2023 in Fishkill, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it appropriate and beneficial for Lieutenant Ruscillo to attend said course; and

WHEREAS, the fee for this course is \$425.00 and will be allocated from the Police Department’s 2023 training budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Police Lieutenant Jason Ruscillo to attend the Town of Fishkill Police Department’s Internal Affairs Investigations Complaint Processing and Procedural Responsibilities Course September 11th & 12th, 2023 in Fishkill, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does also hereby authorize reimbursement for travel and any necessary business expenditures deemed appropriate and reasonable as approved by the Town Comptroller’s Office.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes Aye
Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye
Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 18 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE POLICE OFFICER JONAH TOWNE’S ATTENDANCE AT THE BASIC SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER COURSE JULY 31ST THROUGH AUGUST 4TH, 2023 AT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY IN POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

WHEREAS, Hyde Park Police Chief Robert Benson has requested approval for Police Officer Jonah Towne to attend the Basic School Resource Officer Course July 31st through August 4th, 2023, at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy in Poughkeepsie, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it appropriate and beneficial for Police Officer Jonah Towne to attend this course; and

WHEREAS, there is no fee associated with this course.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Police Officer Jonah Towne to attend the Basic School Resource Officer Course July 31st through August 4th, 2023, at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy in Poughkeepsie, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does also hereby authorize reimbursement for travel and any necessary business expenditures deemed appropriate and reasonable as approved by the Town Comptroller's Office.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 - 19 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND TO HELP OFFSET COSTS FOR THE ADA REQUIRED PARKING AT HYDE PARK RECREATION'S HACKETT HILL PARK ADA ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE DESIGN PLAYGROUND PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town received grant funding from Dutchess County through their 2021-2022 Municipal Investment Grant Program to construct and install ADA Accessible and Inclusive Design Playground Equipment for the Town of Hyde Park Recreation's Hackett Hill Park; and

WHEREAS, a stipulation to satisfy Dutchess County's grant requirements was that the Town, in addition to the playground, needed to provide ADA handicap accessible parking; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2023, the Recreation Commission voted 5 – 0 in favor of using Recreation Trust Funds in the amount of \$4,950.00 to help offset the total estimated cost of \$27,200.00 to complete said parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Comptroller to make the necessary transfer of Recreation Trust Fund monies from the Recreation Trust Fund to the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$4,950.00 to help offset the costs of the construction and installation of the ADA handicap accessible parking for the Town of Hyde Park's ADA Accessible and Inclusive Design Playground Project at Hackett Hill Park.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye

Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 - 20 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM RONDOUT SAVINGS BANK TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK'S 2023 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Rondout Savings Bank, to be utilized by the Town of Hyde Park Recreation Department to offset the Town's expenses for their fourth of July parade for 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board also wishes to extend its appreciation and gratitude to The Rondout Savings Bank for their gracious donation.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero
SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes Aye
Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye
Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 - 21 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN CLERK TO ISSUE HAWKING AND PEDDLING LICENSES TO MEMBERS OF POWER HOME REMODELING GROUP, LLC

WHEREAS, Katrina Ricks, Ayodele Bajulaiye, Sydney Kirk, Angelo Lamberti, Miguel Marra, and Michael Buckley, of Power Home Remodeling, LLC have submitted applications to the Town of Hyde Park for Hawking and Peddling Licenses pursuant to Chapter 70 of the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has requested the investigation of the applicant's criminal background to be made by the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the form and manner as prescribed by the division in accordance with the requirements of §70-3(E); and

WHEREAS, the applicants have satisfied all of the other requirements for the issuance of a license as set forth in Chapter 70 of the Town Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk, Donna McGrogan to issue Hawking and Peddling Licenses to Katrina Ricks, Ayodele Bajulaiye, Sydney Kirk, Angelo Lamberti, Miguel Marra, and Michael Buckley, of Power Home Remodeling, LLC.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes Aye
Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye

Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 22 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA TO CONDUCT A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023, IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park Town Board received an application pursuant to Penal Law §405 from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) to conduct a fireworks display at approximately 9 p.m. on the evening of Monday, September 4, 2023, with a rain date of Sunday, September 10, 2023 at approximately 9:00 p.m., on the campus of the CIA in conjunction with the CIA’s annual “Week of Welcome Ceremony”; and

WHEREAS, the application addresses all of the requirements of Penal Law §405; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents received on or about June 18, 2023, copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has notified the Town of Hyde Park, the Hyde Park Chief of Police, the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, and the Fire Chief of the Roosevelt Fire District of the fireworks display to be held on Monday, September 4, 2023; who will be working with on-campus safety personnel to ensure that all necessary and prudent safety precautions are in place for the said fireworks display.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby approve the application submitted for the fireworks display to be held at approximately 9:00 p.m., on Monday, September 4, 2023, with a rain date of September 10, 2023, at approximately 9 p.m. in conjunction with the CIA’s “Week of Welcome Ceremony”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is subject to the conditions set forth in the applicant’s letter for approval and accompanying submissions, dated June 18, 2023, and the requirements of Penal Law §405.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski
SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes Aye
Councilwoman Ruggiero Aye
Councilman Lombardi Aye
Councilman Prusakowski Aye
Supervisor Torreggiani Aye CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 23 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, KATHLEEN MOSS AND DEPUTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DAVID MOEHRKE’S ATTENDANCE AT THE NEW YORK STATE FLOODPLAIN AND STORMWATER MANAGERS ASSOCIATION FLOODPLAIN TRAINING WEBINAR SERIES AUGUST 10TH, OCTOBER 19TH, AND DECEMBER 7TH, 2023

WHEREAS, Zoning Administrator, Kathleen Moss and Deputy Zoning Administrator, David Moehrke, are requesting to attend the New York State Flood Plain and Stormwater Managers Association Floodplain Training Webinar Series August 10th, October 19th, and December 7th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it appropriate and beneficial for the Zoning Administrator and the Deputy Zoning Administrator to attend this webinar series; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the August 10th date is \$75.00 each, the October 19th date is \$75.00 each, and the December 7th date is \$75.00 each for a total cost of \$450.00 to be allocated from Planning and Zoning's 2023 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator and the Deputy Zoning Administrator request that the registration fees be paid in advance to the New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association for all three webinar series; and

WHEREAS, for one of the webinar series the Zoning Administrator was not able to obtain prior approval as it was scheduled for June 29th, 2023, which was before the next available Town Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator was given verbal approval to attend with the stipulation it would be authorized nunc pro tunc in conjunction with the other scheduled webinars in the series and that the Zoning Administrator would be reimbursed for payment in advance of said webinar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Zoning Administrator, Kathleen Moss and Deputy Zoning Administrator, David Moehrke to attend the New York State Flood Plain and Stormwater Managers Association Floodplain Training Webinar Series August 10th, October 19th, and December 7th, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board also authorizes payment to be made in advance to New York State Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association, PO Box 1785, Schenectady, NY 12301 for all three webinar series; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does also hereby authorize nunc pro tunc the attendance of Zoning Administrator, Kathleen Moss at the June 29th, 2023, webinar Introduction to the National Flood Insurance Program as well as reimbursement for payment of said webinar.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilwoman Ruggiero

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 7:17 – 24 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NYSDEC NON-AGRICULTURAL NONPOINT SOURCE PLANNING AND MS4 MAPPING GRANT

WHEREAS, funds are available for projects to map Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) in regulated MS4s; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park, herein called the “Municipality, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application along with its attachments, herein called the “Project,” is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize that Brian F. Scoralick, Executive Director of Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District, or such person’s successor in office, is the representative to act on behalf of the Municipality’s governing body in all matters related to State Assistance under the Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant. The representative is authorized to make an application, execute the contract for State Assistance, submit project documentation, and otherwise act for the Municipality’s governing body in all matters related to said Project.

MOTION: Councilwoman Ruggiero

SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK:

Councilwoman Noakes	Aye	
Councilwoman Ruggiero	Aye	
Councilman Lombardi	Aye	
Councilman Prusakowski	Aye	
Supervisor Torreggiani	Aye	CARRIED

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Prusakowski thanked the Hyde Park residents who took time out of their busy schedules for their input into the Town Board.

Councilwoman Noakes thanked those who attended the July 4th Parade.

Councilman Lombardi noted that Peckham industries donated landscape boulders to the Hackett Hill Playground.

Councilman Lombardi noted that there will be a pedestrian cross walk for the Hyde Park Assisted Living Facility.

Councilman Lombardi noted that there will be a contractor working on the Fallkill Dam project on Creek Rd.

Councilman Lombardi noted that the highway department completed paving on Judy Terrace and Greentree Dr.

Councilman Lombardi noted the Town of Hyde Park is applying for a joint grant with Pleasant Valley and Lagrange, regarding the MS4 Storm Water.

Councilman Lombardi noted that the speed limit for East Dorsey Ln will be reevaluated.

Councilman Lombardi noted that The Annual Car Show will be on Sunday July 23rd, 2023.

Councilman Lombardi thanked the Recreation Department and those who attended the July 4th Parade.

Councilman Lombardi noted that the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee installed new planters in the corner of Pinewoods Rd and Albany Post Rd.

Councilman Lombardi invited the opportunity for the Hyde Park residents to volunteer.

Councilman Lombardi and Supervisor Torreggiani noted that the construction for the Hyde Park Town Hall addition should begin at the end of August. In addition to groundbreaking, we will put up a monument in honor of John Golden.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

To adjourn meeting

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR	5	
ALL OPPOSED	0	CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gibson
Deputy Town Clerk