

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP OF THE HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD, HELD AT TOWN HALL, 4383 ALBANY POST ROAD, HYDE PARK, NEW YORK, 12538, ON MONDAY OCTOBER 16th, 2023 AT 6:00PM.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN LYNN RUGGIERO

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

That the minutes of the Town Board meeting of October 2nd 2023 as submitted by the Town Clerk, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY: NONE

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”.

PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

To open the Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Community Development Block Grant application for the installation of an elevator at the Town Hall.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4
ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

Councilwoman Noakes read the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Community Development Block Grant application for the installation of an elevator at the Town Hall as it appeared in the newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

To close the public hearing.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR 4

ALL OPPOSED 0 CARRIED

WORKSHOP:

1. Town Comptroller’s comments on the changes made to the 2024 Tentative Budget and presentation of the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Hyde Park for fiscal year 2024.

RESOLUTION 10:16 - 1 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to §106 of the Town Law, the Town Clerk presented the “Tentative Budget” to the Town Board at a Town Board Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the tentative budget in accordance with the requirements of §106 of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law §108, the Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the “Preliminary Budget” on or before the Thursday immediately following the general election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Tentative Budget filed with the Town Clerk on October 3, 2023, has hereby been amended to reflect any and all necessary changes received after the filing of the Tentative Budget and also includes those changes presented to the Comptroller by the Town Board and is hereby approved and filed as the Preliminary Budget; and
2. The Town Board shall conduct a public hearing on said Preliminary Budget on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.; and
3. The Preliminary Budget will be posted to the Town’s Official website; and
4. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post notice of said public hearing on the Preliminary Budget as required by law.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 10:16 – 2 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE VACATION CARRY OVER FOR TOWN OF HYDE PARK PERSONNEL ASSISTANT HEIDI PETERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby authorize Town of Hyde Park Personnel Assistant, Heidi Peters to carry over up to 35 hours of accrued vacation time which she will be unable to use prior to

her anniversary date of November 1, 2023, and that said carry over vacation time must be used no later than May 1, 2024.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi
SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 10:16 – 3 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RETIREMENT OF ANN MARIE HAMPSON ZONING SECRETARY FOR THE HYDE PARK ZONING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Hampson, Zoning Secretary for the Town Hyde Park Zoning Department has submitted her letter of retirement, effective Friday, October 27, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Board does hereby acknowledge, with regret, the retirement of Ann Marie Hampson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hyde Park Town Supervisor and Town Board extend their immense appreciation and gratitude to Ann Marie Hampson for her fifteen years of dedicated service to the Town of Hyde Park and the Zoning Department.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski
SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 10:16 - 4 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO SUBMIT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE TOWN HALL

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park is participating in the 2024 Dutchess County Community Block Grant Consortium, and

WHEREAS, on October 16th, 2023, input from citizens and groups was received and considered at a duly noticed public hearing; and

WHEREAS, an application has been prepared for the above referenced activity which addresses our community concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 application to the Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant Program for the above

referenced activity is hereby approved by the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the submission of the grant application to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development and the execution of any document deemed necessary to effectuate the same.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 10:16 - 5 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN BOARD TO RATIFY THE SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023 RELATED TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE TOWN HALL

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park proposes to submit an application for the Dutchess County 2024 Community Development Block Grant for the installation of an elevator at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to submit said grant application is October 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said grant application required the Town Board to set a public hearing regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor authorized the publication of a notice for said public hearing to be held on October 16th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Hyde Park Town Hall to hear input from citizens and groups on the proposed grant application; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly published in the Poughkeepsie Journal on October 11, 2023 and was posted in the Town Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park does hereby ratify and authorize the scheduling and notice of the public hearing by the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk.

MOTION: Councilman Lombardi

SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 10:16 – 6 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS TO INSTALL A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 9G, HYDE PARK, NEW YORK (TAX PARCEL No.: 6164-03-494023)

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park previously entered into a certain Land Lease Agreement (the “Agreement”) on or about September 22, 2022, whereby Verizon Wireless of the East, LP (d/b/a Verizon Wireless) leases from the Town of Hyde Park certain vacant land for the installation and maintenance of a telecommunications facility located on New York 9G, Hyde Park, New York, identified as Tax parcel No.: 6164-03-494023, (the “Site”); and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless seeks to amend the Agreement to reflect its agreement to expressly limit the height of the proposed telecommunications tower at 150 feet (154 feet with lightening rod) pursuant to the review of the Hyde Park Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the amendment are recorded in the “First Amendment to Lease Agreement”; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town Board has reviewed said amendment to the Agreement and found the same to be acceptable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the “First Amendment to Land Lease Agreement” as submitted in the final form to the Hyde Park Town Board.

MOTION: Councilman Prusakowski

SECOND: Councilwoman Noakes

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 10:16 - 7 OF 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF NYS OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER AUDIT REPORT PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §35

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of State Comptroller conducted an audit of the Town of Hyde Park’s Sexual Harassment Prevention (SHP) Training for Town employees and issued a Report regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, in sum and substance, the Report found that annual SHP Training was not provided to all employees and elected officials, including seasonal employees as required pursuant to NYS Labor Law §201-g; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hyde Park has responded to the Report and has implemented a Corrective Action Plan to address the deficient training going forward; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §35, the Town Clerk must file the Report and publish public notice of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hyde Park does hereby authorize and direct the Town Clerk to publish public notice of the NYS Office of State Comptroller Audit Report as required by General Municipal Law §35.

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilman Lombardi

ROLL CALL VOTE BY TOWN CLERK

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

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: Councilwoman Noakes

SECOND: Councilman Prusakowski

To adjourn meeting.

VOICE VOTE:

ALL IN FAVOR	4	
ALL OPPOSED	0	CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 6:34PM

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Gibson
Deputy Town Clerk