

December 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilman Whalen
Councilwoman Standaert
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Dahn S. Bull, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked all who donated at the recent Blood Drive.

The Supervisor congratulated the Clifton Park Community Chorus on their wonderful concert.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Supervisor Barrett commended Richard DiMaria on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and presented him with the following resolution.

Resolution No. 309 of 2017, a resolution recognizing Richard Ernest DiMaria for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in service to his community.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park, New York, takes immense pride in the accomplishments of its residents and recognizes the valuable contributions of the Boy Scouts of America to our community and to our nation, and

WHEREAS, Richard DiMaria has proven himself to be an outstanding member of Boy Scout Troop 6, chartered by the Jonesville United Methodist Church, and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, awarded on Sunday, September 17th, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn and to achieve this rank, Richard earned 21 merit badges, demonstrated leadership within Troop 6 and organized and completed his Eagle Scout project which benefited the local community, and

WHEREAS, Richard’s Eagle Scout Project benefited the Animal Protective Foundation in Scotia, New York, as he organized and led an animal food and supply drive that was one of the largest donations ever received by the organization, and

WHEREAS, Richard has served as a camp counselor during the summer for the Town of Clifton Park, modeling exemplary leadership and behavior for the campers, and

WHEREAS, Richard’s dedication to the Boy Scout Oath, while using his time and energy to give back to his community will serve to prepare him for a meaningful, productive role in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board honors the accomplishments of Richard DiMaria as an outstanding citizen for his achievements and advances, and recognizes Richard as one of the community’s newest Eagle Scout.

Richard reviewed his project noting he had a number of volunteers involved.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:05 7:18 PM
TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on December 11, 2017.

Supervisor Barrett summarized the proposed local law explaining the state has increased the Bingo limits so the town is adjusting its local law.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:20 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 310 of 2017, a resolution adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2017 amending Local Law No. 2 of 2006, Chapter 70 of the Town Code regarding the regulation of Bingo prizes.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, New York State regulates the administration of Bingo and other games of chance for charitable purposes under Chapter 479 of the New York State General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, GML Chapter 479 has recently been amended to increase the amount of payouts allowed for such games administered by authorized organizations to \$5,000 in any single game and \$15,000 in any series of games per occasion, and

WHEREAS, the current Town Code limits payouts to \$1,000 per game and \$3,000 per series of games on one occasion, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled and held a public hearing on December 18, 2017 at 7:05 pm on a proposal to amend Chapter 70 of the Town Code regarding maximum payouts allowed in Bingo games administered by authorized organizations, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to align the payouts allowed for Bingo and other games of chance for charitable purposes with the New York State General Municipal Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 2 of 2017, a local law amending Local Law No. 2 of 2006, Chapter 70-1(E)(F), as attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 311 of 2017, a resolution to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2017, a local law amending Local Law No. 2 of 2008 to extend property tax exemption for Cold War veterans.

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert.

WHEREAS, by Chapter Law 655 of 2007, the New York State Legislature enacted §458-b of the Real Property Tax Law, authorizing local governments to provide certain exemptions from real property taxes for Cold War veterans of The United States Military Services, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RPTL 458-b (c)iii of the original statute, the authorization for Cold War exemptions was limited to ten years following enactment, and

WHEREAS, by Local Law No. 2 of 2008, the Town Board enacted a local law implementing §458-b of the RPTL for qualifying Cold War veterans within the town, and

WHEREAS, by Chapter 290 of the laws of 2017 the State Legislature amended §458-b of the real property tax laws to authorize municipalities which have provided such exemptions to extend such exemptions to qualifying Cold War veterans owning qualifying property for so long as they remain qualifying owners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts Local Law No. 3 of 2017, a local law amending Local Law No. 2 of 2008, §182-17 of the Town Code by adding Section D, as attached.

Supervisor Barrett explained the state has authorized local municipalities to extend this exemption into the future.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 312 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department for Specialized Law Enforcement Services.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Romano.

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has found it to be effective and efficient to obtain law enforcement services within the town through the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to renew the existing agreement for Specialized Law Enforcement Services with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, per the attached agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached agreement with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department whereby the Sheriff's Department shall provide Specialized Law Enforcement Services within the Town of Clifton Park for a one (1) year period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, for an amount not to exceed \$550,806.21, to be paid from A-3120-15 (General Fund-Security-Other Contractual).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 313 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 65' boom forestry truck for town lands and Highway Department purposes and a transfer of unreserved fund balance.

Introduced by Councilman Romano, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Dahn Bull has identified a need for an approximately 65' length boom forestry truck for use by the Highway Department, per the attached, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department solicited quotes for used equipment to meet the needs of the department based on the cost of new equipment and usage level anticipated within the department, and

WHEREAS, three quotes were received between November 15 and 30, 2017 for used equipment that met the required specifications, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Dahn Bull has determined that a used 2011 International Durastar quoted from Jesse Schmitt, Schmidy's Machinery, Clinton, IL, for \$64,500, is the best option available for trimming and clearing town properties and highway right-of-ways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Highway Department is authorized to purchase a 2011 International Durastar with 65' boom from Schmidy's Machinery, 5293 Business US 51, Clinton, IL, 61727, per the attached list; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer of funds from A-915 (Unreserved Fund Balance) to A-7110-200 (Buildings & Grounds-Equipment), in the amount of \$64,500, to pay for the above purchase.

Supervisor Barrett explained the town has budgeted \$60,000 in 2017 for tree removal and right now is limited as to what can be done in house and this purchase will change that. He said the equipment will pay for itself within three years. The focus will be on trees along roadways.

Highway Superintendent Bull reported Highway Department and Buildings and Grounds employees will ne trained on the new equipment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 314 of 2017, a resolution scheduling the 2018 Organizational Meeting, and the first 2018 Town Board Meeting for the Town of Clifton Park.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to schedule the 2018 Organizational Meeting and the first 2018 Town Board Meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2018 Organizational Meeting for the Town of Clifton Park shall be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Meeting Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the first Town Board Meeting of 2018 will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2017, immediately following the Organizational Meeting, in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 315 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign contracts with 2018 subcontract hires per Schedule "A".

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has requested that the Town Board authorize certain updated contracts for certain recreation programs, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports continuation of the listed recreation programs with the subcontractors listed on the attached Schedule "A"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign contracts with 2018 recreation subcontractors, per Schedule "A".

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 316 of 2017, a resolution approving the 2018 Summer Recreation Day Camp, Action Park and Golf Course salary matrices for employees.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has prepared 2018 Summer Recreation Day Camp salary, Action Park and Golf Course staff matrices, per Schedule A and B; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2018 Salary Matrix for Day Camp Salaries, per Schedule A, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board also adopts the 2018 Salary Matrix for Action Park and Golf Course staff, per Schedule B.

Supervisor Barrett noted due to large increases in pay rates, some programs and the pool may see an increase in cost.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

Supervisor Barrett noted 2018 will begin with the closing on the 39 acres being purchased from the school district and noted a public planning process will commence early in the new year. He further said the second phase of the Town Center Plan will also begin.

The Supervisor thanked the Town Board and town staff, as well as volunteers to help make the Town of Clifton Park a great place to live.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Whalen, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk