

February 6, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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
Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the January 9 and 17, 2017 meetings 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 reviewed the events planned for WinterFest scheduled for February 11th.

The Supervisor, noting National Grid has chosen Clifton Park for a pilot program, explained National Grid will be changing out meters for "smart" meters. Residents will be automatically in the program unless homeowner chooses to opt out. There is no charge to be a part of the program. On line tools will be made available to track energy usage and incentives offered to reduce electrical use. Residents will receive a mailing from National Grid explaining the program.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Supervisor Barrett presented the following resolution to Siddhant Chaturvedi for his project of constructing an Honor Wall at Shenendehowa High School East.

Resolution No. 25 of 2017, a resolution recognizing Siddhant Chaturvedi 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, Siddhant Chaturvedi has been active in Scouting since he was 8 years old, and

WHEREAS, Siddhant has participated in numerous indoor and outdoor activities throughout his time in Scouts, and has built upon these experiences and used these skills while

participating in photography, Rotary Youth Leadership, and Shenendehowa’s Speech and Debate Club, and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout Project, Siddhant identified a need at the Shenendehowa Campus for a suitable tribute to Shenendehowa students and alumni who served their country and community through the armed services and first responder community, and

WHEREAS, Siddhant conceived, designed and constructed an honor wall at High School East, consisting of a 3-panel 59”x48” oak display case, in front of the entrance to the auditorium, and

WHEREAS, the Honor Wall has the capacity to document the numerous Shenendehowa alumni who have served and will serve in America’s Armed Services for years to come, and

WHEREAS, the center panel contains a digital photo frame which will run a continuous loop of photos and commemorations of Shenendehowa students and alumni who serve, and

WHEREAS, the Honor Wall calls attention to the body of current students, as well as alumni, who serve in local fire departments as volunteer firefighters and EMT’s, and

WHEREAS, Siddhant’s project required teamwork, dedication and leadership to design and build the Honor Wall, and which serves as a reminder to all who pass it of the services and contributions the Shenendehowa community has made to the freedom of our country and the safety of our community, and

WHEREAS, such service is truly the lifeblood of the community and the Town Board wishes to recognize effective community service among our residents and volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board recognizes the leadership shown by Siddhant Chaturvedi, and commends his achievement of Eagle Scout as worthy of the esteem of the community and of the Town of Clifton Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Siddhant Chaturvedi.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Siddhant Chaturvedi reviewed his project, noting the importance of gathering help to work on the project and his ability to delegate.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Sue Catroppa, Director of CAPTAIN, thanked the Town Board for funding the agency and reviewed the agency’s 2016 Annual Report and various programs.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 26 of 2017, a resolution appointing Jonathan Schopf as Chairman of the Industrial Development Agency.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2017, a vacancy exists for the Chairman of the Industrial Development Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recommends that Jonathan Schopf, 611 Bruno Road, Clifton Park, to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schopf's presence as Chairman of the Industrial Development Agency will confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Jonathan Schopf, 611 Bruno Road, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to the Industrial Development Agency to fill the unexpired term of Anthony Morelli, term to expire December 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jonathan Schopf is hereby appointed Chairman of the Industrial Development Agency.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 27 of 2017, a resolution appointing Keith Martin as a member of the Environmental Conservation Commission.

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

WHEREAS, the resignation of Clarence Bassett has left a vacancy on the Environmental Conservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, Keith Martin, 8 Wall Street, # 211, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin's presence on the Environmental Conservation Commission will confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Keith Martin, 8 Wall Street, #211, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to the Environmental Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Clarence Bassett, term to expire December 31, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 28 of 2017, a resolution appointing Terrance L. Cosgrove as the Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to be designated by the Chairman as a voting member for the Zoning Board of Appeals when a regular member is unavailable or ill, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett recommends Terrance L. Cosgrove, 8 Wall Street, #316, Clifton Park, to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Terrance L. Cosgrove, 8 Wall Street, #316, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 29 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the Town Highway Superintendent to install a “Right Lane Must Turn Right” sign on Clifton Park Center Road in the vicinity of the private driveway for Clifton Park Center Mall between the Olive Garden Restaurant and Starbucks Store.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Highway Safety Committee (HSC) through visual observations has noticed a traffic conflict exists where vehicles turn from Clifton Country Road onto Clifton Park Center Road adjacent to the Olive Garden Restaurant, and

WHEREAS, two lanes exist heading in an easterly direction on Clifton Park Center Road until the first private driveway curb cut to the south for the Clifton Park Center Mall, and

WHEREAS, vehicles in the southern most travel lane heading east must turn into the Clifton Park Center complex while the inside lane traveling in an easterly direction continues along Clifton Park Center Road, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the HSC that a R3-7 sign be installed adjacent to the roadway and with the public right-of-way of Clifton Park Center Road to provide lane assignment to drives in the southern most travel lane heading east that vehicles must turn right; now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent to install a R3-7 sign in accordance with the provisions of the 2010 MUTCD and current NYS Supplemental within the right-of-way along Clifton Park Center Road, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such sign installation shall be completed when frozen ground conditions no longer impede the installation of such sign post.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 30 of 2017, a resolution awarding the contract for the repairs and upgrades at the Olde Nott Farm pump station.

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

WHEREAS, Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager, has requested authorization to purchase piping and equipment to upgrade the operation of the Olde Nott Farm pump station, and

WHEREAS, quotes were received and Emmons Pump & Control, Inc, Albany, New York, submitted the only conforming quote for piping and guide rail system, removal and installation for an amount not to exceed \$13,333, and

WHEREAS, the Collection System Manager has determined that this upgrade will renew the pump station at a considerable savings over a full replacement, and

WHEREAS, Collection System Manager O'Brien has recommended that the quote of Emmons Pump & Control, Inc. be accepted for the rehab of the duplex pump station, including removal of existing guide rail system, piping and replacement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the quote of Emmons Pump & Control, Inc., Albany, New York, be accepted for an amount not to exceed \$13,333; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$5,783 from fund balance to G1-8111-15 (Rivercrest Sewer District #1, Extension #1-Other Contract), for payment to Emmons Pump & Control, Inc.

Collection System Manager O'Brien reported to replace a pump station would run around \$250,000. This method will just replace the infrastructure inside the pump station and save money.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 31 of 2017, a resolution approving the 2017 Summer Recreation Day Camp and Pool Staff Salary Matrices for employees.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has prepared 2017 Summer Recreation Day Camp Salary and Pool Staff Matrices, per Schedule A and B; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2017 Salary Matrix for Day Camp Salaries, per Schedule A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board also adopts the 2017 Salary Matrix for Pool Staff, per Schedule B.

Supervisor Barrett reported lifeguards, water safety instructors' and counselors' salaries have been increased and the town is attempting to stay competitive with the minimum wage, however,

as a municipality the town is not required to pay minimum wage. He noted the town is looking for water safety instructors.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 32 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the hiring of pool management for the 2017 season, per 2017 Summer Pool Directors/Managers schedule A.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire management and training staff to operate the three town-owned pools for the 2017 season, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to rehire the returning Pool Director and Managers Duane Nichols, Pool Director, Brian Czerpak, Pool Manager, and Bruce Sutphin, Pool Manager for the three town-owned pools, as well as rehire David Czechowski as the Learn to Swim Director and Certification Trainer, as per Schedule A 2017 Summer Pool Directors/Managers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed above and on the attached schedule A are hereby hired as staff for the three town-owned pools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all hires are effective with start dates and ending dates as per the attached schedule A 2017 Summer Pool Directors/Managers.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 33 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a three year contract for telephone and internet service with FirstLight.

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

WHEREAS, FirstLight as successor to Tech Valley Communications has provided telephone and internet service to the town through fiber optic cables installed in town facilities since 2012, and

WHEREAS, the town wishes to upgrade its existing bandwidth in order to accommodate additional users anticipated as a result of upgrades to the town's website and wifi capacity, and

WHEREAS, FirstLight has offered a competitive proposal for telephone and internet service at an upgraded bandwidth than previously supplied, and provides the town with an opportunity to lock in long term rates of \$1,065 per month which will include local and long distance telephone calling and 20 megabytes per second download by 20 megabytes per second upload speed internet service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached thirty-six month service order form and contract with FirstLight, 41 State Street, Albany, NY, retroactively from January 27, 2017, through January 27, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 34 of 2017, a resolution rescheduling the February 21, 2017 Town Board Meeting to February 27, 2017.

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

WHEREAS, the third Town Board Meeting for the month of February is scheduled for February 21, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to reschedule the meeting of the 21st of February; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2017 is hereby rescheduled to February 27, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 35 of 2017, a resolution appointing Andrew Casucci as the alternate member to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for an alternate member from the Vischer Ferry Fire District to the Emergency Services Advisory Board, due to the resignation of Kevin Bowman, and

WHEREAS, the Vischer Ferry Fire District recommends Andrew Casucci, 2 Meadow Run, Clifton Park, to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Andrew Casucci, 2 Meadow Run, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed as Alternate Member from the Vischer Ferry Fire District to the Emergency Services Advisory Board, for the unexpired term of Kevin Bowman, term to expire December 31, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 36 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the lease of certain real property at the Transfer Station on Vischer Ferry Road.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20 of 2015, the Town Board authorized a lease of certain real property at the capped landfill at the Transfer Station on Vischer Ferry Road, and

WHEREAS, the lease originally provided that lessee, now Clifton Park LF Solar, LLC, as successor to Global Resources Options, Inc (GroSolar), would be responsible for all maintenance, including vegetation control (mowing) at the site, and

WHEREAS, the town wishes to maintain the area consistent with a meadow habitat to complement and expand adjacent areas at the site which have been planted with wildflowers to enhance the natural grassland habitat, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is willing to assume responsibility for conducting the mowing operations within certain portions of the leased area except areas within a 50' perimeter of the solar facilities under certain terms and conditions, and

WHEREAS, Clifton Park LF Solar, LLC has agreed to compensate the town for the actual cost of the mowing operation contemplated by the town consistent with the town's wildlife management goals at the site; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached amendment to the existing lease, which provides that the town will mow areas within the fenced area of the leased premises, excluding a 50' perimeter around all solar facilities, in exchange for a \$1,200 annual maintenance fee.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 37 of 2017, a resolution accepting easements from Jerry Qing Zheng for a future multi-use pathway and a common ingress/egress and utility easement.

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

WHEREAS, as a condition of approval of Project No. 2013-024, a 4-lot subdivision of 246 Lapp Road, lands of Jerry Qing Zheng, the Town of Clifton Park Planning Board required

that the applicant convey a 25 foot wide easement for a future multi-use pathway and utilities location, and

WHEREAS, as a further condition of approval, the Planning Board also required a common ingress/egress and utility easement be conveyed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the conveyance of a 25 foot wide easement for a future multi-use pathway and highway improvements and a common ingress/egress and utility easement and, be it further

RESOLVED, that these conveyances are expressly conditioned upon receipt of an approval by the Town Attorney of all necessary documents including review of the recorded deed in the Saratoga County Clerk's office, provision of the title report, provisions for payment of all taxes, recording fees, and assessments which are acceptable to the Town Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be appended to the within resolution a copy of the recorded conveyances after they have been filed with the Saratoga County Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, reported the striping on the exit road leaving the Common needs to be done.

Supervisor Barrett announced Mrs. Czub and former Town Board member Sandy Roth will be giving a Defensive Driving course at the Senior Center in April.

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 8:10 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk