

February 13, 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  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Zoning  
Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked all who participated in the successful Winterfest, noting The Rusty Nail won the Soup Contest and Clifton Park Idol winners were Hannah Compa and Katie Lee. Awards to be presented at a future board meeting.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Supervisor Barrett reviewed the history of the creation of the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1 and the Sewer Department.

Collection System Manager O'Brien reviewed the results of the grinder pump initiative of maintaining grinder pumps in house, noting formerly outside contractors were called for all grinder pump repairs at an estimated yearly cost of \$100,000. Mr. O'Brien said there are 587+/- grinder pumps and noted now all repairs for grinder pumps are done in house under the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1. He reported in March 2016 the Sewer District took over full maintenance of the grinder pumps and invested in tools and equipment, rehabilitation of space to do repairs. Mr. O'Brien said there have been 88 calls from March 2016 to January 1, 2017 at a cost of \$84,000, however, if done according to the 2015 contract the cost would have been approximately \$121,000. Currently the only alarm to alert residents of a grinder pump problem is a red light that was installed around 1969, however, the Clifton Park Sewer District #1 is installing panels, at a cost to the District, with audible alarm, lights and redundancy. To date 88 panels have been installed. Mr. O'Brien noted a data base is being created as to assets and costs. He reported there is an outside contractor for backup if necessary. He explained \$84,000 includes pumps, parts, material needed for homes but does not include labor, however, 99 percent of work is done during the day. Mr. O'Brien reported the Sewer Department can also take care of the Senior Center and Clifton Common grinder pumps. He noted all grinder pumps are owned by the town.

#### PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 38 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman from L. T. Begnal Motor Company, Kingston, New York, for use by the Building and Development Department.

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

WHEREAS, Director of Building and Zoning, Steven Myers, has identified a need for a new vehicle for use by the Building and Development Department, and

WHEREAS, the new vehicle will replace a 2004 Ford Ranger truck that will be transferred to the Buildings & Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Myers has recommended that a 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman available from L.T. Begnal Motor Company, Kingston, New York, be purchased under New York State Contract #PC67142 at a cost of \$22,377.97; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman from L.T. Begnal, 515 Albany Avenue, Kingston, New York, as described in the attached documents, at a cost not to exceed \$22,377.97, under State Contract #PC67142, to be paid from A-3620-200 (Building Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 39 of 2017, a resolution authorizing Judge Robert Rybak to attend the Association of Town's meeting.

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

WHEREAS, the state requires all town judges to attend a training session on a yearly basis, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Court Administration will provide the necessary training for judges at the annual meeting of the Association of Towns held in New York City from February 19-22, 2017, and attendance at these meetings would provide a public benefit to the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Judge Robert Rybak is hereby authorized to attend the New York State Association of Towns annual meeting in New York City from February 19-22, 2017, to be paid from A1110-001 (Training & Conferences) and be it further

RESOLVED, that meals and other incidentals be paid per the stated 2017 per diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 40 of 2017, a resolution awarding the bid for a survey of Kinns Road Park and related parcels in preparation for transfer of ownership to the town.

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

WHEREAS, the town is party to an inter-municipal agreement with the County of Saratoga for the management of Kinns Road Park by the town, and

WHEREAS, the agreement contemplates the transfer of title to the park property from the county to the town with legislative approval of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, a metes and bounds survey and legal description will facilitate legislation necessary for the county's transfer of ownership to the town, and

WHEREAS, bids were received in response to an RFP for a survey to be done and a legal description provided to support the town's request for a home rule bill for the transfer at this legislative session, and

WHEREAS, Environmental Design Partnership, Route 146, Clifton Park, submitted the lowest conforming bid, in the amount of \$6,500; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for survey work is awarded to Environmental Design Partnership (EDP) per their bid submitted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to pay Environmental Design Partnership the sum, not to exceed \$6,500, from A-1440-135 – [General Fund – Engineering] for the completed survey per the Environmental Design Partnership bid.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Ronald Volungus, 4 Applewood Dr., complimented the Highway Department for the excellent job done in the clearing of roads after the recent storm.

Speaking with regard to the CERT Program, Mr. Volungus said this unit was established in 2004 in Clifton Park and at the present time there are 54 members on the roster and probably more volunteers not on the roster. He reported in July members submitted volunteer resumes and nothing has been heard. Since July there have been no quarterly meetings nor were they asked to participate in Winterfest. He continued it doesn't look as though there will be a CERT training session this spring. Mr. Volungus said it appears the CERT Program, which is very useful to the town, has gone by the wayside, and members would like to see it rejuvenated.

Rich Lemanski, Wilton, former Clifton Park resident, reported he was in the second CERT class and sees a need for it. He distributed CERT Program suggestions, attached. He said CERT is to augment regular emergency management teams.

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 7:38 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk