

October 16, 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
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Zoning
Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 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

Councilwoman Standaert announced Youth Court training will be held on October 25th and applications are still be taken and can be found on the town's website.

Supervisor Barrett announced the Not So Common Players will be presenting "I Love You Because" on October 27th – November 5th at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library.

PRESENTATION

Craig Masterson and Dan Mathias of the Clifton Park Elks discussed National Red Ribbon Week, "the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people, during Red Ribbon Week scheduled for October 23rd -31st each year".

Resolution No. 260 of 2017, a resolution to proclaim the week of October 23-31, 2017, as RED RIBBON WEEK® and encourage all citizens to commit to drug-free education and healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

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

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs, and

WHEREAS, the National Family Partnership is sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign® offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs), and

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign® will be celebrated in every community in America during “Red Ribbon Week®”, October 23-31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, business, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical, religious institutions, schools, senior citizens, service organizations and youth will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week long campaign, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign®; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park does hereby proclaim October 23 -31, 2017, as RED RIBBON WEEK® and encourages its citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free state.

Supervisor Barrett praised the Elks for their involvement in the community and noted the program on opioid use will be presented on October 26th at Shenendehowa High School.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PRESENTATION

Chad Pulman, New Choices Recovery Center, State Street, Schenectady, reported on the Center of Treatment Innovation (COTI) Project that seeks to increase access to treatment and recovery support to individuals with Opioid Use/Substance Abuse Disorder and provides services to persons who are uninsured or underinsured and have difficulty accessing treatment and reside in under-served communities within Saratoga County. The Center is looking for recovery peer advocates for 50 hours of training to be certified to support individuals struggling with addiction.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard

Resolution No. 261 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy additional and amended maintenance costs for abandoned or foreclosure homes pursuant to Section 77-12 of the Town Code.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 254 of 2017, the Town Board authorized the Assessor to re-levy unpaid maintenance costs for abandoned homes pursuant to cost data provided by the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor and the Director of Building and Zoning, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department has provided updated and corrected figures for the maintenance costs associated with respective properties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Assessor is authorized to re-levy the corrected and additional unpaid bills for maintenance for the respective properties pursuant to Exhibit A, attached.

Supervisor Barret reviewed actions taken by town departments to make sure the houses are secure and there are no safety issues. The expenses have been encumbered. The Supervisor commended staff for the great work done.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 262 of 2017, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider the 2018 Preliminary Budget.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain comment regarding the 2018 Preliminary Budget, and

WHEREAS, salaries of the town’s elected officials as proposed are attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:01 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to consider the 2018 Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish appropriate notice of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 263 of 2017, a resolution approving an outside user connection to the Clifton Country Road Sewer District No. 1 for property located at 11 Clifton Country Road.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Clifton Country Road Sewer District No. 1, has received a request to extend service to land owned by VP Outlot North, LLC, at 11 Clifton Country Road, more particularly identified as SBL: 272.-1-44.2, and

WHEREAS, VP Outlot North, LLC intends to request the inclusion into an expanded sewer district after subdivision of 11 Clifton County Road is completed and separate tax identification numbers have been assigned, and

WHEREAS, the real property is located outside the current service area of the Clifton Country Road Sewer District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager, has determined that sufficient capacity exists within the Clifton Country Road Sewer District No. 1 sanitary sewer system to provide service to the property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the environmental, planning and policy objectives met by approving sanitary sewer service over alternative plans for new septic systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Clifton Country Road Sewer District No. 1, hereby approves an outside user connection to the district's facilities for property located at 11 Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park, NY, and be it further

RESOLVED, that connection fee of \$1,000 per lateral and the permit fee of \$50 per lateral applies pursuant to Town Code §169-103; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Outside User Agreement shall be assigned to the commercial establishments constructed at 11 Clifton Country Road, SBL 272.-1-44.2, and connected to the Clifton Country Road Sewer District No. 1 facilities.

Collection System Manager O'Brien explained the extension will have to wait until March until parcels are assigned a value and at that time come before the board for district extension in the spring.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 264 of 2017, a resolution authorizing hiring of Ryan Ensel and Marc McCune as Motor Equipment Operators in the Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, two openings exist in the Highway Department for Motor Equipment Operators, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Highways Dahn Bull, has recommended the hiring of the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ryan Ensel	Class B	6 Pintail Place, Waterford, 12188
Marc McCune	Class B, N&W	64 Burton Avenue, Apt. 2, Waterford, 12188

and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ensel brings over ten years of experience of construction, highway maintenance and snow removal to this position and Mr. McCune brings eight years of highway maintenance and snow removal experience to this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the hiring of Ryan Ensel and Marc McCune as Motor Equipment Operators, at Grade 5, Step 1, at a Salary of \$44,970, at a rate of \$21.62/hr., effective at a start date to be determined by the Superintendent of Highways and the employee prior to October 24, 2017; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that each individual be compensated at an estimated \$8,648, with approximately \$6,054 transferred from DA-5142-E4000 (Highway-Snow Removal-Part-Time Employee) to their respective salary line DA-5142-Exxx (Highway-Snow Removal-Employee), and \$2,594 transferred from DA-5110-E4000 (Highway-General Repairs-Part-Time Employee) to their respective salary line, DA-5142-Exxx (Highway-Snow Removal-Employee); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board recognize Mr. Ensel's and Mr. McCune's years of highway experience and allots vacation credits under Article X of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA, providing 1 Personal Day and 1 Vacation Day for the remainder of 2017, and allotting 5 Personal Days and 10 Vacation days for the 2018 calendar year.

Superintendent of Highways Bull reported Mr. Ensel comes with experience from another Saratoga County municipality and Mr. McCune with experience working for NYS DOT. Supervisor Barret noted between the two individuals there is extensive experience.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 265 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract to purchase 3.59+/- acres of land along the Bear Brook stream for open space and habitat protection, and authorize a transfer from contingency.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to enter into an agreement with Louise C. Straney to purchase approximately 3.59± acres of land for stream corridor and habitat protection, including a segment of the Bear Brook stream in the Innisbrook Court neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the permanent protection of this segment of stream corridor and its immediate streambanks offers a habitat protection benefit for the native Eastern Brook Trout that have been documented in the Bear Brook, a water quality protection benefit by the conservation of lands along the Bear Brook and can provide a connection to existing public lands along the Bear Brook, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this land would confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park and its residents, and

WHEREAS, the subject property is identified as 3.59± acres of land in two adjacent parcels, the existing tax parcel, Section, Block, Lot: 271.7-3-1 (2.94 acres), Innisbrook Court Rear, and Section, Block, Lot: 271.7-3-6 (0.65 acres), Innisbrook Court Rear, located in the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition cost for the land will be \$6,250, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition project has been determined to be an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA, and a Long Form EAF has been prepared; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines that the action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and authorizes the preparation of a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into the attached agreement with landowner Louise C. Straney for the purchase of two parcels of approximately 3.59± acres

of land located on the Bear Brook at Innisbrook Court rear for passive parkland purposes at a cost to the town of \$6,250, and any necessary closing and transaction fees as determined per the town attorney (such as may be applicable, title report and title insurance, environmental site assessment and deed recording fees) \$5,000 to be paid from A-1940-200 (Other Town Payments-Equipment) and a transfer of \$2,000 from contingency into A-1940-200 (Other Town Payments-Equipment).

Director of Planning Scavo said Ms. Straney had contacted the town the beginning of the year. She had originally filled out a letter of interest in 2013 for the town to potentially acquire the two parcels. He explained the Bear Brook was identified as a vital area for habit protection because it is one of 5% streams in New York State that has natural spawning brook trout. He reviewed activities being taken to protect habitats in the area.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 266 of 2017, a resolution awarding the contract for repairs to a fence at 82 Southbury Road.

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

WHEREAS, a tree on town owned land fell and damage a section of fencing on the neighboring property at 82 Southbury Road, and

WHEREAS, quotes for fence repairs were received on or before October 13, 2017, and

WHEREAS, Access Anvil Corp., Schuylerville, New York, submitted the low quote in the amount of \$788 in response to the request for quotes documents, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, recommends awarding the contract for fencing repair to Access Anvil Corp.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the contract for fencing and related improvements at 82 Southbury Road to Access Anvil Corp., as per the documents attached, in an amount not to exceed \$788 to be paid from A-8510-24 (Community Beautification-General Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Sanford Roth, Sweet Brier Drive, Hazardous Waste Day Co-Coordinator, thanked Scott Reese and volunteers involved with Hazardous Waste Day and the Town Board for supporting this day. Mr. Roth asked that it be budgeted for 2019. He noted in 2014 \$11,400 was spent due to the amount of latex paint that was brought in, compared to \$800 this year.

Frank Berlin, Main Street, recommended the town have a volunteer event to recognize everyone who volunteers in town. He expressed appreciation for the Town Board's action regarding the properties around the Bear Brook, noting the clean water and brook trout are spawning there. Mr. Berlin noted the many people from all over the capital district enjoying the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve and new trails.

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