

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2004

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 led by Boy Scout Troop 6 of Jonesville

Present: Councilman Speckhard
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Richard Kukuk, Chairman of the Clifton Park Water Authority, speaking with regard to the October 9th water main break, reviewed the Authority's Water Supply Emergency Response Plan Revisions. Mr. Kukuk noted residents were concerned and had questions with the boil water advisory but due to the number of calls coming in the phone configuration failed and residents were not able to contact the Water Authority. He added the lack of the ability to get information was the main concern. Mr. Kukuk stated if this happens again, the Water Authority Emergency Command Center will be staffed with at least three people to answer the phones and there will be a direct line to the answering service. He said the website will be revised with a bulletin board that will give up to the minute information if an event such as this happens again. The Water Authority website, www.cpwa.org, is also linked to the town's website. He emphasized the definition of the Water Authority's Emergency Response Plan is for water only and CPWA will set up the emergency command center.

Supervisor Barrett said CERT volunteers (Community Emergency Response Teams) would be available during an emergency. The Supervisor said phones can also be manned in the town hall if necessary.

Councilwoman Walowit recommended that the Water Authority include in the plan that it is also the distribution center, as well as the command center.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 287 of 2004, a resolution promoting Nelson Bruno to the position of Working Supervisor in the Highway Department and placing Gary Rogers in the same step.

Introduced by Councilman Speckhard, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Roth.

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of Grant Keeler an opening exists in the Highway Department for the position of Working Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, Louis Gerard, Highway Superintendent, recommends that Nelson Bruno be promoted to the position of Working Supervisor in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the above referenced employee has met the requirements for this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective November 14, 2004, Nelson Bruno is hereby promoted to the position of Working Supervisor, Grade 7, Step 7, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Gary Rogers who was made a Working Supervisor in January 2003 at a Grade 7, Step 5 be also placed in Grade 7, Step 7 of the matrix, with an increase of \$353 for Nelson Bruno and \$219 for Gary Rogers to be transferred from budget line DA05142-E3000 (Laborers) into their respective salary lines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 288 of 2004, a resolution appointing Russell Speanburg to the position of Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) in the Highway Department.

Introduced by Councilman Roth, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Speckhard.

WHEREAS, Russell Speanburg has many years of service in the Highway Department and the expertise in operating all types of heavy equipment, and

WHEREAS, Louis Gerard, Highway Superintendent, recommends that Russell Speanburg be appointed to the position of HEO in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the above referenced employee has met the requirements for this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective November 14, 2004, Russell Speanburg is hereby promoted from the position of MEO to the position of HEO, Grade 7, Step 8, with his salary increase of \$314 to be paid with a transfer from DA-05142-E3000 (Laborers) into the respective salary line.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 289 of 2004, a resolution amending the Town of Clifton Park personnel manual for non-union employees regarding post-retirement health insurance benefits.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has adopted a personnel manual for non-union employees of the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has established in the employee manual that an employee shall be eligible to maintain the same health insurance benefits as long as they meet the following requirements of (20) twenty-years of service and age (55) fifty-five or (10) years of service and age (62), and

WHEREAS, a year of service shall be a calendar year and a certain number of hours will not be required to earn that year of service, and

WHEREAS, the personnel manual is silent on class of employees, and the Town Board wishes to clarify the eligibility of retirement health and dental insurance benefits; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that employees of the Town of Clifton Park who have been receiving health and dental insurance benefits will be able to receive post-retirement health and dental insurance benefits at the same rate that they were paying at the time of retirement.

It was noted that this resolution does not change anything but is only for clarification.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 290 of 2004, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement for the purchase of property commonly known as Mohawk Valley Grange Hall, located on Sugar Hill Road in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to enter into an agreement with the New York State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Mohawk Valley Grange #1495 to purchase said parcel for one dollar (\$1.00) for historical preservation and municipal use and will prohibit commercial and residential development, and

WHEREAS, entering into this agreement will confer a benefit upon the people of the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the local members of the Grange will be allowed to hold grange meetings on an ongoing basis for as long as they desire, and

WHEREAS, the Town will allocate funds from A7511-015 (Historic Preservation-Other) for this purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into the attached agreement with the New York State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Mohawk Valley Grange #1495 for the purchase of the Mohawk Valley Grange Hall and the funds be allocated for the same as outlined above.

The Supervisor said Clough, Harbour & Associates has done a walk through of the property and the facility appears to be in good condition, however, in order to hold any large events, property upgrades will be necessary due to ADA and code requirements. Supervisor Barrett asked that "WHEREAS, the local members of the Grange will be allowed to hold grange meetings on an ongoing basis for as long as they desire" be added to the above resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, encouraged the Boy Scouts to take an interest and participate in government. He reported on the library budget and bond. Mr. Goldman reported The Grange was once the home of the Shenendehowa Senior Citizens.

Al Monroe, Scoutmaster of Troop 6, thanked the Town Board for their support and acknowledgement of scouting in Clifton Park.

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

Motion carried at 7:53 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk