

**Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2005**

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

Also Present: Deputy Town Attorney Peller  
Jason Kemper, Director of Planning  
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Affairs  
Michael O'Brien, Environmental Specialist  
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Roth, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2005 meeting as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Noes: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

In honor of the memory of former Town Councilman, John Pritchard, who passed away suddenly on July 19, 2005, Councilman Speckhard offered the following resolution and a moment of silence was observed.

Resolution No. 197 of 2005, a resolution honoring the memory of former Town Board member, John Pritchard.

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

WHEREAS, John Pritchard, Town Councilman from January 1, 1992 to December 31,

1999, died on July 19, 2005, and

WHEREAS, as Town Councilman, John Pritchard was particularly involved in reviewing town bonding and offering his financial expertise in various projects, as well as being Town Board liaison to the Clifton Park Water Authority during his tenure on the Town Board

WHEREAS, John Pritchard had a total commitment to the future and well being of the town and was an ideal representative of town government, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, wishing to remember John in a special way will, in his honor and memory, and through the Town Clerk's office, accept memorial contributions to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Northeastern New York until October 31, 2005; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park expresses their sympathy to the family of John Pritchard and pauses in its deliberations to honor his memory.

Supervisor Barrett said John Pritchard will be remembered as a down to earth, very bright individual who was easy to work with and did a great job for the Town of Clifton Park.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Town Clerk O'Donnell announced approximately 2300 people enjoyed the Not So Common Players 7 night run of "Guys & Dolls" held on the Clifton Common.

Councilman Roth updated the Board on the Bulk Trash Collection Day. He said letters will be going out to residents the end of August with pickup starting after Labor Day in the Crescent Estates South/Exit 8 area. He explained apartments will not be included at this time. Councilman Roth said he will contact owners of all apartment complexes and ask their cooperation in setting a pick up day by notifying residents and setting a location aside in the complex where items would be accumulated. There would be a limitation on the number of items accepted. Councilman Roth reported Mr. Earl has said if this agreement can be reached with apartment complex owners he will consider bulk pick up at a later date. Councilman Roth said tires will not be part of the County Waste pickup. He will talk to Transfer Station Supervisor Vedder about setting a date to accept tires at the Transfer Station. (Clerk's note: currently transfer station permit holders can dispose

of tires for \$2.50 each.)

Councilman Roth discussed the appointment of alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, noting both present chairman of the ZBA and Planning Board feel this should be done. Councilman Roth's research shows 11 towns and 3 villages in Saratoga County have alternates to these boards. He distributed information to Board members and asked that this be reviewed and considered for the August 15 2005 Town Board meeting.

Councilman Speckhard announced the town sponsored blood drive is scheduled for August 10, 2005 from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Speckhard asked that the resolution pulled from the July 18, 2005 agenda regarding the Rexford Water District hook up fees be placed on the this evening's agenda.

#### PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 198 of 2005, a resolution awarding the bid for the Clifton Knolls Park District, Southwest Pond Intake Improvements, Contract No. 1 – General Construction, and to transfer Fund balance.

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

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2005, bids were received for the above referenced contract; and

WHEREAS, the low bidder for Contract No. 1 – General Construction is Bast Hatfield, Inc. in the amount of \$29,900.00, and

WHEREAS, as per letter from McDonald Engineering, dated July 14, 2005, McDonald Engineering has reviewed the bids and has recommended to the Town Supervisor that Bast Hatfield, Inc. be accepted as the lowest most responsible bidder; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid in the amount of \$29,900.00 to Bast Hatfield, Inc. amounts to come from \$15,000 from SP3-7131-200 (Clifton Knolls Equipment) and \$14,900 from SP3-909 (Clifton Knolls-Fund Balance) with transfer to SP3-7131-200 (Clifton Knolls Park District Equipment).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 199 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the hiring of James Clairmont III as a full time Security Officer.

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

WHEREAS, a need for a full time security officer has been identified, and

WHEREAS, James Clairmont III, 22E Fern Lane, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill this position; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to hire James Clairmont III, 22E Fern Lane, Clifton Park, as a full time Security Officer at Grade 3, Step 3 (\$25,550) effective immediately to be budgeted from A-3120-E2200 (Security Staff Salary).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 200 of 2005, a resolution to hire current lifeguards as Water Safety Instructors.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the current lifeguards be hired as Water Safety Instructors by the Department of Parks and Recreation to operate the Town of Clifton Park summer recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has recommended that the individuals listed in Schedule A attached hereto be hired for such purpose; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in Schedule A attached hereto shall be hired to staff the Town of Clifton Park's summer recreation programs as Water Safety Instructors, retroactive to July 5, 2005, to be paid from A-7310-E4570 (Summer Rec Learn to Swim Instructors).

Supervisor Barrett suggested increasing the pay of Water Safety Instructors in order to encourage more to take the course, thereby filling the town's need.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 201 of 2005, a resolution permitting the consumption of alcoholic beverages at Collins Park for a Brown & Brown Insurance Company picnic.

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

WHEREAS, Brown & Brown Insurance Company, 646 Plank Road, Suite 208, Clifton Park has requested permission to serve alcoholic beverages on September 10, 2005 during their company picnic to be held at Collins Park, and

WHEREAS, it is the Town's policy to require the using group to monitor the consumption of alcohol and be responsible for the group's activities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Brown & Brown Insurance Company is authorized to serve alcoholic beverages on September 10, 2005 at a company picnic to be held at Collins Park, contingent upon the execution of an indemnification and hold harmless agreement in favor of the Town.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 202 of 2005, a resolution authorizing Richard Kukuk to attend the Town Superintendents of Highways Conference.

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

WHEREAS, Richard Kukuk, Highway Superintendent, has requested authorization to attend the Annual Conference of the NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, in Lake Placid, NY, September 13 – 16, 2005, and

Whereas, Richard Kukuk's attendance at this Conference would confer a benefit to the Town; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Richard Kukuk is hereby authorized to attend the Annual Conference of NYS Association of Town Superintendents of Highways in Lake Placid, NY, September 13 – 16, 2005, at a cost not to exceed \$650.00 to be paid from budget line item A05010-0001 (Training/Conference).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 203 of 2005, a resolution to modify the Full Day Camp budget (A-7320) per Schedule A.

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

WHEREAS, the Full Day Camp has received \$15,000.00 over the anticipated revenue due to the increased number of children attending, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the full day camp expenditures by the same \$15,000.00 to account for the increased activities because of the additional enrollment, and

WHEREAS, the general fund budget will increase in revenues and expenditures by \$15,000.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the budget is modified per Schedule A attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 204 of 2005, a resolution authorizing ICOM to develop a photo database

to share and upload images between Town Departments.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park E-Government Committee recommended that the town establish a photo database, and

WHEREAS, the photo database will reduce staff time and save money for the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, ICOM has provided a quote in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the development, testing, and installation of the photo database, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that ICOM is hereby authorized to develop and install the photo database at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00 as budgeted in A-1620-4 (Town Hall-Computer).

Planning Director Kemper said this will address duplication of photos by different departments.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 205 of 2005, a resolution calling for a public hearing to consider establishing the Settlers Hill Park District.

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

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report relating to the proposed creation of the Settlers Hill Park District has been prepared by John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C. in such manner and in such detail as has been determined by the Town Board, has been filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Clifton Park in accordance with Article 12-A of the Town Law, and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries of the proposed district as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the services proposed is rendering park district service, and

WHEREAS, the proposed method of financing the cost of said service is by taxes levied

against the real property located within the district after August 15, 2005; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park on August 15, 2005 at 7:10 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, 1 Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, to consider said map, plan and report of the proposed creation of the Settlers Hill Park District and to hear all persons interested therein and to take such action thereon as required.

Supervisor Barrett explained residents of the subdivision petitioned to create the Settlers Hill Park District. Mr. Kemper said the town will notify Settlers Hill residents of the public hearing.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 206 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the appointment of a Court Clerk in the Town Justice Court

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

WHEREAS, due to a recent retirement in the Town Justice Court an opening exists, and

WHEREAS, Town Justice Rybak and Town Justice Hughes recommend that Laura Davidson, 763 Route 32, Stillwater be appointed to the position of Court Clerk, Grade 5, Step 1; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Laura Davidson, 763 Route 32, Stillwater be appointed to the position of Court Clerk, Grade 5, Step 1 effective August 15, 2005, as budgeted.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 207 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the appointment of a part-time Court Clerk in the Town Justice Court

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

WHEREAS, Town Justice Rybak and Town Justice Hughes recommend that Maureen Lanahan, 340 Riverview Road, Rexford be appointed as a part-time Court Clerk, Grade 5, Step 4 (\$16.69/hr.) on the part-time matrix; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Maureen Lanahan, 340 Riverview Road, Rexford be appointed to the position of part-time Court Clerk, Grade 5, Step 4 on the part-time matrix, not to exceed \$5,000 for 2005, effective immediately to be paid from A01110-200 Equipment \$1100, A01110-015 Other Contractual \$500, A01110-014 Minor Equipment \$500, A01110-04 Computer \$1500, E2100 Court Reporter \$400 and A01110-09 Leases & Rentals \$1000.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 208 of 2005, a resolution regarding hook up fees for new users of the Rexford Water District No. 2 and modifying Resolution No. 203 of 2004.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Rexford Water District No. 2, received requests from property owners to connect into the facilities of the Rexford Water District No. 2, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to establish a policy and hook up fee that is consistent and uniform for the Rexford Water District, and

WHEREAS, the Rexford Water District Study Committee has recommended that the outside user connection fee be reduced from \$2000 to \$800; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Rexford Water District No. 2, hereby modifies Resolution No. 203 of 2004 and hereby enacts the following hook up fees for new users:

1. For existing properties or vacant parcels within the original

Rexford Water District No. 2 boundaries.....No Charge

2. For existing properties or vacant parcels outside the original  
Rexford Water District No. 2 boundaries.....\$800

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Barrett said residents in the Rexford Water District No. 2 have paid ad valorem tax over a number of years. He said fees are comparable to Clifton Park Water Authority fees. Councilman Speckhard has discussed this with the Chairman of the Rexford Water District Study Committee and he is in agreement. He explained the fee for residents within the original district is zero due to the ad valorem tax they have been paying over the years, some without even hooking up.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, said he doesn't feel alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board is a good idea.

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

Motion carried at 8:00 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk