

**Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2006**

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 Speckhard
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Deputy Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

Absent: Councilman Paolucci
Town Clerk O'Donnell

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Speckhard, to approve the minutes of the November 9 & 13, 2006 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett reviewed pending grants and progress of the multi-use pathways projects.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Marc Badalucco, Board member of the Miss Shen Softball League, gave an overview of the budget, general construction, location and proposed use of the Miss Shen Softball League Garage Proposal.

Myla Kramer, Parks, Recreation & Community Affairs Director, gave an update on sessions and total participants for the 2006 summer & early fall programs, attached. She reviewed the total participants to the Full Day, Half-Day Camps and pool memberships. She also thanked the Town Board for their support with the increases and new programming.

Councilman Roth thanked Ms. Kramer for all her work this past year.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 415 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign Change Order No. 1 for the Highway Garage Storage Building Renovations, Contract No. 1, General Construction.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227 of 2006 authorized a contract for the Highway Garage Storage Building Renovations General Construction work in an amount of \$38,839, and

WHEREAS, a Change Order was prepared by McDonald Engineering which provides the breakdown of individual item costs, and

WHEREAS, the Change Order results in an increase of \$1606 for the Highway Garage Storage Building Renovations General Construction work from the current amount of \$38,839 to arrive at a new contract amount of \$40,445; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign Change Order No. 1, Contract No. 1, General Construction, dated September 13, 2006, to Bast Hatfield; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the increase amount of \$1606 be paid with a transfer from A-5132-5 (Highway Garage--Utilities) to A-5132-200 (Highway Garage-Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 416 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Ballston Lake Emergency Squad for the provision of Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Ambulance Service.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for the provision of emergency medical services within the geographical boundaries of the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, Ballston Lake Emergency Services is organized and operated for the purpose of the provision of health care and education services across a broad spectrum of the communities it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Ballston Lake Emergency Squad for the provision of Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Ambulance Service, term of the Agreement from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the attached Agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 417 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with Miss Shen Softball for use of the softball fields and related buildings.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with Miss Shen Softball on behalf of the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Miss Shen Softball for use of the soft ball fields and related buildings.

Supervisor Barrett questioned the heading of the agreement which says “Contract between the Town of Clifton Park and Clifton Park Baseball League, Clifton Park Soccer Club and Miss Shen Softball”.

Ms. Kramer explained the attached agreement is a template of the original 1995 contract. The resolution tonight is for the Miss Shen part of the contract only.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 418 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$150,000 for needed repairs at the Grooms Tavern and to authorize the transfer of \$150,000 from Unappropriated Fund Balance to cover the cost of said repairs.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has a strong interest in and commitment to the physical improvement of the historical Grooms Tavern Building as a historical center open and available for year round public use, and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bob Reilly who represents the Town in the New York State Assembly has also strongly supported the historical preservation and improvement efforts of the Town especially in terms of a recent grant provided to the Friends of Grooms Tavern, and

WHEREAS, work is needed at the Grooms Tavern for a variety of capital and non-capital improvements for a certificate of occupancy to be issued, and

WHEREAS, as per the attached, the estimate for the work to be completed is \$150,000, and

WHEREAS, both the Town and Assemblyman Bob Reilly strongly support those needed improvements as expressed through a mutual commitment of necessary financial support of \$75,000 each, and

WHEREAS, the Assemblyman’s commitment to the Town will be provided in the form

of a New York State Assembly Capital Improvement Grant award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the necessary work to be completed at the Grooms Tavern, so that a certificate of occupancy can be issued, at a cost of \$150,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$150,000 be transferred from Unappropriated Fund Balance to A-1627-200 (Grooms Tavern-Equipment) to cover the cost of said repairs; and be further

RESOLVED, that \$75,000 will be returned to the Unappropriated Fund Balance upon receipt of the Grant from the New York State Assembly through the generous support from Assemblyman Reilly.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 419 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Highway Superintendent to install all-way stop signs at the intersection of Crossing Boulevard and Halfmoon Crossing. Introduced by Councilman Roth, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, a study of the four way intersection of Crossing Boulevard and Halfmoon Crossing has been conducted by McDonald Engineering, and WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering has recommended modifying the intersection control to make this intersection an all-way stop so that all four approaches would have to come to a stop before making a left, straight or right turn from any of the approaches, and WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent agrees with McDonald Engineering's recommendation; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to install all-way stop signs at the intersection of Crossing Boulevard and Halfmoon Crossing. 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, expressed concern with electronic voting machines and thanked the Supervisor for providing a copy of a note on the Planning position recently created. He also stated he felt using member items or governor's items for the town is not good government. He is concerned with the Supervisor's strong statements in a recent newspaper article pertaining to the flag desecration at Wit's End that was suggesting that if negative comments are made about the President the person would be considered un-American.

James Ruhl, Wood Dale Dr., thanked the Town Board for resolving the Ushers Road and Vischers Ferry Road issues. He thanked and complimented Highway Superintendent Kukuk for the great job done on the washout on Wood Dale Dr. and the north end of Ushers Road. He complimented the Town Board for honoring Bob Marino, chair of ECC, on his departure as member of the ECC.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Ln., thanked Ms. Kramer for her report on the 2006 Summer Programs. He is very impressed with what was offered for the residents of Clifton Park. He feels that the Supervisor is entitled to his own personal also concerning the desecration of the flag. He felt he was not talking as the Town Supervisor in this article.

Supervisor Barrett explained it was his own personal money that is being offered on who was responsible for this act of desecration of the flag at Wit's End and feels very strongly about the flag.

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 8:07 p.m.

Teresa J. Brobston
Deputy Town Clerk