

November 10, 2008

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
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Hughes
Councilman Roth

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Michael Shahen, Town Administrator
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Development
Walter Smead, Assessor

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced the Town of Clifton Park and 3N Document Destruction will hold a free Shredding Day on November 15, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clifton Park Center parking lot.

Supervisor Barrett announced the "Adopt a Soldier" donation box is located in the lobby of the town hall.

Supervisor Barrett presented Hometown Hero certificates to the families of soldiers serving overseas and displayed the name plaque, noting this is a small gesture on the part of the Town Board to let families and soldiers know how much their sacrifices are appreciated.

Supervisor Barrett asked if members of the Board had any questions regarding the Stormwater Management partnership with the county. The Board had no questions.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Paolucci, to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion unanimously carried at 7:18 p.m.

No action was taken.

The regular meeting was resumed at 7:50 p.m.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 307 of 2008, a resolution awarding the quote for a Public Works Project for the Clifton Common Basketball Goal Improvements and adjusting the Budget.

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

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2008, quotes were to be received for the above referenced project, and

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WHEREAS, the sole quote received for this contract was submitted by Bast Hatfield, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000, and

WHEREAS, as per letter from McDonald Engineering, dated October 20, 2008, McDonald Engineering has reviewed the quote and has recommended to the Town Supervisor that the quote of Bast Hatfield, Inc. in an amount of \$12,000 be accepted for the Clifton Common Basketball Goal Improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has received mortgage tax receipts in excess of the 2008 Budget, and

WHEREAS, with an increase in revenues the Budget shall increase in expenditures by the same amount; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced quote in the amount of \$12,000 to Bast Hatfield, Inc., to be budgeted from an increase in A-3005 (Mortgage Tax Revenue) and an increase in expenditures of \$12,000 in A-7112-200 (General Fund-Clifton Common-Equipment).

Supervisor Barrett said adjustable hoops will be installed which will offer basketball to younger children.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 308 of 2008, a resolution authorizing John M. McDonald Engineering, PC to prepare map, plan and legal descriptions to extend the Clifton Park Consolidated Hydrant District No. 1.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 248 of 1992 established the Clifton Park Consolidated Hydrant District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, at the adoption of said resolution certain engineer's plans, reports, and legal descriptions of said proposed Hydrant District and maps illustrative thereof were attached to that Resolution and made a part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to include additional properties within said Town of Clifton Park Hydrant District No. 1; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to John M. McDonald Engineering, PC to prepare map, plan and legal descriptions to extend the Clifton Park Consolidated Hydrant District No.1 to include additional properties, cost of the required plans to be budgeted from the General Fund and reimbursed by the District.

Town Assessor Smead reported the district was expanded in 2003. Currently there are 350 new parcels to be added which is mostly where the Clifton Park Water Authority has expanded. He stated there is no effect on the rest of the town.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 309 of 2008, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider Local Law No. ___ of 2008, a local law amending Chapter 17, Code of Ethics of the Town Code, as amended.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received input supportive of amending Chapter 17, Code of Ethics of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain comments from the public in this regard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to consider Local Law No. ___ of 2008, a local law amending Chapter 17, Code of Ethics of the Town Code, as amended, is hereby scheduled for November 17, 2008 at 7:10 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room at One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish notice of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 310 of 2008, a resolution honoring Andrew Gibson for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Andrew Gibson, 3 Oxford Park, Ballston Lake, of Boy Scout Troop 246, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, to become an Eagle Scout, Andrew completed a project that included a self guided nature trail that leads from the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library to the Arongen and Shatekon Schools, and also connects to a Shenendehowa Outdoor Biology Classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Andrew Gibson, 3 Oxford Park, Ballston Lake, of Boy Scout Troop 246, a 4th generation Eagle Scout, is hereby recognized and honored for having attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 311 of 2008, a resolution authorizing Ronald Croce, Highway Mechanic Supervisor, to attend a Mechanic Training Course for the operation and maintenance of the newly purchased sewer vacuum truck.

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

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Richard Kukuk has requested authorization for Mechanic Supervisor Ronald Croce to attend a Mechanic Training Course, November 18-20, 2008, in Streator; Illinois, and

WHEREAS, attendance at the Mechanic Training Course is vital for the operation and maintenance of the recently purchased sewer vacuum truck, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Croce's attendance at the training course would confer a benefit upon the Town residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Highway Mechanic Supervisor Ronald Croce is hereby authorized to attend the Mechanic Training Course November 18-20, 2008 in Streator, Illinois, at a cost not to exceed \$800, to be paid from A-5010-001 (Conference and Training).

Superintendent of Highways Kukuk explained this is a complex piece of equipment needed to maintain infrastructure and is a very important function in stormwater management in cleaning catch basins. He said due to the cost of \$265,000, it is critical to know how to operate and maintain. He noted the cost of the training course is included in the purchase and the \$800 is travel expense.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 312 of 2008, a resolution in support of Saratoga County's Intermunicipal Stormwater Management Program Funding Proposal.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga has partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension to help Municipalities within the County by providing Public Education by establishing certain uniform procedures for the review, inspection and enforcement procedures, training of site inspection personnel, record keeping and data management, as well as other program services in the area of Stormwater Management, and

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WHEREAS, the Intermunicipal Stormwater Management Funding Proposal contemplates funding contributions from the Municipalities participating in the program for Fiscal Year 2009, and

WHEREAS, within the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, the Town's Tentative Budget provides for \$100,000 for enhanced Stormwater Management Services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board supports the cooperative efforts to enhance coordination and uniformity within the County regarding Stormwater Management, and be it further

RESOLVED; that the Town Board supports the Intermunicipal Stormwater Management Funding Proposal and Partnership effort between the Saratoga County Planning Department and anticipates authorizing \$5,000 for the Town's contribution from allocations for Stormwater Management that are included within the 2009 Town Budget.

Councilman Paolucci spoke in favor of this partnership.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, suggested leaving the flags on Vischer Ferry Road through Veterans Day. Mr. Shahan responded National Grid has a timeframe as to when flags need to be taken down. She reported a dent in the whole back side of the ice arena. Mr. Shahan will check damage at the arena.

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, read a prepared statement regarding oversized political signs. He questioned why the Board isn't choosing wind power in order to reduce carbon footprints

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, read a statement in support and recognition of Veterans' Day. He thanked the Town Board for their continued support for the active veterans in establishing the Home Town Honor Roll.

William Engleman, Partridge Plateau, speaking with regard to the Dwaaskill Nature Preserve, asked when the property acquisition closing was held on the 248 acres and the budgeted cost for the work by Chazen Company. Councilman Paolucci said 2003 or 2004. Mr. Heggen responded approximately \$48,000. Mr. Engleman offered principles for preserve design and management planning. He said protection is needed for the Dwaaskill east of Pierce Road, as well as for the Bear Brook. He noted the total Dwaaskill site is 550 acres. Mr. Engleman reported a Chazen representative said habitat mapping was not part of their scope of work. Supervisor Barrett responded this could be checked on.

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 8:22 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk