

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

March 8, 2021

The 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.

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilwoman Flood
Councilwoman Standaert
Councilman Morelli
Councilwoman Walowit
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation
Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent
Myla Kramer, Director Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Councilwoman Flood thanked Art and Dotty Bourdeau, member of the Historic Preservation Commission, for a tour of their beautiful, restored home on Bruno Road.

Councilwoman Flood also thanked town Historian John Scherer for his guided tour of Grooms Tavern, Blacksmith Shop and the Grange.

PRESENTATION ON INDOOR AIR QUALITY SYSTEMS 7:10 PM

Supervisor Barrett explained last year the town installed a new ionization system in the Clifton Park Senior Community Center and then used that as a pilot program and quickly diverted focus to protecting the other town buildings. An RFP was advertised, and 8 submissions received Mr. DeMaranville was acquired to help with the process and making sure we were selecting the best possible product at the best possible price for the town. The submissions were narrowed down to 2.

Shaun DeMaranville, Mechanical Engineer with Friedman Fisher Associates, with 22 years' experience in the HVAC industry, explained the RFP was open ended on technology. Submitted were the bi-polar ionization, UV light and straight filtration systems. The technology was narrowed down to the ionization being the best fit for the town. Why the other technologies were ruled out was, the UV light has its limitations and will only attack viruses, bacteria and living organisms, it breaks down the cell structure. Filtration will capture particulate but not do anything for the virus side. Ionization was decided to be the best product for the town. The final 2 prospects were narrowed down to product, price and these 2 were the only manufactured submissions, presented by the manufacturer of the technology. The 2 submissions being Pure Air \$43,000 and Atmos Air \$68,000. The long-term maintenance cost had a significant impact on choice. Pure Air had an operating cost that was double what Atmos Air was. Every 2 years these ionizers need to be replaced. Atmos Air was \$4,000 yearly. Pure Air was approximately \$8,000 yearly. Pure Air also had a filtration cost with an addition of \$1,300 a year. When comparing the 2 for costs and operating costs, the least expensive option came back into play. For installation, the Pure Air system was basic. They look like little humidifiers plugged into place. The Atmos Air unit would be installed in the existing HVAC system. Both are very effective technologies. Atmos Air had some electrical work required. The Pure Air unit is a plug-in to a receptacle.

Attorney McCarthy questioned if each technology is comparable to offering the same quality for each system for the size and space trying to serve required.

Mr. DeMaranville stated both units are comparable in size of space serviced. The Pure Air unit will be in the space and viewable whereas the Atmos Air unit will not be seen.

Supervisor Barrett stated their will be electrical service time involved per unit for the Atmos Air. He stated he liked the fact that the Atmos Air unit was out of sight, but the price and additional work is the other side of the equation. However, the Pure Air is more expensive for parts yearly.

Ionization technology was explained by Mr. DeMaranville.

Supervisor Barrett questioned were the units would need to be placed in a room.

Mr. DeMaranville stated the units can be placed anywhere out of the way. The units will need to be plugged in so an electrical outlet would need to be nearby.

Attorney McCarthy questioned the safety and biproducts e.g. ozone.

Mr. DeMaranville stated the ionization technology does produce ozone as a biproduct but the levels that they produce are below OSHA and FDA levels in an 8-hour period on both products. In comparison, a photo copier/printer creates ozone. Anything that uses electricity creates ozone.

Supervisor Barrett stated the Pure Air units can be scheduled for when the units would be on to save use on the filters and units. Supervisor supports the Pure Air units given the information presented.

Councilman Morelli stated he supports the Pure Air units, the cost up front is the key component. Technology would change in 8 years. Simplicity of installation process, cost and ease of electricity. The HVAC would need to be running for the other unit to perform.

Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, stated the HVAC would not be running much in the fall and spring, therefore, the ionization unit would not be on.

Presentation ended at 7:34 PM.

RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 54 of 2021, a resolution accepting a monetary donation from Blue Shield to support the construction of an outdoor shelter for the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

Introduced by Councilwoman Flood, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert.

WHEREAS, pursuant to NYSTL §64(8), the Town Board is authorized to accept monetary gifts for any public purpose, and

WHEREAS, Blue Shield of New York, has offered to donate the sum of \$2,000 towards the construction of an outdoor shelter to provide for covered picnic tables, adjacent to the bocce ball courts behind the center, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board accepts and acknowledges the donation and thanks Blue Shield of New York for helping our adult community to better participate in outdoor activities at the center.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 55 of 2021, a resolution accepting the donation of a new roll-off truck for use at the Convenience Transfer Station.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert.

WHEREAS, pursuant to NYSTL §64(8), the Town Board is authorized to accept gifts for any public purpose, and

WHEREAS, Twin Bridges Inc., has offered the town a donation of a new 2020 Mack Granite Truck and Galbreath Roll Off Hoist Truck for the relocation of solid waste at the Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, the new unit will be equipped with a roll-off hoist and automatic tarping system for the pick-up and transportation of large 30-yard and 40-yard garbage dumpsters used for the accumulation of household solid waste and will replace the existing roll-off truck in use, which currently has over 165,000 miles, so that a new donated unit will enhance efficiencies of Transfer Station operations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the donation and acknowledges Twin Bridges for the gift.

Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, explained the new truck can also be used as a dump truck and the old boxes can be cut and made into a flatbed truck.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 56 of 2021, a resolution authorizing an Emergency Medical Services Contract with Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to authorize a one-year extension of the existing EMS contract with Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps, Inc. (CPHM), and

WHEREAS, the CPHM Emergency Corps is willing to enter into a one-year extension of the contract, with the same level of service for a reimbursement amount from the town of \$714,000 per Schedule 1, attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached contract with Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps, term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Flood announced she learned that when setting up vaccine appointments, with seniors if they cannot make the second shot appointment you cannot just call CVS and change the appointment. They would need to let the town know and the town will cancel it and reschedule for another date and time. She stated the residents are very appreciative.

Supervisor Barrett explained the town had received several concerning phone calls from seniors who do not have a computer or the knowledge to navigate sites to make an appointment for the vaccine. The town has called all the members of the senior center, all members of the RUOK list and names on the county list who live in town. Postcards were sent out to all seniors in Saratoga County about signing-up for the vaccine interest list. The town has been actively engaged in helping seniors set up appointments for the vaccine. Over 800 appointments have been made for senior Clifton Park residents by volunteers of the town. Supervisor thanked all the volunteers who helped.

Resolution No. 57 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Larry Rorick as an Adventure Challenge Facility Coordinator for the 2021 summer season.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Flood.

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has requested authorization to retain staff to conduct the Adventure Challenge course for 2021, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kramer has recommended that Larry Rorick, 24 Fieldstone Drive, Ballston Lake, be hired as an Adventure Challenge Facility Coordinator for the 2021 Adventure Challenge Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Larry Rorick, 24 Fieldstone Drive, Ballston Lake, be appointed as Facility Coordinator, effective March 9, 2021 through October 31, 2021, to be paid a total amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the season (\$147.05/week), from A-7621-E2350 (P&R -Project Adventure - Coordinator).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 58 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the hiring of summer staff for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has requested authority to retain an additional staff member for the office of Parks and Recreation during the summer months, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kramer, has recommended that Christina Archambeault, 601 Waite Road, Clifton Park, be hired as a summer office staff member; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is hereby authorized to hire Christina Archambeault as a member of the summer office staff, effective March 9, 2021 through August 6, 2021, at Grade 1, Step 3, \$16.64 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000 for the season, from A7021-E4000 (Parks and Recreation-Administration).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 59 of 2021, a resolution authorizing seasonal rental of a LeeBoy Pathmaster Asphalt Paver from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. for use by the Highway Department.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, Highways Superintendent Dahn Bull has requested authorization to rent a 2016 Model 5000 LeeBoy Pathmaster Asphalt Paver capable of paving 5’ to 9’ wide pedestrian trails and road patches for the Highway Department’s 2021 summer season paving projects, and

WHEREAS, Stephenson Equipment, Inc., 3 Industry Drive, Waterford, NY, has provided a quote for the 4-month rental at a rate of \$7,000/month beginning on or about May 17, 2021 under NYS Office of General Services Contract #PC67217; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Highway Department is authorized to sign the attached agreement with Stephenson Equipment, Waterford, NY, and issue a purchase order, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 to be paid from DA-5110-030 (Highway Fund-General Construction-Paving/Blacktop).

Highways Superintendent Bull stated, to purchase a new paver would be \$160-\$200,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 60 of 2021, a resolution appointing members to the Youth Advisory Council.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 172 of 2020, the Town Board established a Youth Advisory Council, with a focus on community service projects and positive leadership opportunities for youth within the town, and to provide educational opportunities allowing volunteers of all ages to interact with their government at the local level, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett, as liaison to the committee, wishes to appoint Anthony Morelli, Co-liaison, Jack Kelly, Chairman and Emily Yin, Catherine Wang, Trinity Sanders, Neil Lazarus, Akhila Venkat, Nick Fariello, and Sofia Ramdial, as student members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints the individuals listed above the Clifton Park Youth Advisory Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Morelli stated he is looking forward to working with the youth on this council on participating and engaging in local government.

Resolution No. 61 of 2021, a resolution awarding the proposal for the Town Buildings Indoor Air Quality Improvement Project to Pure Air Technologies.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Flood.

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, the town received and opened responses to a request for proposals published by the Town Board for an indoor air quality improvement system designed to reduce indoor air contaminants within the town’s occupied buildings, including Town Hall, the Highway Department offices, Buildings and Grounds Department and Public Safety buildings, and

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by MJ Engineering and Consulting Engineers Friedman Fisher Associates, on behalf of the town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed recommendations and comparisons of the competing proposals from a cost, efficiency in result, maintenance and safety standpoint; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that the proposal by Pure Air Technologies offers the Best Value to the town based upon overall pricing, efficiency in the improvement of indoor air quality, flexibility in the service of all the town spaces, and ease of installation, and safety of the system; and be it further

RESOLVED, that proposal for the Clifton Park Indoor Air Quality Improvement project is awarded to Pure Air Technologies, Bayside, New York, in an amount not to exceed \$43,615; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer the full amount from Unassigned Fund Balance to A1620-200 (General Fund – Town Hall Operations – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED AT 8:11 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion carried at 8:44 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk