

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2002

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
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Louis Gerard, Superintendent of Highways
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2002 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett reported he has been in conversation with the Town of Halfmoon regarding adding to the town contingency by sharing sheriff deputies' services. He said it may be prudent to add a couple of more deputies at the Exit 9 area. He noted the added tax revenues would dwarf the costs.

The Supervisor reported Art Hunsinger, Clifton Park/Halfmoon Fire Department, will attend the September 9th meeting to speak on recruiting volunteers for emergency services. Councilman Roth noted one way to recruit volunteers would be to offer

incentives from the town.

In remembrance of September 11th, Supervisor Barrett announced a Candlelight Vigil will be held on September 11, 2002 on the Clifton Common. Clifton Park residents who volunteered in New York City and emergency services personnel will be recognized.

Councilman Roth reminded residents of the Special Collection Day to be held September 28th.

REPORTS

Reports for July from the Sheriff's Department and for August from Animal Control, Justice Court and Planning Department were filed with the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 229 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has found it to be effective and efficient to obtain law enforcement services within the Town through the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park and the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department wish to continue their relationship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department whereby the Sheriff's Department shall provide law enforcement services within the Town of Clifton Park for a one (1) year period ending March 31, 2003 for a sum not to exceed \$177,600; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of such services, as budgeted, shall increase each year with the Consumer Price Index and any collective bargaining agreements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 230 of 2002, a resolution adopting Local Law No. ____ of 2002, a local law Regulating Noise in Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 19, 2002 regarding adopting a local law Regulating Noise in Clifton Park and the comments of the public have been considered; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. ____ of 2002, a Local Law Regulating Noise in Clifton Park, is hereby adopted and the Town Clerk is directed to file appropriate notice of the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Local Law shall be effective upon its filing at the Department of State.

Councilman Speckhard expressed concern with the wording of the proposed legislation as it could end up with negative results as far as law enforcement is concerned. He would like to address these concerns as soon as possible as some of the phrasing is not appropriate to the Town of Clifton Park. Councilman Roth said it is important to get a law on the books with regard to noise but the concerns should be addressed. He said the times are not consistent throughout the legislation, noting Section 6 specifically, as the proposed law is meant to address the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Councilman Roth said he would like to see the law adopted by the end of October.

MOTION TO TABLE by Councilman Speckhard, seconded by Councilman Roth.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 231 of 2002, a resolution appointing Paul Hoff to the Grooms Tavern Preservation Commission.

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

WHEREAS, the Grooms Tavern Preservation Commission has recommended that Paul Hoff, 9 Southbury Road, Clifton Park, be appointed to the Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Paul Hoff, 9 Southbury Road, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to the Grooms Tavern Preservation Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 232 of 2002, a resolution in connection with a block party to be held in the Innisbrook Development.

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the Innisbrook Development wish to conduct a block party within the subdivision on September 14, 2002 and have requested permission to close Innisbrook Court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to close Innisbrook Court from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. to facilitate a local social event in the Innisbrook Development, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents, with the approval and advice of the Highway Superintendent, shall block the roadway off but shall open it immediately in case of emergency service needs such as fire, police or ambulance protection, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents shall be responsible for all clean-up activities on Town property or on the street right-of-way resulting from the social activity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the applicable fire department, the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Ambulance Corps., the Sheriff's Department and the State Police.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Jim Larken, Winkle Way, expressed appreciation to Councilman Speckhard for requesting further review of the proposed noise legislation. He said it was the electronically amplified music coming from the Northern Lights nightclub that started people in the community being concerned about noise. Mr. Larken recommended the Town Board consider revising some of the authority granted to the Planning Board. He further suggested working legislation to come up with solutions to extend impact fees to all commercial development instead of those within the GEIS study areas. He agreed with the resource sharing of deputies with the Town of Halfmoon.

Supervisor Barrett said the Northern Lights issue received more publicity than other problems regarding noise.

Councilman Roth said when he voted to table the resolution regarding the noise legislation, it wasn't because there was any doubt in his mind as to the necessity of this law but it needs to be worded properly.

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

Motion carried at 7:40 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk