

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 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
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2002 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

Town Administrator Shahan reported a public hearing will be scheduled for November 7th to receive comments on the 2003 preliminary budget. He said workshops were held with town departments and committees regarding the proposed budget. The preliminary budget has been filed with the Town Clerk. Mr. Shahan reported \$7.4 million has been projected in sales tax revenue.

Councilman Roth noted the 2003 preliminary budget is a little over two percent of the 2002 adopted budget.

Supervisor Barrett reported \$81,000 has been added to the 2002 preliminary budget for the extra deputy sheriff patrols that will be shared between Clifton Park and Halfmoon.

Mr. Shahen said he projects revenues of \$10.4 million with expenditures of \$9.8 million for 2002. He stated \$1 million is returned to the county and \$1.5 to highway to lower taxes, noting 25 percent of the budget is tax reduction.

Town Comptroller Heggen reviewed a letter from Darryl Purinton of Marvin and Company, attached, regarding Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34. Mr. Heggen said he will be working with Superintendent of Highways Gerard in this regard. He said sales tax revenues are ahead of last year.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 264 of 2002, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider the 2003 Preliminary Budget.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain comment regarding the 2003 Preliminary Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for November 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room at Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, to consider the 2003 Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish appropriate notice of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 265 of 2002, a resolution permitting the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Locust Lane Clubhouse for a private party.

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

Councilman Roth.

WHEREAS, Town resident, Debra Johnson has requested permission to serve alcoholic beverages on November 2, 2002 for a 50th Birthday/Retirement Party to be held at the Locust Lane Clubhouse, 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 Debra Johnson, Clifton Park, is authorized to serve alcoholic beverages on November 2, 2002 for a private party being held at the Locust Lane Clubhouse contingent upon the execution of an indemnification and hold harmless agreement in favor of the Town.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 266 of 2002, a resolution honoring Matthew R. Ciulla for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Matthew R. Ciulla, 15 Robinwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 48, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board wishes to acknowledge and honor Matthew R. Ciulla's achievements, particularly his project designing and constructing a fitness trail at the Southern Saratoga County YMCA to benefit the residents of the Clifton Park community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Matthew R. Ciulla, 15 Robinwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Troop 48, is hereby recognized and honored for having attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 267 of 2002, a resolution appointing three members to the Arts and Culture Citizens Advisory Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Francine Rodger, Chairwoman, has indicated that the Arts and Culture Citizens Advisory Committee currently has vacancies on its committee for new members, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the qualifications of Erika Peterson, 807 Foxwood Drive, Clifton Park, Nancy Gebhardt, 3b Deer Creek, Clifton Park and Robert Goepfert, 3 Evergreen Terrace, Ballston Lake and recommends that they be appointed as members of the Arts and Culture Citizen's Advisory Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Erika Peterson, 807 Foxwood Drive, Clifton Park, Nancy Gebhardt, 3b Deer Creek, Clifton Park and Robert Goepfert, 3 Evergreen Terrace, Ballston Lake are hereby appointed as members of the Arts and Culture Citizens Advisory Committee to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 268 of 2002, a resolution authorizing John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C. to proceed with the map, plan and report for the proposed Appleton Road Water District Extension.

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

WHEREAS, informational meetings were held on July 8, 2002 and August 12, 2002 to

inform residents of the proposed costs associated with the proposed water district extension, and

WHEREAS, a survey was conducted and the results were used to establish the properties that were in favor of the extension; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C. to proceed with the map, plan and report for the proposed Appleton Road Water District Extension, cost to be budgeted from A-1440-135 (Community Development-Engineering).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 269 of 2002, a resolution supporting an application for Trail improvement funding.

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

WHEREAS, the newly released T-21 Recreational Trails Program may provide funding for 80 percent of the cost for proposed trail improvements in the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the application for the funding will require a contribution of 20 percent of the project cost from the Town in 2003; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is authorized and directed to submit a T-21 Recreational Trails Program funding application with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the Recreational Trails Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that 20 percent of the proposed project cost be budgeted for 2003; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the request, the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance.

Community Development Director McHugh, noting the Preserve is an environmentally sensitive area, said the trails need special attention in order to be properly used. This funding would also looking to improve handicap access and signage, as well as benches, rest area, parking lot improvements and improvement of an overlook area on Ferry Drive to enhance public use and accessibility of the area. She said the request would be between \$80,000 to \$100,000. Councilman Speckhard said it is a reimbursement type grant and the town would receive 80 percent back. He said the riverfront was a large part of the history of the town and it is hoped some activities can be done in the Preserve in conjunction with the town's 175th Anniversary celebration. Councilman Speckhard said he sees this as recognition of the town as a river town.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 270 of 2002, a resolution expressing the intent of the Town of Clifton Park Town Board to encourage parents to limit the times that children will be trick or treating on Halloween to between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park wishes to encourage parents to limit the hours that their children will trick or treat for safety reasons; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board encourages families residing within the Town of Clifton Park to limit trick or treating to between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 271 of 2002, a resolution to accept the bid for the Vischer Ferry Road Corridor Multi-Use Pathway Connection.

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

WHEREAS, bids have been received for the Vischer Ferry Road Corridor Multi-Use Pathway Connection along the Avenue of the Oaks and adjacent to the Oaks subdivision, and

WHEREAS, J. Lucarelli & Sons was the lowest responsible bidder at \$29,600.00 for the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid of J. Lucarelli & Sons for \$29,600.00 be accepted plus an additional \$2960.00 for Engineering fees be included, total of \$33,560.00 to be paid from a transfer of money allocated from Resolution No. 287 of 2001 to A-7629-200 (Recreation Programs-Clifton Park Trails).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Jenna Bongermino, Appleton Road, said the Appleton Road area has poor water quality and quantity. She expressed appreciation to the Town Board for efforts and progress being made to bring water to the area.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Councilman Speckhard for his efforts in bringing water to the Appleton Road area. He said the Town Board will support the efforts of anyone who comes with a petition for public water and will definitely commit resources to at least get residents to the point where there is an idea of cost and what's involved in the process. It is then up to the residents if they choose to go forward with the process. Supervisor Barrett said an informational meeting on water for residents of Miller Road will be held in the near future.

MOTION by Councilman Speckhard, 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 7:35 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk