

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 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 due to a business assignment

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Louis Gerard, Superintendent of Highways
Michael O'Brien, Environmental Specialist
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced the Family Safety Series will be presented November 13th.

REPORTS

Report for October from the Justice Court was filed with the Town Clerk.

Environmental Specialist Michael O'Brien reviewed results of the 8th Annual Hazardous Waste Day noting it was the most successful to date. A total of 473 people took part – 387 from Clifton Park, 40 from Halfmoon and 46 from Malta. Mr. O'Brien reported the initial cost of \$32,753.67, with Malta and Halfmoon paying their fair share. He noted 50% of the cost is reimbursable from the state. After reimbursement the cost to the town will be approximately \$13,000. Mr. O'Brien praised Care Environmental for their work.

Councilman Roth expressed appreciation to Mr. O'Brien for his efforts on this project.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the 30 volunteers for their work and businesses for their donations at the 8th Annual Hazardous Waste Day.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 286 of 2002, a resolution authorizing two employees in the Highway Department to attend an employee discipline seminar.

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

WHEREAS, an employee discipline seminar is being given in Lake Placid, New York, on November 20, 2002, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Louis Gerard, has recommended that authorization be given for Gerald Oakes and James Strozyk to attend this seminar, and

WHEREAS, attendance at this conference will confer a benefit upon and be in the best interest of the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Gerald Oakes and James Strozyk are hereby authorized to attend an employee discipline seminar in Lake Placid, New York, on November 20, 2002 at a cost not to exceed \$115 per person, to be paid from DA 05142-0015 (Highway-Contractual).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 287 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a lease extension with Ontario Investments, Inc. for an Ice Resurfacing Machine.

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

WHEREAS, the current lease on the Zamboni expires at the end of 2002, and

WHEREAS, with a second arena in operation a second machine is needed as back-up and

WHEREAS, three options have been presented for consideration, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has recommended that Option No. 3 be selected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign a lease extension with Ontario Investments, Inc. for an Ice Resurfacing Machine up to \$435.80 per month, for thirty-six months with a \$1.00 buyout option at the end of the term; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all lease payments and repair costs will be paid from the Arena's operating budget, not the General Fund.

Supervisor Barrett said the town will keep ownership at the end of this 3-year lease renewal. He said this will be paid out of the arena budget in 2002. It was noted the machine was purchased as refurbished in 1998.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 288 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 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 Martin Egan, 32 Carriage Road, Clifton Park, Nancy E. Faccone, 10 Mc Gregor Court, Clifton Park, and Ann Marie Frank, 8 Coventry Drive, Clifton Park, and recommends that they be appointed as members of the Arts and Culture Citizen's Advisory Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Martin Egan, 32 Carriage Road, Clifton Park, Nancy E. Faccone, 10 Mc Gregor Court, Clifton Park, and Ann Marie Frank, 8 Coventry Drive, Clifton Park, are hereby appointed as members of the Arts and Culture Citizens Advisory Committee all 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. 289 of 2002, a resolution accepting the Environmental Assessment for the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve Trails Improvements for the 2003 Tea-21 recreational trails grant request.

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

WHEREAS, the Town's Environmental Specialist has completed a Short Environmental Assessment Form regarding the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve Trails Improvements for the 2003 Tea-21 recreational trails grant request, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is the lead agency for SEQRA purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board as lead agency hereby accepts the Environmental Assessment completed by the Town's Environmental Specialist, finds the proposed action to be unlisted pursuant to SEQRA, and hereby issues a negative declaration regarding the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 290 of 2002, a resolution adopting the Preliminary Budget for 2003.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the Preliminary Budget on November 7, 2002 and no comments were received from the public regarding the proposal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget for 2003 is hereby adopted as the Town's Budget for the Year 2003.

Supervisor Barrett said the total increase is less than 3 percent. He said there are no salary increases for Town Board members and reviewed various areas of the budget as follows: funding is being put toward open space preservation, additional funding for CAPTAIN and Shenendehowa Senior Citizens, preserves 25% highway tax cut in 2002 budget, added money for additional Sheriff's deputies, new roof for the public safety building, trail development. He stated the town continues to reduce county and highway taxes for all residents as in the past. He stated there is no line in the budget for the arena. The largest increase in spending takes place in health benefits and in the town's share of the state retirement system. The Supervisor stressed the importance of sales tax revenue. He said it is anticipated the town will have a budgetary surplus of approximately \$500,000 and \$1 million is in a designated tax stabilization fund with interest from the fund put toward open space. He recommended part of the surplus be earmarked for capital projects.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

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 8:00 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk