

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 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 Paolucci
Councilman Speckhard
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Roth

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Louis Gerard, Superintendent of Highways
Jason Kemper, Director of Planning

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced Time Warner Cable will no longer be providing a cameraman to videotape the Town Board meetings and asked that volunteers willing to provide this service contact his office. Supervisor Barrett said he will call Time Warner to see if other town meetings can be shown. Time Warner will provide training and equipment. Councilman Speckhard said he will contact SUNY Albany in this regard.

Letter to Supervisor Barrett from Town of Glenville Supervisor Mosher, dated November 26, 2002, attached, stating the Town of Glenville will supply water for the proposed East Side Drive water district extension.

REPORTS

Reports for October from Animal Control and the Planning Department were filed with the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 310 of 2002, a resolution appointing James Ruhl to the Environmental Conservation Commission.

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

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Paul Adel a vacancy exists on the Environmental Conservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, James Ruhl, 168 Wooddale Drive, Ballston Lake, has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the commission, and

WHEREAS, Robert Marino, Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Commission has spoken with James Ruhl and recommends that he be appointed as a member of the Environmental Conservation Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that James Ruhl, 168 Wooddale Drive, Ballston Lake, is hereby appointed as a member of the Environmental Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Paul Adel, which term expires December 31, 2003.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 311 of 2002, a resolution authorizing change order No. 1 for the Vischer Ferry Corridor Multi-Use Pathway.

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

WHEREAS, construction cost for the multi-use path was authorized at \$29,600.00, and:

WHEREAS, additional gravel was required because of the trail re-alignment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to the Comptroller to execute change order No. 1 for additional work to the Vischer Ferry Road Multi-Use Pathway for an additional cost of \$4,000 to be paid from A-7629-0015 (Trails).

Director of Planning Kemper explained this is the connection between The Oaks and Wishing Well subdivisions and some residents had concerns regarding the proximity of the trail to the property line. He said the trail has been shifted and as a result

approximately \$8000 of gravel is necessary. He said the contractor agreed to supply the gravel.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 312 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Credit Sign.

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

WHEREAS, as a condition of the Grant Award for the Round Lake Reservoir Property, a 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Credit Sign is required, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Specialist has requested authorization to purchase the sign; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is granted to the Environmental Specialist to purchase a 1996 Clean Water/Clean Bond Act Credit Sign for the Round Lake Reservoir at a cost not to exceed \$200 to be paid with a transfer from Contingency to A-7100-200, (Country Knolls Reservoir).

Councilman Speckhard said the Board needs to make a decision about whether or not to proceed with trails at the Round Lake Reservoir and stated he is in favor of the trails. Supervisor Barrett said the town will improve what is there but there was never the intention to create new trails and there would be no paving of any sort. Councilman Speckhard said he believes a Town Board resolution is required to do the trails. Supervisor Barrett said this area is passive recreation and will stay that way and the town will improve the trails with volunteer efforts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 313 of 2002, a resolution transferring one mechanical voting machine to the Vischer Ferry Fire Company.

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

WHEREAS, due to the purchase of electronic voting machines, the Town of Clifton Park has excess mechanical voting machines which have exceeded their useful life to the Town, and

WHEREAS, storage space and repair parts for the excess machines is both limited and expensive such that transferring the machine will result in a financial savings to the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Vischer Ferry Fire Company is in need of one mechanical voting machine and has requested same from the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Vischer Ferry Fire Company will arrange for pickup of this machine “as is”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the transfer of one mechanical voting machine to the Vischer Ferry Fire Company, at no charge.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 314 of 2002, a resolution transferring one mechanical voting machine to the Town of Edinburg.

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

WHEREAS, due to the purchase of electronic voting machines, the Town of Clifton Park

has excess mechanical voting machines which have exceeded their useful life to the Town, and

WHEREAS, storage space and repair parts for the excess machines is both limited and expensive such that transferring the machine will result in a financial savings to the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edinburg is in need of one mechanical voting machine and has requested same from the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edinburg will arrange for pickup of this machine “as is”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the transfer of one mechanical voting machine to the Town of Edinburg, at no charge.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Regarding the proposed resolution for additional sheriff’s patrols, Supervisor Barrett stated it is basically the same contract as the town currently has, however, the times are different and run from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. This is a one year contract beginning January 1, 2003, at a cost of \$81,000. Councilman Speckhard questioned the wording of Section 4.2 under Delivery of Service regarding what town ordinances will and won’t be enforced. Town Attorney Trainor said he believes the Sheriff will enforce in a similar scope as to what they do on the county level and will review as to what the distinction is. Supervisor Barrett said this is the same language as in the current contract.

Resolution No. 315 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department for Specialized Law Enforcement Services.

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

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 wishes to contract for Specialized Law Enforcement Services per the attached agreement; 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 Specialized Law Enforcement Services within the Town of Clifton Park for a one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2003 for a sum not to exceed \$81,000, amount to be provided from the 2003 budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Roth

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett, noting the importance of municipalities working together, said two areas in which municipalities can save money are public safety and infrastructure.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, stated he would like to see a line item in the budget for the arena and asked where the profit and expenses will be shown if there is no line item. He questioned statements in the transmittal letter accompanying the Arena Financial Report. Mr. Goldman asked if an audited report will be submitted to the town. Supervisor Barrett said Councilman Roth will be going through the numbers with Mr. Bobrow to get our own review. He stated he doesn't believe there will be an audited report. Mr. Trainor said he will check the agreement to see what is required. Mr. Goldman said with the statements in the transmittal letter, he doesn't believe the financial report has very much value. Councilman Paolucci recommended that Mr. Heggen respond to Mr. Goldman.

Supervisor Barrett said the arena has turned around but there will be large expenses in the future and that is why part of the profits are being put aside. Supervisor Barrett said what he means by there no longer being a line item, is that the town will no longer be budgeting for arena maintenance and expenses as it had previously thereby freeing up money in the budget. The Supervisor said if a big arena expense comes up during the year the town will cover it through the general fund or supplement the arena surplus with general fund money.

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

Motion carried at 7:55 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk