

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2004

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 arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Councilman Speckhard
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2004 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: Supervisor Barrett, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Town Attorney Trainor, Town Administrator Shahren, Town Clerk O'Donnell

Councilman Paolucci arrived at 7:10 p.m.

No action was taken.

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit to return to the regular meeting. Motion unanimously carried at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Darryl Purinton, Marvin & Co., reviewed the 2003 audit report, stating it is "the best you can get". He also noted an excellent fund equity position.

Town Administrator Shahren reported the Preliminary Budget is available for review in the Town Clerk's office. He reviewed the timeframe for adoption of the budget. With regard to Mr. DeNovio's concern with the Grooms Tavern parking lot, Mr. Shahren reported the berm and arborvitae are now in place. Mr. Shahren expressed appreciation to Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Mike Handerman, for his handling of the situation.

A discussion ensued regarding the installation of a dedicated phone line to be activated in times of an emergency.

Town Comptroller Heggen explained the new format of the monthly report. He noted revenues are ahead of budget for September.

Resolution No. 278 of 2004, a resolution to call for bids for the Miller Road South Water District No. 1.

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

WHEREAS, John McDonald Engineering, P.C., has completed the plans and specifications for construction of the Miller Road South Water District No. 1 in the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C., is hereby authorized to call for bids contingent upon New York State Department of Health approval of plans and specifications, in accordance with municipal bidding procedures for work associated with the Town of Clifton Park Miller Road South Water District No. 1, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Clifton Park shall cause Notice to be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Clifton Park at least ten (10) days before the date of reception of bid proposals.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 279 of 2004, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider the 2005 Preliminary Budget.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain comment regarding the 2005 Preliminary Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for November 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room at Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, to consider the 2005 Preliminary Budget, and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 280 of 2004, 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 Paolucci, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

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. on Halloween.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, said he estimates the total cost of implementing the Open Space Plan to be approximately \$12 million.

Councilman Speckhard explained the \$12 million figure is what it would cost the town if, hypothetically, it would buy the development rights for the spaces in that area, which, he added, is very unlikely.

Mr. Goldman again expressed concern with the \$750,000 library bond payment, as well as placing the library in a residential neighborhood. He asked how much the town has contributed over the years for the construction of Clifton Country Road, Clifton Country Road Extension, Park Avenue, Maxwell Road and the extension of Maxwell Road.

Jim Ruhl, Wood Dale Drive, commended the Planning and Town Boards for their partnership in contributing to the events at the October 13, 2004 Planning Board meeting, stating people affiliated with him feel they have been given a “fair shake”. He said many of the residents of Exit 10 corridor feel they want to maintain a continued interest in that area with the possibility of the formation of a citizens group.

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, asked if the library is audited on a yearly basis and if not, should be.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Drive, suggested having phones that are manned. He doesn't think discussions on the library budget and fiscal management is appropriate for Town Board meetings but should be taken to the elected officials of the library.

Mr. Goldman noted the Town of Clifton Park holds the library bonds.

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 8:33 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell

Town Clerk