

December 21, 2009

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 Hughes
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Hughes, seconded by Councilman Roth, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 meeting as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Roth thanked everyone involved in allowing him to serve on the Town Board for the past 17 years beginning with his appointment to the Board in December 1992. He said the proudest years of his life have been serving the Clifton Park community. He expressed appreciation to past and present Town Boards for their support of the projects he worked on and for town hall staff for their advice and assistance.

PRESENTATIONS

The Town Board honored Army National Guard 2nd Lt. Tyler Lemire as a "Hometown Hero", who will be deployed to Afghanistan in March. Supervisor Barrett thanked him for his service to the country and read the list of those honored by the Town Board as "Hometown Heroes".

PRESENTATION OF KEY TO THE TOWN

Resolution No. 336 of 2009, a resolution honoring Councilman Sanford (Sandy) Roth for his years of dedicated service to the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, Councilman Roth joined the Town Board on December 4, 1992, and

WHEREAS, during his years on the Town Board, Councilman Roth was involved in innumerable town projects, town committees and town events, in many instances taking or assuming the lead on projects, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Roth served on the Town's Committee on Senior Housing, worked on the White House Baby Boomer Aging Survey and was instrumental in helping to bring Conifer Village to Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, fifteen years ago Councilman Roth saw a need for the recycling of household hazardous waste and thus Household Hazardous Waste Day was begun, as well as bulk pick-up and both continue to be needed, effective and appreciated services for the residents of the Town, and

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WHEREAS, Councilman Roth served as a liaison to the Clifton Park Water Authority, the Ice Arena and serves as a longtime volunteer at the Adult Community Center where he offers volunteer service at the Farm Fest breakfast by selling tickets, cleaning tables or anything else that is needed to be done, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Roth is a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) volunteering with the Ballston Lake Emergency Squad where he was a member for twelve years and an officer and board member for eight years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Clifton Park, pause in its deliberations to recognize and thank Councilman Sanford I. Roth for “seventeen years of dedicated service to the community”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board wishes to congratulate Sandy Roth on the occasion of his retirement from the Town of Clifton Park and to wish him good health and happiness in the company of family and friends.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett presented Councilman Roth with the “Key to the Town of Clifton Park” on behalf of the citizens of the Town and the Town Board, noting his many years of distinguished service and dedication to the community.

Bob Wilcox, Chairman of the Town of Clifton Park Republican Committee, said it has been his experience, listening to Councilman Roth over the past 17 years speak of town issues or exercised a vote at Town Board meetings, that the one singular important issue in his mind was the town’s best interest. He stated this is a legacy of public service that demands and commands respect. Mr. Wilcox thanked Councilman Roth for 17 years of great service to the town.

Mark Kazmierczak, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission and speaking on behalf of past and present members of the Commission, presented a painting of Grooms Tavern, autographed by artist Charles DeMarco to Councilman Roth. He expressed appreciation to Councilman Roth for his attendance at Commission meetings.

Anita Daily, County Supervisor, expressed appreciation for his guidance, noting he has been a great mentor to her. She thanked him also on behalf of people she works with at the County.

PRESENTATIONS, CON’T

Vidya Subramanian, winner of the \$1000 grant from the Community Arts and Culture Commission, presented her students singing Indian classical music.

REPORTS

Comptroller’s and Town Administrator’s Reports were not given this evening.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

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Resolution No. 337 of 2009, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a three year lease with de lage landen for a Lanier LD260c Digital Color Copying System for use by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs.

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

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has requested that a new copier be leased for use by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, and

WHEREAS, the proposed cost for leasing the copier is \$481 per month plus service and supplies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into a lease agreement with de lage landen for a Lanier LD 260c for thirty-six (36) months at a cost not to exceed \$481 per month plus service and supplies, to be paid from A-7020-0003 (Parks & Rec.-Admin.-Copier).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 338 of 2009, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign Change Order No.1 for 113 Blue Barns Road.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 226 of 2009 authorized a contract with Champagne Demolition, LLC., Albany, New York, for the demolition of an unsafe building at 113 Blue Barns Road, in an amount of \$13,400, and

WHEREAS, additional fill was needed to fill in an abandoned well, and

WHEREAS, a change order was prepared by McDonald Engineering which provides the breakdown of individual item costs, and

WHEREAS, the change order results in an increase of \$950 for the demolition of the unsafe building at 113 Blue Barns Road from the awarded amount of \$13,400 to arrive at a new contract amount of \$14,350; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign Change Order No. 1, dated November 16, 2009, to Champagne Demolition LLC.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the additional cost of \$950 will be levied on 2011 property taxes for 113 Blue Barns Road.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

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Resolution No. 339 of 2009, a resolution authorizing the budget transfers specified in Exhibit A.

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

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has recommended that certain budget adjustments contained in Exhibit A be made to address the needs of all funds as well as other miscellaneous expenditures as set forth in Exhibit A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the budget transfers specified in Exhibit A be adopted per the Comptroller's recommendations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No.340 of 2009, a resolution accepting the quote for the Rivercrest Sewer District Extension No. 1, Contract No. 2-Sewage Flow Meter Installation.

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

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009, quotes were received for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the lowest quote for the Rivercrest Sewer District Extension No. 1, Contract No. 2-Sewage Flow Meter Installation was received from Pollard Excavating in the amount of \$34,604, and

WHEREAS, as per letter from McDonald Engineering dated December 15, 2009, McDonald Engineering has reviewed the quotes and has recommended to the Town Supervisor that the quote from Pollard Excavating, Altamont, New York, be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced quote in the amount of \$34,604 to Pollard Excavating, to be paid from H30-8111-200 (Rivercrest Sewer Extension No. 1).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 341 of 2009, a resolution scheduling the 2010 Organizational Meeting and the first 2010 Town Board Meeting for the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to schedule the 2010 Organizational Meeting and the first 2010 Town Board Meeting; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the 2010 Organizational Meeting for the Town of Clifton Park shall be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Meeting Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the first Town Board Meeting of 2010 will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

MOTION BY Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Hughes to remove Resolution No. 327 of 2009 off the table.

Supervisor Barrett said before money is appropriated, the Board wanted to have the Historic Preservation Commission and Town Historian Scherer recommend which of the two roofs would better fit The Grange.

Mark Kazmierczak, Chair of Historic Preservation Commission, reported the addition came many years later after the original barn built in early 1800s. He explained most of the barns in Clifton Park originally had metal roofs and said Mr. Scherer came to the same conclusion that it was originally a metal roof. Mr. Kazmierczak said a metal roof will serve the building better because of maintenance. Dark green metal is recommended.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 327 of 2009, a resolution awarding the bid for the Grange Building Roof Replacement in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2009, bids were received for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the low bid for the Grange Roof Replacement for Alternate Bid A and Alternate Bid C work was submitted by S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc., for the total bid amount of \$59,937, and

WHEREAS, Alternate Bid A includes the work to remove the existing roofing materials and install a new standing seam metal roof on the Grange building, and Alternate Bid C includes the work for asbestos abatement, and

WHEREAS, as per letter from McDonald Engineering dated November 30, 2009, McDonald Engineering has reviewed the bids and has recommended to the Town Supervisor that Alternate Bid A in the amount of \$54,762 and Alternate Bid C in the amount of \$5,175 submitted by S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc., Voorheesville, New York, be accepted as the lowest most responsible bidder; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards Alternate Bid A and Alternate Bid C to S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc. in the amount of \$59,937, to be paid with a transfer of \$19,510 from Contingency to A-1628-200 (Grange) and a transfer of \$40,427 from A-07027 (Mary Jane Row Park) to A-1628-200 (Grange).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Bernie Rucinski, corner of Grooms and Moe Roads, reported snow removed from the school area was placed on his property. He asked that this not be done again as he doesn't know what is in the snow. Supervisor Barrett asked Mr. Rucinski to leave information with Mr. Shahan.

Steve Bulger, Planning Board Chairman, thanked Councilman Roth for supporting him as Planning Board Chair, as a mentor and, most importantly, as a friend. He read a resolution unanimously adopted by the Clifton Park Planning Board on December 8, 2009, expressing appreciation and gratitude for his many years of dedicated service as a valued advisor and supporter of both the Planning Board and town's Planning Department.

Ed Kritz, Plaid Place, displayed a diagram, and spoke against the stop signs on Plaid Place, stating the signs are unnecessary and other signs warning of the intersection would be more appropriate. He said in the winter months vehicles could slide through the intersection when trying to stop. Mr. Kritz reported traffic is minimal during the day and the signs impede the flow of traffic, as well as with more stopping and accelerating there are more carbon monoxide emissions. He stated this is an established development and asked what has changed to warrant stop signs.

Matt Jones, Plaid Place, spoke in favor of the stop signs, noting there are children in the area and if the signs save one life then the signs have done the job.

David Fifield, Lace Lane, spoke in opposition to the stop signs and asked if the town used the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices set out by the Federal Highway Administration regarding the use of stop signs. Superintendent of Highways Kukuk responded yes and explained a large fir tree causes a visibility problem and that is why residents came to the town. Mr. Kukuk said he is not aware of any crashes at the intersection. He agreed that yield or stop signs should not be used for speed control. Mr. Fifield said the public will ignore the signs and asked that the signs be removed.

Jane Moran, Plaid Place, expressed appreciation for the signs.

Bill White, Lace Lane, spoke in favor of the stop signs.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, addressed Councilman Roth stating he voted with conscience what is best for the people and wished him well.

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

Motion carried at 8:17 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk