

September 19, 2011

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 Romano
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs
Michael Montague, Environmental Specialist

MOTION BY Councilman Hughes, seconded by Councilman Romano, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked all involved in Farm Fest and encouraged support of the farms in Clifton Park.

The Supervisor said Comptroller Heggen is working on the 2012 budget. Supervisor Barrett said there has been a huge increase in the NYS Retirement fund. He asked that the \$60,000 received from Mr. Bobrow, Arena Management, be put toward arena repairs. The Supervisor asked that the Board consider vehicle purchases. The long term management structure of the town, administratively, is another issue that needs to be discussed. Miss Shen has asked for funds to repair drainage to the fields. Jim Flaherty, who grooms the trails on Kinns Road Park, has asked for a snowmobile replacement. Revenue possibilities: returns on RFP for a cell tower on the Common are due October 17th and a permanent electronic recycling location at the Transfer Station.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Bill Butler, Director of the Babe Ruth World Series, expressed appreciation to the Town Board for their support, as well as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Handerhan and staff, stating they went over and above their normal duties. He presented a plaque to the Town of Clifton Park in recognition of the town's hospitality and for hosting the 2011 World Series.

Helmut Gerstenberger, Chair of the Clifton Park Water Authority, reported on how Clifton Park Water Authority is dealing with the Saratoga County Water Authority's problem, noting the Department of Health had a concern with the quality of water the county system is producing. He

said due to this problem, Clifton Park Water Authority has temporarily stopped purchasing water from the county. Mr. Gerstenberger explained the county plan was always meant to be a supplement to this system and is not the town's primary source of water. The Clifton Park Water Authority is now purchasing water from the Towns of Halfmoon and Glenville to ensure residents have good quality water. He reported the County Water Authority has hired an engineering firm to look at ways to remediate the problem. Mr. Gerstenberger stated he expects to buy water again from the county. He stated the Clifton Park Water Authority's objective is to provide quality and safe water at the most competitive cost possible.

Supervisor Barrett said there will not be any effect to town customers as to amount of water to be used or change of rates. He said it is important not to rush and to go through a tremendous amount of scrutiny.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Sanford Roth, Sweet Brier Drive and Chair of Hazardous Waste Day, updated the Board on the results of the town's 18th Annual Hazardous Waste Day. He said numbers were down slightly, reporting over 800 participants this year compared to 900 in 2010, however 23,800 pounds of waste collected in 2010 compared the 25,000 pounds this year. Mr. Roth said if the numbers continue to go down, the Board may want to consider having this event every other year. He said in 2010 almost 100,000 pounds of electronic waste was collected compared to 60,000 this year and explained the decrease was due to the town holding a separate electronic collection day earlier in the year. Mr. Roth said as people were leaving the site the American Red Cross collected \$2967.45 for flood disaster relief. He thanked all who volunteered and Environmental Specialist Montague for coordinating the event.

Supervisor Barrett stated Hazardous Waste Day will be in the 2012 budget.

Councilman Hughes explained NYS has an E-Waste bill with more retailers taking back electronic products which ensure that they don't go in a landfill. He praised Councilman Roth for his foresight in starting Hazardous Waste Day eighteen years ago.

James Mastrianni, Administrator of town's Section 8 Program, reviewed the Housing Choice Voucher Program, noting it is federally funded at \$300,000 per year. He explained his company disburses funds to eligible program participants: elderly, disabled, and low income families. Mr. Mastrianni stated the goal of the program is to assist them in affording safe, sanitary housing. He said there are 53 families being assisted at this time. He reviewed the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Mr. Mastrianni reported there is a waiting list of approximately five years; however, people on the list will be contacted to see if they wish to remain on the list.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 242 of 2011, a resolution extending the Transfer Station hours for fall cleanup.

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

WHEREAS, Jeff Vedder, Transfer Station Supervisor, has requested that the Transfer Station be open on Sundays, October 23, 30 and November 6, and 13, 2011 between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM, for fall cleanup of leaves and brush only, and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station Supervisor has proposed the attached schedule to support the extended hours of operation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Transfer Station will be open for extended hours on Sundays, October 23, 30 and November 6 and 13, 2011 (weather permitting), for fall cleanup of leaves and brush only.

Supervisor Barrett reported Transfer Station Supervisor Vedder and staff recovered a resident's military hat and college ring from the recycling bin and noted the resident was extremely grateful.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 243 of 2011, a resolution authorizing the Highway Superintendent to attend the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways Conference September 27-30, 2011.

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

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Richard Kukuk has requested authorization to attend the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways Conference in Buffalo, New York, September 27-30, 2011, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kukuk's attendance at the conference would provide a benefit to the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Richard Kukuk is hereby authorized to attend the NYS Association of Town Superintendent of Highways Conference in Buffalo, New York, September 27-30, 2011, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, to be paid from A05010-00001 (Training-Conferences).

Superintendent Kukuk noted he serves on the State Committee of Highway Superintendents.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 244 of 2011, a resolution authorizing a neighborhood block party to be held in Crescent Estates subdivision.

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

WHEREAS, the residents of Crescent Estates wish to conduct a block party within the subdivision on Saturday October 1, 2011 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm and have requested permission to use the dead end at Irene Drive for their party activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the residents, with the approval and advice of the Highway Superintendent, have permission to use the dead end at Irene Drive, October 1, 2011 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm for their party activities, but must not block off the street and make sure emergency vehicles can gain access to the street if needed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents shall be responsible for all clean-up activities on town property or on the street right-of-way resulting from the social activity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the applicable fire department, the ambulance corps., the sheriff's department and the state police.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 245 2011, a resolution accepting an application for the Conservation Easement (Historic Preservation) program.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 6, 2011 in order to receive public comment regarding a Conservation Easement application for a parcel of land located at 4 Balsam Way, Clifton Park (SBL 277.20-3-46.1) and owned by Paul and Joanne Coons, in accordance with Chapter 125 of the Town Code as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the application and the comments received; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the application for a parcel located on 4 Balsam Way, Clifton Park owned by Paul and Joanne Coons (SBL 277.20-3-46.1) is hereby accepted and is granted a Conservation Easement in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII of Chapter 208-78 of the Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said applicant, whose parcel has been granted a Conservation Easement, shall execute an agreement provided by the Town of Clifton Park.

Supervisor Barrett congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Coons on the beautiful job they have done with their house.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 246 of 2011, a resolution to accept a quote for the installation of a sprinkler system at the ball field at Longkill I Park District.

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

WHEREAS, proposals have been received for the installation of a sprinkler system at the ball field at Longkill I Park District, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals received Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Michael Handerhan has recommended that the low proposal of AJ Lawn Sprinkler Company, Inc., 1173 New Loudon Road, Cohoes, New York, for a total amount of \$7,485 for the installation of a sprinkler system at the ball field at Longkill I Park District be accepted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposal of AJ Lawn Sprinkler Company, Inc. be accepted for a total amount of \$7,485 for the installation of a sprinkler system at the ball field at Longkill I Park District, to be paid from SP57123-200, Longkill I Park District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 247 of 2011, a resolution to accept a quote for the installation of a fence at Longkill I Park District.

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

WHEREAS, proposals have been received for the installation of a fence at Longkill I Park District, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals received Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Michael Handerhan has recommended that the low proposal of Siena Fence Co. Inc., P.O. Box 4893, Clifton Park, New York, for a total amount of \$9,450 for fencing with installation at Longkill I Park be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposal of Siena Fence Company be accepted for a total amount of \$9,450 for fencing with installation at Longkill I Park District, to be paid from SP57123-200, Longkill I Park District.

Ms. Kasky, representing Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Handerhan, reported this fencing is at the same field as the sprinklers. She explained this fencing is being repaired and replaced.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 248 of 2011, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Andrew Cannito as a part-time Security Officer.

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

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for a part-time security officer, and

WHEREAS, Andrew Cannito, 45 State Route 9P, Malta, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to hire Andrew Cannito, 45 State Route 9P, Malta, as a part-time Security Officer at Grade 5, Step 1 (\$18.90 per hour), effective immediately, to be budgeted from A-3120-E2200 (Security-Staff Salary).

Supervisor Barrett said he has met with Mr. Cannito and he is anxious and willing to work various hours.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Frank Berlin, Main Street, Jonesville, encouraged people to walk the trails and visit town parks. He distributed photos taken at Garnsey Park. He reported on flyers received from Open Space Coordinator Viggiani – Birds of the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve put out by the Audubon Society noting there are 238 different types of birds in the Preserve.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, thanked the Town Board for the annual bulk pickup, noting this prevents “junk” being thrown into woods and landfills.

Supervisor Barrett announced a Shredding Day will be held in October with the American Red Cross in attendance collecting for flooding victims.

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, 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 8:25 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk