

December 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 Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Hughes

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Michael Handerhan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Romano, to approve the minutes of the December 5 and 12, 2011 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Romano, Supervisor Barrett

Abstain: Councilwoman Walowit

Absent: Councilman Hughes

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked everyone for a great year. He noted Councilman Paolucci retirement from the Board

PRESENTATION

Supervisor Barrett presented Eagle Scout Justin Andrews Russell with Resolution No. 295 of 2011 adopted at the December 12th meeting. Justin, a volunteer with the Jonesville Fire Department since he was 14 years old, explained his project and reported he will be attending Onondaga Community College, studying Fire Protection Technology.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Director Myla Kramer presented the 2011 Annual Report for the Office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, attached.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

In response to a question from floor, Supervisor Barrett said the town has a trailer for the snowmobile and this snowmobile is a replacement.

Resolution No. 298 of 2011, a resolution scheduling the 2012 Organizational Meeting and the first 2012 Town Board Meeting for the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to schedule the 2012 Organizational meeting and the first 2012 Town Board meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2012 Organizational meeting for the Town of Clifton Park shall be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 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 2012 will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 immediately following the Organizational meeting, in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 299 of 2011, a resolution authorizing the 2011 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 2011 budget transfers specified in Exhibit A be adopted per the Comptroller's recommendations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 300 of 2011, a resolution accepting the quote of Menneto Powersports for the purchase of a snowmobile to groom the trails in town parks.

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

WHEREAS, a need was identified for a snowmobile to be used for maintaining the trails at Kinns Road Park, Garnsey Park and Vischer Ferry Park for winter use, and

WHEREAS, quotes were received for the purchase of a snowmobile and Menneto Powersports submitted the lowest quote for \$6,444, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, has reviewed the quotes and recommends that the quote of Menneto Powersports for a Polaris Snowmobile be accepted for an amount of \$6,444; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the price quote of Menneto Powersports for a Polaris Snowmobile for an amount not to exceed \$6,444, to be paid with a transfer of \$6,444 from the Contingency Fund to A-7 110-200 (Buildings and Grounds Equipment and Building).

Supervisor Barrett thanked Jim Flaherty for his volunteer efforts in grooming the Kinns Road Park trails. He reported the current snowmobile is on its "last legs".

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 301 of 2011, a resolution appointing Charlene Marra to permanent status as Court Clerk per Civil Service certification.

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

WHEREAS, Charlene Marra, 5211 Forest Point Drive South, Clifton Park, was provisionally appointed to the position of Court Clerk, and

WHEREAS, Charlene Marra successfully passed the Civil Service Exam for the position of Court Clerk and was certified as a permanent employee on November 30, 2011; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Charlene Marra, 5211 Forest Point Drive South, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to permanent status as Court Clerk for the Town of Clifton Park per Civil Service Certification as of November 30, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 302 of 2011, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to award the bid for North Woods Nature Preserve Dam Flood Repairs and to authorize the Supervisor to execute a contract with Pollard Excavating, Inc. pending preliminary review by FEMA.

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

WHEREAS, bids were received on December 16, 2011 for North Woods Nature Preserve Dam Flood Damage Repairs, and

WHEREAS, Pollard Excavating, Inc., Altamont, New York, was the low bidder for an amount of \$32,100 for North Woods Nature Preserve Dam Flood Repairs, and

WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering has completed numerous similar projects with the low bidder and recommends that the bid of Pollard Excavating, Inc. be accepted, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is seeking reimbursement from FEMA for the FEMA eligible portion as a result of Tropical Storm Irene; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby awards the bid for North Woods Nature Preserve Dam Flood Damage Repairs for an amount of \$32,100, to Pollard Excavating, Inc.; to be paid with a transfer of \$32,100 from Parkland Account (TA-710) to A-7100-200 (North Woods Nature Preserve (General Fund-Equipment), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign a contract with Pollard Excavating, Inc. consistent with the bid, pending preliminary review by FEMA; and be further

RESOLVED, that adoption of this resolution does not require that the work be completed, but authorizes the Supervisor to proceed as necessary.

Director of Planning Scavo said this is due to storm damage from the August hurricane resulting in a 12- inch pipe becoming plugged that runs from the Round Lake Reservoir into a natural stream. This activated the emergency spillway and resulted in erosion of the hillside with trees coming down as well as extreme bank erosion. If not taken care of this could compromise the stability of the reservoir. Mr. Scavo stated because this is storm related FEMA will work with the town to reimburse the majority of the costs associated with the repairs.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 297 of 2011, a resolution honoring Thomas Paolucci 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 Paolucci was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission in 1997 and to the Planning Board from January 5, 1998 through December 31, 1999, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Paolucci joined the Town Board along with Supervisor Philip Barrett on January 3, 2000, and

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

WHEREAS, Councilman Paolucci served as liaison to the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center and coordinated bi-monthly meetings between the town and senior citizens, and

WHEREAS, over the last 12 years, Councilman Paolucci has been instrumental in the expansion of Clifton Park's extensive trails network that now totals more than 18 miles, including the expansion of trails along Vischer Ferry Road and Ushers Road, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Paolucci led the effort along with the Town Board members and town residents to put forward an Adult Use Law that was adopted in 2001 successfully limiting any such uses to a small industrial area in the northwest corner of the Town, and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Councilman Paolucci worked with Supervisor Barrett and town staff to establish the Community Emergency Response Team and Citizens Corps Council, programs that continue to expand seven years after their inception, and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Councilman Paolucci oversaw the town's contributions to the once-a-decade National White House Conference on Aging to determine the needs and status of Clifton Park's retired and nearing retirement population, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Paolucci led the effort to bring about the Clifton Park Action Park that has served as a recreational opportunity for area residents since 2005, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Paolucci took a leadership role advocating for the purchase of 152 acres of open space along Route 146 in Rexford, now known as Garnsey Park, which will serve as a recreational asset for residents for decades to come, and

WHEREAS, along with Councilman Scott Hughes, Councilman Paolucci co-founded the Clifton Park G.R.E.E.N. Committee in 2007 to look at ways that government can help protect the environment while also saving taxpayers money; 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 Thomas Paolucci for 15 years of dedicated service to the community; and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Abstain: Councilman Paolucci

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett commended Councilman Paolucci for his dedication and work on behalf of residents of the town, noting he has always appreciated his partnership. The Supervisor said there is always a place for Councilman Paolucci to be involved with the town working on any item of interest. Councilman Paolucci reviewed various Board accomplishments over the last 12 years, including the significant reduction of highway taxes, the CAPTAIN move to the Municipal Plaza location thereby allowing the senior center to expand. Councilman Paolucci said there are issues he is interested in and will share with the Town Board in the future.

PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK

Supervisor Barrett presented the **Key to the Town of Clifton Park to Councilman Thomas Paolucci** in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the town.

Supervisor Barrett said he received notification today from NYS DOT that one lane of the Rexford Bridge will be closed to traffic this week and possibly week of December 27th if necessary.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Sanford Roth, former Councilman, congratulated Councilman Paolucci on his retirement from the Town Board, noting he has had many accomplishments that will be everlasting to the residents of the town. He expressed his best wishes to Councilman Paolucci and family.

Michael Dudick, Addison Way, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said the town has been fortunate to have Councilman Paolucci on the Town Board for the past 12 years. He thanked Councilman Paolucci for all he's done for the town.

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, Rexford, said she worked with Councilman Paolucci on the Adult Entertainment Law and he was very dedicated to preparing this legislation.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, thanked Ms. Kramer for her report and the Town Board for their support of town recreation programs for the children. He wished Councilman Paolucci a happy retirement from the Town Board, noting he has always been prepared and for being part of the process over the years.

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