

September 17, 2012

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 Whalen
Councilman Hughes
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Romano, to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked all involved with FarmFest, noting it is important to patronize the farms.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Michael Sayers, Unit Service Coordinator, Boy Scouts of America announced a Town Trails & Parks Clean Up Day is scheduled for October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in partnership with the Town of Clifton Park, YMCA, CAPTAIN, Shenendehowa School District and Shenendehowa Community Coalition and the Boy Scouts Twin Rivers Council. Volunteers can sign up at 9:30 a.m. at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center. He said it is important to show the community that young people can make a difference. It is hoped this can be done every year. Mr. Sayers reported this will entail trail maintenance and clean up. He said by these partnerships, they hope to make the trails more visible. Supervisor Barrett encouraged people to volunteer.

Jim Connolly, President and CEO of Ellis Medicine and Dr. Matthew Miles, Medical Director of Ellis Medical Center of Clifton Park, updated the Board on the progress of the new building located on Sitterly Road, noting the facility will be open 24/7 offering six treatment rooms, on-site laboratory and imaging for emergent care and outpatient tests. Extended outpatient hours are 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to noon Saturday. The facility will start receiving patients on October 29th. Dr. Miles said the facility does not currently have a state designation as a free-standing emergency department; however, the facility is set to function in a very similar fashion with all the resources on hand. He continued ambulances do have the authority to come to their doors. Mr. Connolly said there is room to expand the facility.

Valerie Muratori, Saratoga Bridges Director of Developmental Disabilities, reported there are two homes presently in Clifton Park, one on Grooms Road and one on Southbury Drive and Saratoga Bridges is looking for a third home. She said there is a family that is interested in purchasing and building a home for their family member and donate the home to Saratoga Bridges. This home would support five young ladies. Ms. Muratori said there is a residential wait list of about 100 individuals in Saratoga County. The property is located off Moe Road across from the school entrance. She praised the location of the property as it is in walking distance to many places but particularly to the day program where several of the ladies are participating. Supervisor Barrett said Saratoga Bridges brings value to the town. Supervisor Barrett described the proposed location and house amenities. Mr. Scavo explained this is an approved keyhole lot with a private drive that will have a shared maintenance agreement between the homeowners and is at a stage where building permits can be pulled as lots are sold. Ms. Muratori said the town has 40 days to respond either favorably or with concerns. Supervisor Barrett stated he is confident there will be no negative letters from the Town Board. She noted there is no a "saturation issue" with this location. The application was received on September 4, 2012 and if there is no response from the Town Board, the project goes through. Ms. Muratori reported the home will be staffed 24/7. Ms. Muratori said the house is anticipated to open during the first quarter of 2013.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 220 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign Transfer Agreement with CSEA Strategic Benefit Trust and CDPHP regarding health reimbursement account funds.

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

WHEREAS, by Memoranda of Agreements dated July 14, 2011, with the town's collective bargaining units, and by subsequent agreements effective September 1st 2011, the Town Board consolidated health insurance offered to employees, retirees and their beneficiaries through a high deductible health maintenance organization plan offered by Capital District Physician's Health Plan and supplemented by a health reimbursement arrangement administered by the Strategic Benefit Trust (SBT) affiliated with CSEA, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the town wishes to enhance the HDHMO/HRA arrangement by entering into an Administration Agreement for the health reimbursement arrangement with Capital District Physician's Healthcare Network, Inc. (CDPHN), and

WHEREAS, unspent HRA funds for the period September 1, 2011 through September 1, 2012 remain on deposit through the SBT, and

WHEREAS, the town wishes to enter into an agreement with SBT and with CDPHN to provide for the orderly transfer of unspent HRA funds to the CDPHN for use consistent with the continuation of a health reimbursement arrangement consistent with the Memoranda of Agreements previously executed with CSEA, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the transfer agreement with CDPHP and SBT for the transfer of funds consistent with a health reimbursement arrangement attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the HRA/FSA administration agreement with CDPHN as amended, is authorized and ratified.

Supervisor Barrett said moving everything "under one roof" will streamline the system and administration. He noted the health care changes in 2011 resulted in significant savings while maintaining a tremendous level of health care benefits for town employees.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 221 of 2012, a resolution accepting an easement necessary for the installation of storm sewer pipes and catch basins to provide drainage improvements to a portion of Katherine Terrace in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department will be installing storm sewer pipes and catch basins in order to provide drainage improvements to a portion of Katherine Terrace, and

WHEREAS, the installation of the improvements requires the town to acquire an easement from landowner Pasquale D. Trianni, 8 Katherine Terrace, as described in the attached Schedule "A"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts an easement from Pasquale D. Trianni necessary for the installation of storm sewer pipes and catch basins needed to provide drainage improvements to a portion of Katherine Terrace in the Town of Clifton Park.

Superintendent of Highways Kukuk explained Katherine Terrace was developed in the 1950s without any improvements and there has been a problem with storm water drainage that affects the highways, as well as some of the homes. This improvement will help the highway system as well as the homeowners.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 222 of 2012, a resolution accepting an easement necessary for the installation of storm sewer pipes and catch basins to provide drainage improvements to a portion of Plank Road.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department will be extending storm sewer pipes and catch basins at Plank Road, and

WHEREAS, the extension of the improvements requires the town to acquire an easement from landowner David Triller, 743 Plank Road, as described in the attached Schedule "A"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts an easement from David Triller necessary for the installation of storm sewer pipes and catch basins needed to provide drainage improvements to a portion of Plank Road in the Town of Clifton Park.

Superintendent of Highways Kukuk reported prior to the new subdivision there was a farm where the water from the roadway would run off to a brook and pasture land without doing any harm.

This improvement will take water from the roadway and drain to a stream area. He stated because it is “highway water” it is felt it is the Highway Department responsibility.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 223 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign contracts with returning 2012-2013 fall and winter subcontractors.

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

WHEREAS, the updated contracts for use with fall and winter subcontractors require the signature of the Town Supervisor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign contracts with 2012-2013 fall and winter returning subcontractors, per Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 224 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the hiring of a group leader and an assistant for the fall 2012 Fitness Counts Program.

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

WHEREAS, the fall 2012 Fitness Counts Program will be conducted September 6 - 24, 2012, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hire a group leader and an assistant for the program, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that Doreen Basile, 4 Sundial Place, Clifton Park, be hired as a group leader for the program; and Leslie LaBrecque, 6 Twinbrook Court, Clifton Park, as an assistant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to hire Doreen Basile, Clifton Park, at a rate of \$21 per session, and Leslie LaBrecque, Clifton Park, at a rate of \$12 per session for the fall 2012 Fitness Counts Program, to be paid from A-7330-E4000 (Youth Recreational Program-Staff), retroactive beginning September 6 - 24, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 225 of 2012, a resolution in support of the Town of Clifton Park submitting an application to Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Communities Grant Program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program for a project entitled **“Ferry Drive Gateway Site Design”** to be located in the Town of Clifton Park., and

WHEREAS, this project is anticipated to include the design for: reusing the Ferry Drive stone bridge abutment for a scenic overlook; reconnecting the two segments of the Erie Canal towpath trail as one continuous trail; enhancing the overall public access to the towpath trail to historic canal features, and to the scenic overlook, improving the path to the kayak/canoe access and defining a parking area, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Town Board previously endorsed the designation of the town as a Greenway Community through Resolution No. 99 of 2008, and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval or endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Clifton Park Town Board hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program, for a project known as **“Ferry Drive Gateway Site Design”** and located within this community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to work with town staff to prepare and execute a grant application with Hudson River Valley Greenway to be submitted in September 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 226 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Sharon Simmons as a part-time Security Officer.

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

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for a part-time Security Officer, and

WHEREAS, Sharon Simmons, 19 Belott Drive, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to appoint Sharon Simmons, 19 Belott Drive, Clifton Park, as a part-time Security Officer per Civil Service Certification, effective immediately, at Grade 5, Step 1 of the part-time matrix (\$19.47 per hour), to be budgeted from A-3120-E2200 (Security-Staff Salary).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 227 of 2012, a resolution honoring Joshua S. Louden for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Joshua S. Louden, 1 Bramblewood, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 6, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout project, Joshua constructed benches and picnic tables for the Mary Jane Row Dog Park and planted trees to provide additional shade at the park, and

WHEREAS, in order to complete his project Joshua enlisted the help of fellow scouts and adult leaders, and

WHEREAS, funding for the project came from donations, discounts from retail stores and fundraisers, and

WHEREAS, the new benches, picnic tables and landscaping will be enjoyed by several hundred Clifton Park pet owners thanks to Joshua's project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board recognizes and honors Joshua S. Louden for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, asked how the sales tax was tracking. Supervisor Barrett responded financially the town is having a very good year and reviewed savings over the past year, as well as infrastructure needs in the near future. Town Comptroller Heggen said sales tax revenues are up about eight percent. The Supervisor reported sales tax revenues are above the \$10 million budgeted for 2012.

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 8:10 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk