

November 19, 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
Walter Smead, Assessor

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the November 5 and 8, 2012 meetings 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 in the Lego Robotics Saturday Scholars program held in partnership with RPI.

Supervisor Barrett reviewed the Empire Center for NYS Policy Study comparing town, cities and villages with regard to the number of employees and salaries. He said the Town of Clifton Park compares very well and is well below many comparable towns.

PRESENTATION IN MEMORY OF PETER B. DESROCHERS

Supervisor Barrett praised Peter Desrochers for his volunteer work in, and dedication to, the Clifton Park community.

Glen Valle, Chairman of the Country Knolls Civic Association spoke of Mr. Desrochers' enthusiasm and passion, stating there would be no Country Knolls trails system without Peter Desrocher. He was active in the Civic Association and volunteered his time in the design and construction of the trail system and left a living legacy.

Dave Sladel, Longkill II Park District Chairman, reported Mr. Desrochers designed, developed and maintained over 20 acres of trails in the Country Knolls community. He said he was a mentor for numerous scouts, especially those working on an Eagle badge. Mr. Sladel stated Mr. Desrochers was a generous individual with a positive influence.

Steve Poling, Troop 42 Committee Chair, said it was an honor to have worked with Peter Desrochers and it is appropriate to name the trail system after him.

Supervisor Barrett presented a plaque and Resolution No. 250 to the Desrochers family.

Resolution No. 250 of 2012, a resolution honoring Peter B. Desrochers and naming Country Knolls Trail Network in his honor.

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

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Town Board wishes to honor the life and memory of Peter B. Desrochers, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Desrochers was a champion for the environment and for access to the great outdoors through passive recreational trails throughout New York State, and he brought his expertise to his community in Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Desrochers was instrumental in designing and implementing the trail system throughout Country Knolls, helping plan the layout and creation of the trails now under the jurisdiction of the Longkill Park District, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Desrochers coordinated with the Country Knolls Civic Association, the Longkill Park District No. 1, the community, the neighborhood and the scouting community over the years on a multitude of projects to upgrade, expand and maintain the trail system which will now carry his name, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Desrochers' love of the woods was legendary and he inspired many to volunteer their time to make their neighborhoods a better place to work, play and hike, and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the countless hours volunteered on behalf of the Country Knolls trails; be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the trail system within Country Knolls be dedicated as the "Peter Desrochers Memorial Country Knolls Trails", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board pauses to honor Peter B. Desrochers for his commitment to his community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 251 of 2012, a resolution adopting the 2013 budget for the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the preliminary budget on November 8, 2012 to obtain comment from the public regarding the proposed budget for 2013, and

WHEREAS, the comments of the public have been incorporated into the proposed budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2013 Town of Clifton Park budget is hereby adopted per Schedule A.

Supervisor Barrett noted the only change in the 2013 budget is the new position of Director of Public Safety and Security and the defunding of Public Safety Officer position. Councilman Hughes said this is a balanced budget with no town tax, debt free and a healthy surplus and targeted investments in areas that matter. Supervisor Barrett thanked all involved in the preparation of the budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 252 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent sewer charges on the 2013 property tax bills.

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

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 has reported unpaid sewer bills per the attached schedule for the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Assessor to re-levy the unpaid bill on the property owner's 2013 tax bill to ensure payment of the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the reported delinquent sewer charges for the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 per the attached schedule and authorizes the Assessor to re-levy that amount on the property owner's 2013 school and county tax bills; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all proceeds be returned in February to the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 253 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent water charges on the 2013 property tax bills.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Ballston Water Department has reported unpaid Town of Ballston water bills for Town of Clifton Park users per the attached, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Assessor to re-levy the unpaid bill on the property owner's 2013 tax bill to ensure payment of the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the reported delinquent water charges for the Town of Ballston Water Department per the attached and authorizes the Assessor to re-levy that amount on the property owners' 2013 school and county tax bills; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all proceeds be returned in February to the Town of Ballston.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, said the town provides excellent services. He asked that the town perform an audit of the Time Warner franchise and what they provide as he feels there are increasing “back door” fees. Councilman Hughes commented he shares Mr. Baisley’s concerns.

Frank Berlin, Main Street, Jonesville, commended the Buildings and Grounds Department for putting the bridge in at the Dwaaskill Nature Preserve.

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 7:55 p.m.

Patricia O’Donnell
Town Clerk