

December 3, 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 Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Hughes

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager
John Scavo, Director of Planning
Walter Smead, Assessor

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the November 13 and 19, 2012 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced the Town of Clifton Park Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from noon to 6:00 pm.

The Supervisor announced the Clifton Park Community Chorus Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 16 at 2 pm at Shenendehowa Methodist Church.

KEY TO THE TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK

Supervisor Barrett presented the Key to the Town of Clifton Park and the following resolution to Gerald Burr, member of the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee, in recognition of his dedication and volunteerism to the town, as well as the capital region.

Dan Hartnett, member of the town's Open Space and Trails Committee, said Mr. Burr is a great asset to the committee with great institutional knowledge.

Eric Hamilton, member of Mohawk Byway Committee, reviewed Mr. Burr's involvement in biking and trails, noting his help in preparing a booklet entitled "Rides Into History" published by the Trails Committee in the mid '90s. He hopes the town will republish this booklet as it is a good asset. Mr. Hamilton noted that Mr. Burr was also the co-author of the "Join Us" report prepared as a part of the Mohawk Towpath Byways Management Plan.

Gerald Burr, Oakwood Blvd., said he is mainly interested in the exercise portion of trails and this is a great asset of the town. He commended the Town Board for their support of trails and recreation in general.

Resolution No. 254 of 2012, a resolution honoring Clifton Park resident Gerald Burr.

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

WHEREAS, Gerald Burr has been a longtime advocate for open space, trails, bicycling and recreation in the Town of Clifton Park and throughout the Capital Region, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burr was a charter member of the original Clifton Park Trails Committee when it was formed 20 years ago and as chairman of that committee led the effort to develop Clifton Park's first Trails Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burr remains active with the town's Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee, Trails Subcommittee and other volunteer groups dedicated to improving, preserving and promoting our open space and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burr has continually organized the town's annual bicycling events for National Trails Day, including the "Jonesville Jaunt", "Rexford Ramble", "Farms to Suburbs" and many more, most recently having led the 18th Annual Clifton Park Trails Ride in June of this year, and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with Town Historian John Scherer and the Trails Subcommittee, Mr. Burr has developed multiple bicycling routes throughout the town, which were collected in a "Rides into History Bicycle Tours of Clifton Park" booklet, published in 2004, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burr is a long-time member of the regional cycling club, the Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club and received a 2006 Service Award from the Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club, and

WHEREAS, an avid sailor, cross country skier and lover of nature in general, Mr. Burr has also planned and led local Boy Scouts on bicycle, hiking and canoeing trips, and

WHEREAS, known affectionately throughout the open space and recreation community as "Mr. Trails", Mr. Burr is a steady, focused advocate in support of continuing to develop reasonable realistic trails enhancements and facilities in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board pauses in its deliberations to honor Gerald Burr for his dedication to improving open space, trails and recreational opportunities for Clifton Park residents, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Key to the Town of Clifton Park is hereby bestowed to Gerald Burr as a token of appreciation for his service to our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Rudy Macander, Castillion Court, presented the town flag that was given to his daughter, Major Michelle Macander by Supervisor Barrett in December 2011 and flown over Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Mr. Macander reviewed his daughter's outstanding career. Supervisor Barrett said the flag, as well as the certificate authenticating the flag being flown, will be displayed in the town's trophy case.

Supervisor Barrett asked for a Moment of Silence in recognition of the two Shenendehowa seniors killed in a car accident.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 255 of 2012, a resolution celebrating the "10th Anniversary" of the Twin Bridges Rotary Club.

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

WHEREAS, the Twin Bridges Rotary Club was chartered in 2002 and is part of Rotary International that is comprised of 1.2 million members and 34,000 clubs worldwide, and

WHEREAS, Twin Bridges is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world, and

WHEREAS, members can be found volunteering in communities at home and abroad to help support education and job training, to provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation and to help eradicate polio, and

WHEREAS, locally, Twin Bridges participates in the adoption of families through Southern Saratoga County Chamber Angel's Program as well as the Spirit of Thanksgiving Dinner, the concept created by Twin Bridges Rotary and Salty's Pub with the idea being "no one spends the holidays alone"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board pauses in its deliberations to congratulate Twin Bridges Rotary Club on the occasion of their 10th Anniversary and to thank the members of Twin Bridges for their commitment to communities at home and for their commitment to help build goodwill and peace in the world.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 256 of 2012, a resolution appointing Ryan Case as a member of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a member to the Industrial Development Agency, and

WHEREAS, Ryan Case, 531 MacElroy Road, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the vacancy, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Case's presence on the Industrial Development Agency will confer a benefit to the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ryan Case, 531 MacElroy Road, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to the Industrial Development Agency, term to expire December 31, 2014.

Supervisor Barrett this vacancy was created due to the untimely death of Dennis Ryan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 257 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent sewer charges on the 2013 property tax bills.

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

WHEREAS, Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager of the Clifton Park Sewer District No.1, has reported unpaid sewer bills, per the attached schedule, for users of the Old Nott Farm Sewer District, 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 Old Nott Farm Sewer District, per the attached schedule, and authorizes the Assessor to re-levy that amount on the property owners' 2013 Town and County Tax bills; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all proceeds be returned in February, 2013 to the Old Nott Farm Sewer District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 258 of 2012, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to submit an application to the Capital District Transportation Committee seeking funds to add pedestrian actuation signals within the town's current Crescent Road Multi-Use Path and Sidewalk Project.

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

WHEREAS, the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) has received and programmed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding in order to fund projects which would improve our region's air quality, and

WHEREAS, since 1991 significant progress has been made towards improving the air quality of the Capital Region, after 2014 CMAQ funding will not be available for large projects to be completed, and

WHEREAS, between three to five million dollars of CMAQ funding will be made available for relatively small projects as a result of large projects not advancing, and

WHEREAS, currently allotted funds for the intersections of Southbury Road and Crescent Road and McKenna Way and Crescent Road only provide painted crosswalks, and

WHEREAS, the installation of pedestrian activated signals at the intersections will improve both pedestrian and motorized safety and encourage walking and cycling on the pathways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to submit an application to the Capital District Transportation Committee seeking funds to add pedestrian actuation signals at the intersections of Southbury Road and Crescent Road and McKenna Way and Crescent Road, within the town's current "Crescent Road Multi-Use Path and Sidewalks Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the estimated cost of \$75,000 for both signals requires a town cash match of 20% or \$15,000, if the application is funded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Hughes

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Brent Vild, Valencia Lane, said he has been directly affected by the sewer work and appreciates everyone's efforts. He thanked all involved in this project.

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Whalen, 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