

September 16, 2013

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
Councilwoman Standaert
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Michael Montague, Environmental Specialist
Jeffrey Vedder, Convenience Transfer Station Supervisor

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett reminded residents of Farm Fest scheduled for September 21st and 22nd.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Bob Daly and family of Blue Spruce Nursery for their volunteerism in the beautification of the "Welcome to Clifton Park" area at Exit 9. Bob Daly and son-in-law, Brendan Nielsen, noted Blue Spruce will maintain the area and thanked the Town Board for the recognition.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 214 of 2013, a resolution extending the Transfer Station hours for fall cleanup.

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

WHEREAS, Jeff Vedder, Transfer Station Supervisor, has requested that the Transfer Station be open on Sundays, October 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 2013 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 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 2013 (weather permitting), between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm, for fall cleanup of leaves and brush only.

Transfer Station Supervisor Vedder asked that people not put plastic bags into the composting area.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 215 of 2013, a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA local bargaining units forming a Labor Management Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett invited CSEA representatives to participate in the formation of the Labor Management Committee in order to provide a forum for the regular discussion of workplace rules involving safety and security, disciplinary issues, the drug free workplace program and workplace ideas for improving operations across all departments, and

WHEREAS, the concept for the formation of such a labor management committee exists within addenda to both the current General Unit and Highway Unit Collective Bargaining Agreements, and

WHEREAS, Co-Chairs from CSEA and the Town have met and agreed to offer the Attached Memorandum of Agreement to the Town Board as a framework for the initiation and formation of the committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the local bargaining units and to appoint the members identified therein as members of the committee.

Supervisor Barrett said an example of the cooperation between labor and management has been the change in the health care program that saved the town 25 percent in costs in the first year. The first meeting of the newly formed committee is scheduled for the end of September.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 216 of 2013, a resolution honoring New York State Police Senior Investigator Patricia Donovan for her many years of service.

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

WHEREAS, Senior Investigator Patricia A. Donovan entered service with the Division of the New York State Police on October 19, 1981 where she graduated from the State Police Academy on March 29, 1982, and

WHEREAS, Senior Investigator Donovan was promoted to the rank of Investigator on October 29, 1987 where she was assigned to the Troop G Narcotics Unit where she investigated drug offenses in the Troop G area including Saratoga County, and was thereafter assigned to the D.E.T.F. (Drug Enforcement Task Force), a task force involved in the investigation of major drug trafficking in New York City and the downstate region, and

WHEREAS, Investigator Donovan was promoted to the rank of Senior Investigator on January 13, 1994 where she continued her duties with D.E.T.F, and was subsequently transferred to Troop G Bureau of Criminal Investigations where she was assigned to State Police substation in Wilton, and ultimately transferred to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in the Clifton Park substation, which she supervised from 2003 until her retirement on July 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, Senior Investigator Donovan has served the southern Saratoga County area in many capacities, in addition to her duties as the supervisor of the back room investigators, she served as a Troop G Crisis Negotiator/ Coordinator; M.A.D.D., Saratoga County Rape Crisis; Saratoga County Advocacy Center Case Review Team; Saratoga County DWI Impact Panel; and Saratoga County Drug Court Panel, and

WHEREAS, Senior Investigator “Patty” Donovan has demonstrated her commitment to public safety through her career of 31 years contributing to the safety and security of the residents of Clifton Park and southern Saratoga County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board pauses in its deliberations to honor and thank Senior Investigator Patricia Donovan for more than 31 years of dedicated service to the residents of Clifton Park, the people of Saratoga County and the State of New York.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 217 of 2013, a resolution awarding the bid for Landfill Methane Gas Remediation.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert.

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2013, bids were received for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the low bidder for the Landfill Methane Gas Remediation project is Pollard Excavating in the amount of \$21,681, and

WHEREAS, as per letter from McDonald Engineering dated September 12, 2013, McDonald Engineering has reviewed the bids and has recommended to the Town Supervisor that Pollard Excavating, Altamont, New York, be accepted as the lowest most responsible bidder; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid to Pollard Excavating in the amount of \$21,681, to be budgeted with a transfer of \$21,681 from A-8160-13(CTS-Refuse) to A-8160-95(CTS-Landfill Monitoring).

Environmental Specialist Montague reported methane gas is going through the soil to a neighboring property and the trench will cause the methane to disperse. Councilman Romano asked if consideration has ever been given to commercializing the methane. Mr. Montague responded that there isn't enough methane.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 218 of 2013, a resolution appointing David White to the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee.

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

WHEREAS, David White has previously served as a member of the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee but was inadvertently omitted from reappointment at the 2013 Organizational Meeting, and

WHEREAS, an opening currently exists on the committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that David White, 24 Hearthside Dr., Ballston Lake, is hereby re-appointed to the Town Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee, term to expire December 31, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Annie Friedman, Leonardo Drive, read a prepared statement, attached, and distributed photos regarding drainage on Leonardo Drive. Ms. Friedman also showed a sink hole on Leonardo Drive, stating “it would have been nice if there was an emergency number to call on weekends”. She noted this had been repaired previously.

Supervisor Barrett said if there is a hole or sinkhole in a road 911 should be called. He said security was on duty and cones were placed. Highway filled it in and repairs will be made as soon as possible. Superintendent Kukuk reported this will be a significant job and will require the road to be closed. He noted this is indicative of the soil conditions in that area. Regarding drainage, Superintendent Kukuk said he will confer with the Army Corps of Engineers. He continued, the culvert upstream from Pepper Hollow and under Sleepy Hollow is a major culvert and crews have worked hard to remove sediment and the Highway Department is responsible for making sure it is kept clear. Supervisor Barrett reviewed conditions found when he went to the area twice on Friday, September 13th and again today. He noted the pipe is 90 percent covered with debris and sediment. Superintendent Kukuk said this had been cleaned within the last two weeks. Supervisor Barrett recommended leaving the area as is and monitoring the next heavy rainfall to see if the conditions change. He said Mr. McDonald’s recommendation is a sediment basin. Supervisor Barrett also questioned if a restrictive plate with some kind of grate to make cleaning easier should be installed. The Supervisor said he faxed a permit request to DEC last week in this regard. He asked Mr. McDonald to put together a plan for sediment basin with a restrictive plate but no work to be done until we see what happens with the next heavy rain storm. Supervisor Barrett reported he has a call into DOT to ask if any drainage has been changed on the Northway that could be contributing to the situation. Superintendent Kukuk will

work with McDonald Engineering. Councilman Romano asked if the pipe needs to be 10 feet below the road. Superintendent Kukuk said he will ask Mr. McDonald to look at the location.

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 7:57 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk