

November 18, 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
Walter Smead, Assessor

MOTION BY Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Romano, to approve the minutes of the November 4 and 7, 2013 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 246 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to file commitment documents with Saratoga County for collection of the town's share of the 2014 sales tax revenues.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is required to file commitment papers regarding the collection of sales tax revenue for 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby authorizes the collection of sales tax revenue from Saratoga County to be paid in cash for 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to file the appropriate documents of commitment with Saratoga County.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 247 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent sewer charges on the 2014 property tax bills.

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

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 2014 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 owners' 2014 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, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 248 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent water charges on the 2014 property tax bills.

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

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 2014 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 owner's 2014 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, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 249 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent sewer charges on the 2014 property tax bills.

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, 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 2014 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 owner's 2014 town and county tax bills; and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 250 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent sewer charges on the 2014 property tax bills.

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

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 Rivercrest Sewer District Extension No. 1, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Assessor to re-levy the unpaid bill on the property owner's 2014 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 Rivercrest Sewer District Extension No. 1, per the attached schedule, and authorizes the Assessor to re-levy that amount on the property owner's 2014 town and county tax bills; and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 251 of 2013, a resolution adopting the 2014 budget for the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the Preliminary Budget on November 7, 2013 to obtain comment from the public regarding the proposed budget for 2014, and

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

RESOLVED, that the 2014 Town of Clifton Park budget is hereby adopted per Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 252 of 2013, a resolution honoring Nicholas Cavanaugh for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Nicholas Cavanaugh, a resident of this community and a member of Troop 6, Jonesville, New York, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award that a boy scout can earn, and

WHEREAS, in order to earn this rank Nick had to earn 21 merit badges, show leadership in the troop and organize and complete his eagle project to benefit the local community, and

WHEREAS, Nick's eagle project included the construction of a memorial located at Arongen Elementary School, to special education aide Karen Field who passed away on July 31, 2012 following a courageous battle with breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, Nick was inspired by the dedication of Karen Field to her school, her students and her community to create his Eagle Scout project to memorialize that dedication and strength of spirit, and

WHEREAS, by his design and construction of the memorial to Karen Field at Arongen Elementary School, Nick has demonstrated creativity and dedication to help enhance his leadership skills and community involvement, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas's steady persistent progress through the scouting ranks to achieve this prestigious award demonstrates his determination to prepare himself for leadership roles in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board recognizes and honors Nicholas Cavanaugh for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 253 of 2013, a resolution honoring Joel DiPersio for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Joel DiPersio, a resident of this community and a member of Troop 6, Jonesville, New York, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award that a boy scout can earn, and

WHEREAS, in order to earn this rank Joel had to earn 21 merit badges, show leadership in the troop and organize and complete his Eagle Scout project to benefit the local community, and

WHEREAS, Joel's Eagle Scout project was completed at Woodcock Nature Preserve in Clifton Park for Saratoga P.L.A.N., a not for profit land trust and included the construction of an information kiosk, five bluebird houses and three vehicle deterrent barriers, and

WHEREAS, Joel's steady persistent progress through the scouting ranks to achieve this prestigious award demonstrates his determination to prepare himself for leadership roles in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board recognizes and honors Joel DiPersio for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 254 of 2013, a resolution honoring Robert William Robak for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Robert William Robak of Boy Scout Troop 246 has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank, and

WHEREAS, to become an Eagle Scout, Robert has earned 22 merit badges and served as Troop Guide for his leadership position, and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout project, Robert completed a major community service project leading a group of adult and youth volunteers in enhancing the Veterans Park Trail in Clifton Park by adding a kiosk and map, trail markers and benches, and

WHEREAS, Robert's steady persistent progress through the scouting ranks to achieve this prestigious award demonstrates his determination to prepare himself for leadership roles in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board recognizes and honors Robert William Robak for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 255 of 2013, a resolution awarding a contract, per New York State contract, for redoing the floors in the highway garage, and authorizing the transfer of \$3,475 from Contingency Fund to Highway Garage-Equipment budget line.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists to redo certain floors in the highway garage, the break room and two bathrooms, and

WHEREAS, a proposal was received per New York State contract from Northeast Commercial Interiors, Clifton Park, New York, in an amount of \$3,475 to redo the floors of the highway garage, break room and two bathrooms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the proposal of Northeast Commercial Interiors per New York State Contract PC # 63781 in an amount of \$3,475; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$3,475 from Contingency Fund to A5132-200 (Highway Garage-Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 256 of 2013, a resolution establishing the position of Communications and Technology Director.

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

WHEREAS, an opening has been created in the areas of communications and information technology due to the resignation of Jude Hazard, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to maintain in house information technology capabilities and to provide a liaison between all town departments and the network administration services provided by ICOM, as well as to assist the Town Board with public information and communication services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes the position of Communications and Technology Director at Grade 6, Step 2.

Supervisor Barrett explained the duties of the position, noting this will involve working with the website, hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as many evenings, weekends and holidays. Salary is in the \$40,000 to \$45,000 range. Also required to work camera at all Town Board meetings. Councilman Whalen commented this is a re-evaluation of the information specialist position. Supervisor Barrett stated the Information Specialist position will be abolished and replaced with Communications and Technology Director.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 257 of 2013, a resolution eliminating the position of Information Specialist.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 227 of 2008, the Town Board created the position of Information Specialist, and

WHEREAS, the operational needs of the town have continued to evolve and the Town Board has established the position of Communication and Technology Director, and

WHEREAS, the position of Information Specialist is currently vacant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the position and job title of Information Specialist is eliminated.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 258 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Clifton Park Water Authority to purchase water from the Town of Glenville.

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

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Water Authority has explored purchasing water for the supply of customers throughout Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, certain pipes, conduit and infrastructure of the Rexford Water District remain in place and capable of connections to transmit water from the Glenville facilities into the Clifton Park Water Authority system, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to authorize and consent to the purchase by the Clifton Park Water Authority in order to ensure plentiful supplies of potable water throughout the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, for itself and as Commissioners of the Rexford Water District, hereby authorizes the receipt and transmittal of potable water from the Town of Glenville through infrastructure and improvements of the Rexford Water District without charge or expense to the Clifton Park Water Authority or its customers.

Supervisor Barrett said the Clifton Park Water Authority will purchase water from the Town of Glenville for the foreseeable future and not from Saratoga County at this time. This resolution was requested by the Clifton Park Water Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, asked if the new position is civil service. Supervisor Barrett responded yes. He asked if the county's problem with water has been rectified. Supervisor Barrett replied the county has been working on it but the Clifton Park Water Authority wants to give the county time to rectify the problem before going to back to county water. He stated the Town of Glenville water is a good product.

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded 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 7:34 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk