

September 8, 2014

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
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked everyone for their help at the very successful Hazardous Waste Day.

Councilwoman Standaert announced that a Youth Court informational meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on September 10, 2014 in Shen High School East auditorium.

PRESENTATIONS FOR NATIONAL AND TOWN DISASTER PREPARATION MONTH

Director of Community Development McHugh presented a video on "How to Prepare for a Disaster", noting there are four things to do: 1) be informed, 2) make a plan, 3) get kit ready and 4) get involved in community. Town Hall will be the Emergency Operations Center and Information Center. The Senior Center is the primary emergency shelter.

Eric Hanchett, Clifton Park/Halfmoon EMS, demonstrated CPR and stressed the importance of everyone to know CPR and the use of the AED.

Ms. McHugh said the safe babysitting class is scheduled for September 20th.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 226 of 2014, a resolution proclaiming September 2014 as Town and National Preparedness Month.

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

WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every resident of the town to prepare their homes, businesses and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks, and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready* Campaign, America PrepareAthon, Town CERT, and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and

volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action, and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of the Town of Clifton Park and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type, and

WHEREAS, all citizens of the Town of Clifton Park are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to visit the websites of the *Ready* Campaign at Ready.gov or cliftonpark.org and become more prepared; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park hereby proclaims September 2014 as Town and National Preparedness Month, and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a more prepared society, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park declares September 8, 2014 Town “PrepareAthon Call to Action Day”, requesting all citizens to be disaster aware and take action to prepare.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 227 of 2014, a resolution authorizing the town to sponsor a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program.

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

WHEREAS, the town Emergency and Disaster Planning Advisory Committee and the Citizen Corps provides training to help prepare residents for emergencies and disasters of all kinds, and introduces community volunteerism opportunities to support town emergency planning and preparedness, and

WHEREAS, the town provides the Citizen Corps funding for emergency training and public education, and

WHEREAS, as part of the town’s recognition of September as Town and National Preparedness Month and commitment to providing residents with useful training as a means to encourage citizens to volunteer during disasters and emergencies of all kinds, the town wishes to provide CERT training for six weeks on Thursday evenings, beginning September 18 through October 23, 2014, at the Public Safety Building for residents of the town at no charge, and

WHEREAS, the program will prepare residents to join the group of CERT trained volunteers available to assist the town during disasters, emergencies and major incidents and will provide equipment to assist students and volunteers during emergencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes CERT training for residents of the Town of Clifton Park on six consecutive Thursdays, from September 18 through October 23, 2014, at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000, to be paid from A-8762-015-200 (Citizen Corps Expense) for instruction, supplies, equipment and team shirts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 228 of 2014, a resolution authorizing the Town of Clifton Park to sponsor CPR and AED class as part of the CERT/Citizen Corps Public Safety Education Program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park provides emergency training to town residents as provided by the Clifton Park-Halfmoon-Ambulance Corps certified instructors and provides participants with an American Heart Association certificate, and

WHEREAS, the CPR and AED class is scheduled to be conducted on Saturday, October 18, 2014 by the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Ambulance Corps, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,150, and

WHEREAS, this class is mandatory for new and current CERT volunteers needing re-certification and is also open to the residents of the town at no charge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Town of Clifton Park to sponsor a CPR and AED class provided by the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Ambulance Corps at a cost not to exceed \$1,150 for instructions, books, materials and certifications, to be paid from A-8762-015 (Citizen Corps Funding).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 229 of 2014, a resolution adopting Local Law No. 7 of 2014 amending Chapter 13-3 of the Town Code, Membership-Terms for Environmental Conservation Commission members.

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

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that a revision be made to Chapter 13-3, of the Town Code, Membership-Terms for Environmental Conservation Commission members, and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2014, a public hearing was conducted by the Town Board to obtain input regarding the proposed changes to the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the public was given the opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed changes to the local law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 7 of 2014 amending Chapter 13-3 of the Town Code, Membership-Terms for Environmental Conservation Commission members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to publish appropriate notice of the same.

This increases membership from seven to nine and removes the associate member requirement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 230 of 2014, a resolution authorizing the residents of Hunter Meadow subdivision to conduct a block party on September 20, 2014.

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the Hunter Meadow subdivision plan to conduct a block party within the subdivision on September 20, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight and have requested permission to use Hunter Meadow, off of Pine Hill Bend, for their party activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the residents, with the approval and advice of the Town Highway Superintendent, have permission to use Hunter Meadow, off of Pine Hill Bend, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight for their party activities, but must not block off the streets and make sure emergency vehicles can gain access to the street if needed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents shall be responsible for all clean-up activities on town property or on the street right-of-way resulting from the social activity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the applicable fire department, the ambulance corps, the sheriff's department and the state police.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 231 of 2014, a resolution permitting Juanita and James Slagen to serve alcohol during a picnic at Collins Park on Saturday, September 13, 2014.

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

WHEREAS, Juanita and James Slagen, 55A Longwood Drive, have requested permission to serve alcoholic beverages on September 13, 2014 during a picnic to be held at Collins Park, and

WHEREAS, it is the town's policy to require the using group to monitor the consumption of alcohol and be responsible for the group's activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Juanita and James Slagen are authorized to serve alcoholic beverages on September 13, 2014, from 2:00-6:00 pm, at a picnic being held at Collins Park, contingent upon the provision of a certificate of liability insurance naming the town as an additional insured and in a coverage amount acceptable to the town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Special Alcohol Use Permit fee of \$25 is required.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 232 of 2014, a resolution awarding the bid for public infrastructure replacement projects at Lori Lane and Valencia Lane.

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

WHEREAS, stormwater drainage infrastructure beneath Lori Lane and Valencia Lane have experienced failures resulting in sinkholes along the roadway, and

WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering has determined that the concrete pipes in these areas are not susceptible of repairs in place but are in need of replacement with perforated, high density drainage facilities, and

WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering has prepared bid documents and advertised for bids for both public works projects, and

WHEREAS, bids were publicly opened for drainage projects regarding Lori Lane and Valencia Lane on August 28, 2014, and

WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering recommends that Bob Talham, Inc. of Troy, New York, be awarded this bid for the projects as low bidder; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bob Talham, Inc. is hereby awarded the bid for public infrastructure replacement projects at Lori Lane and Valencia Lane in an amount of \$159,400 per bid documents and letter of recommendation, attached, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$159,400 be transferred from general undesignated fund balance to Highway (DA-5110-200), as a loan, to be paid back over time, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$159,400, the cost of the public infrastructure replacement projects at Lori Lane and Valencia Lane, be budgeted from DA-5110-200 (Highway).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 233 of 2014, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to be held on November 10, 2014 regarding the Town of Clifton Park's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park operates a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare and adopt a written PHA Plan that establishes local policies for administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in accordance with regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required in order to consider adoption of the annual plan establishing local policies for the administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and has reviewed such written plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual plan establishing local policies for administering the Town of Clifton Park Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program is hereby set forth and scheduled for November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, and the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 234 of 2014, a resolution declaring the Town Lead Agency for SEQRA Review for “Erie Canal Towpath Community Connector Multi-Use Path Project PIN #1757.68 SEQR determination”.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park and the Town of Halfmoon propose to restore and re-construct portions of the original 1825 Erie Canal Towpath connecting the two adjacent communities, to be located starting from the intersection of Ferry Drive at the Mohawk River within the Vischer Ferry Historic and Nature Preserve on the western end in the Town of Clifton Park, across Wagar’s Pond into the Town of Halfmoon traveling eastward, crossing under I87, the ”Northway” at the north terminus of the Thaddeus Kosciusko Bridge traveling along Canal Road to its eastern end at the intersection with Clamsteam Road in the Town of Halfmoon, and

WHEREAS, the project, identified as the NYS DOT PIN 1757.68, a Joint restoration and re-construction of the Towpath as a Multi-Use Pathway Project, is being developed through grant funding from state and federal sources, in addition to local match funding, for this public pedestrian and bicyclist transportation, recreation and historic restoration project that is designed to provide alternate transportation means of connecting the two communities, helping to mitigate congestion in this southern area of the towns, by providing alternative travel options for residents while increases the opportunities for healthy recreational activities and regional nature and historic tourism, and

WHEREAS, the project is a multi-use pathway trail to be constructed along the site of the original Erie Canal Towpath parallel to the north shore of the Mohawk River in both Townships, connecting to both the Rexford and Crescent Historic Hamlets of the Towns, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has coordinated: the engineering analysis and design of the combination pathway and sidewalks and the proposed construction activities, the project is further being coordinated for permitting and approvals through activities with the NYS Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, the proposed plans indicate that land disturbance will involve approximately a 5.5 acre strip, and

WHEREAS, the town's consultant has prepared the Short Environmental Assessment Form for Town Board review and use in making a SEQR determination; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park determines that the project is an UNLISTED action, and hereby determines that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore, authorizes the preparation of a negative declaration, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park will assume lead agency status for the duration of the project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 235 of 2014, a resolution hiring a substitute driver for the Senior Express.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a substitute driver for the Senior Express, and

WHEREAS, Thomas Paskewich, 29 Pine Hill Bend, Ballston Lake, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Thomas Paskewich, 29 Pine Hill Bend, Ballston Lake, be appointed to fill the position of substitute driver for the Senior Express at Grade 1, Step 3 (\$14.49 per hour) to be paid from A6772-E2350 (General Fund Senior-Services), effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Joan Ostrow, Carriage Road, questioned the necessity of the two new stop signs on Boyack Road at Lussier Drive, a new development, stating they are unsafe and will be a hazard in the winter due to the steep incline. She doesn't feel there is a need for them. Supervisor Barrett said he has received letters and opinions from people in the area and has asked Director of Planning Scavo to meet with the engineers to see if they can come up with an alternative plan. He said he will notify people in the area of the final decision.

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 7:45 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk