

**Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2000**

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 Paolucci
Councilman Speckhard
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Assistant Town Attorney Trainor

Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the June 12 and 19, 2000 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT THROUGH JUNE 30th

To be added

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Paolucci, to accept the audit.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett expressed appreciation to the sponsors of the Fourth of July celebration, TrustCo Bank, Hannaford Supermarkets, DCG Development, Cohoes Savings Bank, Clough, Harbour & Associates, Mohawk Community Bank, Clifton Country Road Associates, Northside Partnership, and New Country and for Performing Arts on the Common series – Hannaford Supermarkets, Key Bank, Grand Union, DCG Development, Ballston Spa National Bank, Clough, Harbour & Associates, Hollandale Apartments and C.T. Male.

The Supervisor reported an article about the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve is in the June 2000 issue of the “Conservationist” Magazine.

REPORTS

Reports for June from the Justice Court and Animal Control were filed with the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:10 PM

TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR AN HISTORIC CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY AT 913 ROUTE 146

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on June 20, 2000.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience.

Norman Goldman, London Square Apts., said it is his understanding the owner and the tenant are very happy and proud to have the structure on the Town Register of Historic Places and to be eligible for the conservation easement. He urged the Town Board to approve this application.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the application and no one else wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, con't.

Councilman Roth updated the Board on the Rustic Bridge railroad crossing, explaining the Town Board requested gates and lights at this crossing almost six years ago, and he has recently been notified that installation has been completed. He expressed appreciation to Director of Community Development John Hahn, and Assistant Town Attorney Oscar Schreiber for their efforts in this regard.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:20 PM

TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF THE LONGKILL NO. 1 PARK DISTRICT

TO INCLUDE THE COUNTRY KNOLLS WEST SECTION 60 SUBDIVISION

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on June 22, 2000.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed park district extension and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS, con't.

Town Clerk O'Donnell announced the receipt of a microfilming grant in the amount of \$13,019 and expressed appreciation to Environmental Specialist Jason Kemper for his preparation of the grant application.

Supervisor Barrett displayed the Character Counts T-shirt and thanked the sponsors of the program. The kick off for the Character Counts program will be during the Fourth of July celebration.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:30 PM

TO CONSIDER THE EXTENSION OF THE CLIFTON KNOLLS PARK DISTRICT

TO INCLUDE THE WYNCREST AND ENDERS SUBDIVISIONS

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on

June 22, 2000.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience.

Dan Cornell, Redfield Park, spoke in favor of including the Wyncrest and Enders subdivisions in the Park District. He said the residents are looking forward to the common area being maintained by the Town.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed park district extension and no one else wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN

Resolution No. 158 of 2000, a resolution recognizing the Second Anniversary of the opening of the CAPTAIN Youth Home.

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

WHEREAS, two years ago CAPTAIN opened its Youth Home in Malta, New York, and

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN'S Youth Home has provided a drug and alcohol free environment and has promoted family reunification; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby recognizes the achievements and benefits to the community of the CAPTAIN Youth Home.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Walowit presented the Resolution to Ken Clements, President of the CAPTAIN Board, emphasizing the importance of honoring CAPTAIN's efforts to shelter, support and educate homeless teens.

Mr. Clements gave an update on the Shelter since its opening, reporting 80 teens have been housed over the past two years.

Supervisor Barrett said he has asked his fellow Supervisors to support CAPTAIN's request for a \$50,000 line item for the Youth Shelter.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 159 of 2000, a resolution appointing new members to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture.

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

WHEREAS, Francine Rodger, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture has recommended that Cynthia Guyer and Judy Crawford be added as members of the Committee; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Cynthia Guyer, 35 Berkshire Drive, Clifton Park and Judy Crawford, 14 Pebble Beach Drive, Clifton Park be added as new members of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 160 of 2000, a resolution appointing a new member to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community and Social Issues.

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

WHEREAS, Debra Spellman, Chairperson of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Community and Social Issues has recommended adding additional members to the Committee and has recommended that John Cavanagh be added as a new member of the Committee; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that John Cavanagh, 2 Heron Place, Clifton Park, be added as a new member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Community and Social Issues.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 161 of 2000, a resolution authorizing the Capital Bicycle Racing Club to utilize Riverview Road.

Introduced by Councilman Speckhard, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, the Capital Bicycle Racing Club has requested the use of 2.5 miles of Riverview Road for the purpose of holding a series of bicycle time trial races; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the Capital Bicycle Racing Club to utilize 2.5 miles of Riverview Road from the Halfmoon Town Line to one mile west of the junction with Van Vranken Road from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on July 19, August 9 and August 23, 2000, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that two Town Security Officers shall be assigned on the aforementioned dates from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to assist with traffic control duties, and the cost of the Security Officers shall be borne by the Capital Bicycle Racing Club through reimbursement to the Town of Clifton Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this approval is expressly conditioned upon receipt prior to July 19, 2000, in the office of the Town Clerk of an insurance certificate in the amount of \$1,000,000.00

naming the Town of Clifton Park as an additional insured and it is further expressly conditioned upon the road not being closed, and that the Chief Security Officer, Highway Superintendent and Chief of the Vischer Ferry Fire District meet with representatives of the Capital Bicycle Racing Club prior to July 19, 2000 to address all concerns raised and provide a positive written recommendation to the Town Supervisor concerning the holding of this event, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that should any difficulties with this event be reported to the Supervisor, this resolution shall be deemed rescinded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 162 of 2000, a resolution appointing Shannon Rorick to the Project Adventure staff as a program aid.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has identified the need for an additional Project Adventure program aid, and has recommended Shannon Rorick for this position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Shannon Rorick, 34 Guilder Place, Ballston Lake is hereby appointed to the Project Adventure staff as a program aid at the hourly rate of \$13.25 effective July 5, 2000 through October 31, 2000, budget line item 7621-74 (Project Adventure Instructors).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 163 of 2000, a resolution appointing Philip Barrett as a Town of Clifton Park Marriage Officer.

Introduced by Councilman Speckhard, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, Philip Barrett, Supervisor of the Town of Clifton Park, wishes to serve as a Town Marriage Officer pursuant to New York State Domestic Relations Law Section 11-c; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Philip Barrett is hereby appointed as a Marriage Officer for the Town of Clifton Park pursuant to New York State Domestic Relations Law Section 11-c for a term to expire December 31, 2001, at no salary.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth

Councilwoman Walowit

Noes: None

Abstain: Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 164 of 2000, a resolution authorizing William Cassidy to conduct night patrols of parks and subdivisions.

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

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for increased night security patrols in Town parks and subdivisions, and

WHEREAS, with input from Harry Green, Chief of Security for the Town of Clifton Park, the Town Board wishes to authorize William Cassidy to conduct night patrols of Town parks and subdivisions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that William Cassidy, 30F Hollandale Apartments, Clifton Park is hereby authorized to conduct night security patrols in Town parks and subdivisions for eleven weeks, thirty five hours per week at a pay rate of \$10.88 per hour, not to exceed \$4,300.

Councilman Speckhard asked if a policy has been established for conducting night patrols. Supervisor Barrett explained the Security Officer would be patrolling parks and neighborhoods from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. to show an added presence. Supervisor Barrett said the officer would not get out of the car but will ask the people to move along and if there is a problem the Sheriff or State Police will be called. Mr. Shahen said there has been positive feedback and residents are calling town hall with information. He emphasized the importance of residents reporting descriptions and license plates numbers. Supervisor Barrett said it might be prudent to have someone on foot patrolling the areas where groups have been known to meet, prior to the time they congregate. He said Mr. Shahen will brief Chief Security Officer Green weekly to plan patrols.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 165 of 2000, a resolution amending Resolution No. 156 of 2000 and authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department for a two (2) year period.

Introduced by Councilman Roth, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has found it to be effective and efficient to obtain law enforcement services within the Town through the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park and the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department wish to continue their relationship for an additional two (2) year period, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 156 of 2000 authorized the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Sheriff's Department for a three (3) year period; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Saratoga County Sheriff's Department whereby the Sheriff's Department shall provide law enforcement services within the Town of Clifton Park for a two (2) year period ending March 31, 2002, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of such services, as budgeted, shall increase each year with the Consumer Price Index and any collective bargaining agreements.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 166 of 2000, a resolution hiring summer staff for the Buildings & Grounds Department and the Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor and the Transfer Station Supervisor have identified a need for summer help and have recommended that the appointments contained in Schedule A be made for their respective departments, and

WHEREAS, the positions being filled are paid at an hourly rate as listed on Schedule A; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to hire summer staff for the Buildings & Grounds Department, line item A7110-E4000 (Part-Time Labor) and the Transfer Station, line item A8160-3000 (Part-Time Summer Help), all at an hourly rate as listed on Schedule A, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 167 of 2000, a resolution encouraging the CDTC Board to route the proposed commuter rail service through the existing route that runs east from Glenville to Mechanicville.

Introduced by Councilman Speckhard, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Roth.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board that the CDTC Board is presently considering the routing of a commuter rail service between Saratoga Springs and Albany, and

WHEREAS, there is an existing route that runs east from Glenville to Mechanicville, through Cohoes and to the Albany/Rensselaer station, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has given this issue careful consideration, and

WHEREAS, routing the service over the aforesaid route would provide a customer base which would include communities including Clifton Park, Mechanicville, Round Lake, Halfmoon, Stillwater, Waterford, Watervliet, Cohoes, Menands, and Colonie, communities with thousands of residents that commute to the City of Albany on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, routing the service through Saratoga County would greatly reduce the amount of traffic on U.S. Route 87 and 787, and as a result provide greater reductions in pollution, and have a greater impact on economic development than if the service were to run through Schenectady, NY; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby encourages the CDTC to route the proposed commuter rail service through the existing route that runs

east from Glenville to Mechanicville; in that such a routing would provide the greatest most economic benefit to the Capital Region.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Marion Trieste, Quaker Springs, environmental consultant hired by “Scenic Hudson” to do public educational effort on the PCB contamination in the Hudson River asked the Board if they would be interested in setting aside time in the future for a presentation on the history of the river, what is at stake and the current issues involved with the EPA studies. She said her organization advocates partial dredging in hot spots and the presentation describes why this would be the best long-term remedy. Supervisor Barrett requested that Ms. Trieste write to the Town Board with this request.

Patricia Wright, Maria Court, Director of “Shenendehowa Helping Hands Pantry” located in the Jonesville Methodist Church, asked for consideration of waiver of fees for a building project. She said this pantry has been in existence for twenty-five years and serves primarily the Shenendehowa school district but also some people from other parts of southern Saratoga County. She noted, though it is housed in the church, it is substantially supported by civic groups, public businesses, and private individuals. Ms. Wright doesn’t believe the pantry should pay the \$850 site application fee for the 700 square foot storage area as this is money that could be used for the people that use the pantry. Ms. Wright said a member of the church submitted the site plan. She noted tax wise, the pantry comes under the umbrella of the church. The pantry is a member of the Regional Food Bank and receives grants from NYS for food and equipment, as well as small subsidy for staff support which is given to some of the primary volunteers. The proposed storage space will be used for food inventory as they have exceeded the space allotted in the church. The pantry is raising the money through the community and the church is just providing the overhead in terms of utilities and actual space. The church will provide the labor to construct the storage area. It was noted if fees had to be paid they would be paid by the pantry.

Norman Goldman, London Square, spoke in favor of having a presentation on the Hudson River. Mr. Goldman said he doesn’t think legislative member items are good government and feels items could still get through the process if money were given to agencies where, hopefully, awards would be based on competition and objective criteria.

Councilman Paolucci spoke in favor of hearing both sides of the Hudson River issue but

perhaps separate from a Town Board meeting.

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Roth, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion unanimously carried at 8:30 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk