

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2002

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: Town Attorney Trainor
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Speckhard reported Town Attorney Trainor has responded to his request regarding a building moratorium and, as expected, there are a number of legal liability exposure issues that would be involved with the whole process. He said he spoke with the town's Open Space Committee and they are aware of the same general potential problem that stimulated the moratorium discussion and they believe it can be handled without a moratorium. Councilman Speckhard said he believes the issue of a proposed building moratorium is over.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Town Historian John Scherer presented his Annual Report for 2001, attached.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:15 PM TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 1 OF 1992 REGARDING THE CONVENIENT TRANSFER STATION

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on March 14, 2002.

Councilman Speckhard explained about ten years ago the town developed a policy of matching fifty percent from the general fund and fifty percent revenues from permits, excluding salaries, to operate the transfer station. He reported the revenue fell about

\$24,000 short of the 50/50 mark last year and the proposed increase is to make up the \$24,000. He said his original proposal did not include increasing the Social Security Disability fee and asked that this increase be taken out.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:25 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed amendment and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD con't.

Town Administrator Shahan reported the Riverview Landing Sewer work has been completed other than the upgrade of the chlorinating building. He said the work at Grooms Tavern is on schedule. Mr. Shahan said he's been advised of four wheelers tearing up trails at the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve. Director of Buildings and Grounds Handerhan and Environmental Specialist O'Brien are to look at the situation. Supervisor Barrett requested Mr. O'Brien update the Board at the next Town Board meeting.

Town Comptroller Heggen reviewed the financial report for February reporting the town has closed on the Woodland Hills/Dutch Meadows BAN at 1.99 percent rate for the year. He is planning on rolling the Riverview Landing, Dutch Meadows, and Woodland Hills Sewer Districts and Route 9 Fire Road Water District into one bond issue. In the month of February the ninth annual principal payment was made on the landfill bond. He noted sales tax revenues for 2001 amounted to \$6.5 million with \$6 million budgeted and cable commission revenue in the amount of approximately \$80,000 was received in February.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 71 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the Assistant Comptroller to attend the NYS-Government Finance Officer Association (NYS-GFOA) Annual Conference.

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

WHEREAS, Comptroller Mark Heggen has recommended that Assistant Comptroller, James Tunney, be authorized to attend the NYS-GFOA Conference to be held in Albany, New York, from March 20-21, 2002, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tunney's attendance at this conference will confer a benefit upon and be in the best interest of the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Assistant Comptroller, James Tunney, is hereby authorized to attend the NYS-GFOA Conference March 20-21, 2002 in Albany, New York, at a cost not to

exceed \$125.00 to be paid from A-1315-1 (Comptroller-travel and conference) to be vouchered appropriately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 72 of 2002, a resolution establishing a relief fund encaptioned “Enduring Freedom Account”.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park recognizes the tremendous need for assistance to our service men and women in the Afghanistan Theater, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park wishes to lend whatever assistance it can to help with the war on terrorism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes a relief fund encaptioned “Enduring Freedom Account”, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all monies collected for the “Enduring Freedom Account” shall be collected, deposited and administered by volunteers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs that a display be placed in the lobby of the Town Hall and other Town-owned buildings, as well as public Town bulletin boards, to educate Town residents as to assistance efforts.

Supervisor Barrett expressed appreciation to Trustco Bank for their setting up this account at no charge. Councilman Speckhard expressed appreciation to Supervisor Barrett for his efforts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 73 of 2002, a resolution hiring Gail Mayle to the position of Junior CPR Coordinator and Health Director for 2002.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a coordinator for the Junior CPR program, and

WHEREAS, said position is a budgeted item in the 2002 fiscal plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to hire Gail Mayle, 301 Riverview Road, Rexford, as Junior CPR Coordinator and Health Director in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, at Grade 5, Step 5, part-time matrix, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 74 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into a subscriber agreement with NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal.

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

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to join with other municipalities to form a municipal reciprocal insurer pursuant to Article 61 of the NYS Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, joining the NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal will save all the Towns on insurance premiums; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign a Subscriber Agreement with NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, subject to the review and approval of the final agreement by the Town Attorney.

Councilman Roth explained that CNA Insurance Co. quote was \$239,567 and said some insurance companies are not offering quotes to any municipalities. NYMIR is accountable to its members of which the town will become upon approval of this resolution. He reviewed the costs involved, noting this quote is lower than CNA and recommended having the town insurance with New York Municipal Insurance

Reciprocal.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 75 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to hire Rick Sciocchetti to the position of Laborer in the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, Michael Handerman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, has requested that the vacant position of Laborer in the Buildings and Grounds Department be filled, and

WHEREAS, Rick Sciocchetti, 9 Garnsey Road, Rexford, has been recommended to fill this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to hire Rick Sciocchetti, 9 Garnsey Road, Rexford, to the position of Laborer in the Buildings and Grounds Department, Grade 3, Step 1, (\$22,203.00) effective immediately to be budgeted from A-7110 (Buildings and Grounds).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Ed Dussault, Grooms Road, thanked the Town Board for his and his wife's appointments to the Grooms Tavern Preservation Committee. He commended the Town Board and Town Historian Scherer for their aggressiveness in preserving town history.

Youseff Ballout, Torrero Drive, said the Town Board could still propose a vision for the Exit 9 area, as well as the whole town. He said the issue of the moratorium for open space is very important.

Jim Larken, Heartwood Court, speaking with regard to economic development and in particular telecommunications infrastructure, said it is important that as part of the town plan, the IDA, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals take a leadership role in helping the County share a vision and to assist in developing a plan to further telecommunications infrastructure.

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

Motion carried at 7:58 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk