

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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: Ass't. Town Attorney Schreiber
Louis Gerard, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator
Sheryl Reed, Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Paolucci commended the trails committee on the trail network and reported on the June 2nd bike trip that will also include the dedication of the Moe Road Trail.

Councilman Paolucci distributed a chart displaying decibel limits in various towns.

Councilman Paolucci reviewed proposed plans for Ushers Road reconstruction, noting there will be between 70 and 80 takings and since this is substantial, the process requires the town to have a public hearing to discuss the project. If this project is done, the town will be responsible for five percent of the cost with 95 percent coming from federal and state sources. He would like the public hearing set for June 17th.

Supervisor Barrett stated if this project goes forward as designed, and in learning from the Moe Road construction, a lot of restrictions need to be written in regarding the crews working, site appearance, hours of construction, etc. even before it is bid out. He expressed appreciation to the Trails Committee for their dedication and work.

Councilman Paolucci noted, if approved, it could be three and half years before this project goes forward. He stated the trail network in the Ushers Road area needs to be completed and public input is necessary to see if it is feasible to continue moving

forward.

Councilman Roth asked what would happen to the funding if the project was changed. Councilman Paolucci said it would depend on the outcome of the public comment. There has been an outlay of funds for engineering fees, with the town paying five percent, but if public comment asks that the town not proceed, the town would not be liable for any of the funds to the state and federal government.

REPORTS

Report for April from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department was filed with the Town Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS

Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Kevin Bowman presented the Historic Preservation Awards to the Amity Reformed Church and the Jonesville Rural Cemetery Association. Amity Reformed Church was honored on their 200 Anniversary and for the continued preservation and care of this historic church. Reverend David DeVries expressed appreciation for the recognition and introduced Church Deacons. The Jonesville Rural Cemetery Association was recognized for their continued preservation and care of this historic cemetery. Tom Hall, Chairman of the Association, introduced members of the Association and expressed appreciation for receipt of the award. He said the oldest tombstone dates back to the 18th century. He noted the Union Grove Cemetery was incorporated into Jonesville in 1864.

RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BY U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Postmasters from Clifton Park, Burnt Hills – Ballston Lake and Rexford representing the U.S. Postal Service, presented a framed September 11th Commemorative Stamp to each of the six fire districts serving the Town of Clifton Park. This Commemorative Stamp honors emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled in connection with the terrorist attacks.

MOTION BY Supervisor Barrett, seconded by Councilman Paolucci, to recess for ten minutes. Motion unanimously carried at 7:43 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m.

Councilman Speckhard stated the water problems are getting worse and increasing numbers of people in town have a daily concern about water. He said it is time to make a commitment to get water to the western part of town. He said the time is right to consider going all the way to Rexford and to branch out either in terms of new districts or extension of Rexford Water District. Councilman Speckhard stated the time is right financially as the town has an unallocated fund of over \$2.4 million. He will bring a resolution to the Board committing the town to work with the Clifton Park Water

Authority and to allocate \$600,000 to a capital reserve fund that would allow this commitment. Councilman Speckhard said he thinks this can be done without any negative impact to the town and the bidding process could be combined with that of the Corporate Commerce Zone Water District. He noted users would be paying over an extended length of time.

Supervisor Barrett said there is a time constraint to get the connection to Rexford Water District by 2005 and Town of Glenville is expecting the connection.

Councilman Speckhard said the Clifton Park Water Authority is ready to go.

Supervisor Barrett said the county is documenting cases of people being without water throughout the county and asked anyone with information of people being without water to bring it to the attention of the county. There is a county water committee study looking to bring water from the upper Hudson.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard

Resolution No. 120 of 2002, a resolution appointing Susan Olsen and Deana Rubinger to the Historic Preservation Commission and amending Resolution No. 81 of 2002, correcting term for Historic Preservation member.

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

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission currently has vacancies on it's commission, and

WHEREAS, Kevin Bowman, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission recommends that Susan Olsen, 34 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford and Deana Rubinger, 34 Sweet Briar Drive, Ballston Lake, be appointed as members of the Historic Preservation Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Susan Olsen and Deana Rubinger are hereby appointed as members of the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2004, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 81 of 2002 is hereby amended so that Margaret Kinosian is hereby appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2004.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth

Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 121 of 2002, a resolution designating the Week of May 19 - 25, 2002 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

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

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service, and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury, and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health system, and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others, and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills, and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week, and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park in recognition of this event does hereby proclaim the week of May 19 - 25, 2002 as Emergency Medical

Services Week and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 122 of 2002, a resolution awarding the bid for Riverview Landing Contract No. 2-Chlorine Tank Access Improvements.

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

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2002 sealed quotes were publicly opened for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible quote for this contract was submitted by Condor Constructors LLC, in the amount of \$5,695.00, and

WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering has reviewed the quote and has recommended to the Town Supervisor that the quote from Condor Constructors LLC be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the quote and awards the above referenced work to Condor Constructors LLC, in the amount of \$5,695.00 to be paid as budgeted H20-8111-24 (Capital Project Riverview Landing Sewer-Sewer Contractual Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 123 of 2002, a resolution adopting an availability policy for revenues in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 33.

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

Councilman Roth.

WHEREAS, the Government Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions, which the NYS Comptroller's Office has suggested be used in the Town's annual financial report, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park desires to establish an availability policy for recognizing revenues to conform to this statement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park hereby adopts and establishes a 60 day availability policy after the year end in recognizing revenues for all funds in accordance with GASB Statement No. 33.

Comptroller Heggen explained this states the Town will recognize revenues for the previous year that are received up to 60 days after year end and any revenues received later than 60 days would then be deferred into the following year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 124 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the hiring of pool staff and water safety instructors as per Schedule A.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has recommended that individuals listed in Schedule A be hired as part of the pool staff for the summer, and

WHEREAS, the wages to be paid to the hired individuals is listed in Schedule A as budgeted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in Schedule A attached hereto be hired as part of the pool staff for the Town of Clifton Park, summer of 2002, effective immediately through October 1, 2002, to be budgeted from SP5-7151, Country Knolls Pool, A7150, Barney Road Pool and A7152, Locust Lane Pool.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth

Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, read prepared comments regarding the adult use zone, attached.

Councilman Paolucci responded to Mr. Goldman's comments about reduced acreage and clarified certain statements. He said Councilman Roth asked at the public forum if the town could take one of the parcels out of the adult use zone thereby reducing the set aside acreage, and Dr. Penna made a statement about how important it was to the law to have a certain number of parcels. Councilman Paolucci said he feels this has been taken into consideration.

Jan Lemon, Esopus Drive, said she applauds Councilman Speckhard for his comments regarding bringing water to the western part of town but disagrees with the methodology. She said when the Water Authority was formed, the intent was to allow the Water Authority to do those extensions. She continued, the reason users pay a Capital Improvement Fee is to pay off the loans to allow these extensions to occur. She believes everyone in town should be paying to make sure everybody else in town has water. Ms. Lemon said she hopes, if this is done, it will be done through the Water Authority and asked that consideration be given to bringing water to Eastside Drive.

Supervisor Barrett said the Eastside Drive project is moving forward and it is hoped there will be funding to defray some of the costs.

Councilman Paolucci responded to a question from the floor that there is enough usable acreage in the adult use zone to satisfy any legal test.

MOTION by Councilman Roth, 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 8:27 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk