

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 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 Speckhard
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Louis Gerard, Superintendent of Highways
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Michael O'Brien, Environmental Specialist
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Speckhard, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2002 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Walowit scheduled a Public Forum regarding water issues for the July 1st Town Board meeting. She said Town Engineer Jack McDonald and Clifton Park Water Authority Administrator Douglas Connor would be in attendance. Supervisor Barrett said the Board continues to work with everyone that comes forward with water concerns.

REPORTS

Reports for May from the Highway and Planning Departments, Convenience Transfer Station, and Animal Control were filed with the Town Clerk.

PRESENTATION

Eric Hamilton, Chair, Trails Advisory Committee, presented a feasibility study entitled "JOIN US...A Master Plan for the Historic Erie Canal Towpath Trail" to the Town Board and asked the Board to accept the report and adopt the recommendations contained therein. He said the Towns of Halfmoon and Clifton Park would apply for a joint grant application.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 157 of 2002, a resolution designating Glenn Valle as the Pool Administrator for the Country Knolls Pool for the year 2002.

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

WHEREAS, the Longkill I Park District has recommended that Glenn Valle be designated as the Pool Administrator for the Country Knolls Pool, and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the Pool Administrator will be designated jointly by the Park District and the Town's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board acting as the Commissioners of the Longkill I Park District hereby designate Glenn Valle, Ballston Lake as Pool Administrator for the Country Knolls Pool for the year 2002.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent; Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 158 of 2002, a resolution hiring Matthew Desrochers to do clean up work

at Longkill I Park District.

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

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for help to clean up the Longkill I Park District and Matthew Desrochers, 6 Tanglewood Drive, Ballston Lake, has been recommended to be hired for this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Longkill I Park District hereby authorizes the hiring of Matthew Desrochers, 6 Tanglewood Drive, Ballston Lake, to do cleanup work at Longkill I Park District, effective immediately through the end of the year at \$6.50 per hour, to be budgeted from SP5-7123-45 (Longkill I-Other Program Expenses).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 159 of 2002, a resolution authorizing and directing Michael O'Brien, Environmental Specialist for the Town of Clifton Park, to prepare an application re-activating a prior application from 2001 with the N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to pursue additional funds for the restoration of the Historic Grooms Tavern, and

WHEREAS, restoration funds may be available through the N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Environmental Specialist is hereby authorized and directed to refile an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation in accordance with the provision of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 or Title 3 of the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of

Clifton Park for rehabilitation of Historic Grooms Tavern.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 160 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the hiring of a part-time summer intern for the office of the Environmental Specialist.

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

WHEREAS, an additional staff member is required to staff the office of the Environmental Specialist during the summer months, and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Brien has recommended that Shannon Brescher, 1 Merion Ave., Clifton Park, be hired as a part-time summer intern; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Environmental Specialist is hereby authorized to hire Shannon Brescher, 1 Merion Ave., Clifton Park, as a part-time summer intern, for six weeks, at \$7.50/per hour, not to exceed \$500, to be paid from A-8989-015 (Community Development-Other Contractual).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 161 of 2002, a resolution authorizing funds to be transferred from unappropriated surplus in order to accept the bid for the second phase of renovation to the Grooms Tavern.

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

Speckhard.

WHEREAS, the bids have been received for work to the Grooms Tavern to include the Base Bid for Roof Restoration and Stabilization, Alternate 1 for Porch Restoration and Alternate 2 for the Exterior North Wall, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for the above mentioned renovations has submitted a cost of \$95,100, and

WHEREAS, funds remaining from those previously designated, amount to approximately \$85,000, and

WHEREAS, in order to complete this phase of renovations \$10,000, represents the difference between the bid amount and the remaining funds, and \$5000 for contingencies and engineering fees is required; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that \$15,000 be transferred from the unappropriated surplus to provide for the complete funding of this phase of renovations to the town's Grooms Tavern.

Councilman Roth reported, in meeting with people involved with the Tavern, it was agreed that Alternate 3 of the bid would not be considered at this point in time. He said in order to do the base bid and Alternate 1 and 2, additional monies are needed in order to properly complete the roof stabilization, porch restoration and exterior north wall.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 162 of 2002, a resolution appointing Justina Vedder to the position of part-time legal secretary.

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

WHEREAS, the summer vacation schedules of Town of Clifton Park clerical staff requires the hiring of a part-time legal secretary/summer intern to the Town Attorneys, and

WHEREAS, Justina Vedder, 3 Edward Street, Clifton Park, has been recommended for

the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Justina Vedder, 3 Edwards Street, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to the position of part-time legal secretary/summer intern to the Town Attorneys, Grade 3, Step 3, from July 8, 2002 to September 9, 2002 to be budgeted from A-1420-E400 (Legal-Intern).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 163 of 2002, a resolution authorizing a salary increase for Head Lifeguards.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has recommended that the hourly rates for Head Lifeguards at the Country Knolls and Locust Lane Pools be increased per Schedule A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is hereby authorized to increase the hourly rates for the Head Lifeguards at the Country Knolls and Locust Lane Pools per Schedule A to be paid from A7152 - E4680 (Locust Lane Pool- Pool Manager) and SP5-7151 - E4690 (Longkill #1-Country Knolls Pool-Guards).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 164 of 2002, a resolution authorizing a contract for mowing the grass at the Vischer Ferry Preserve.

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

WHEREAS, four quotes were received for mowing the grass at the Vischer Ferry Preserve during the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2002, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible quote was submitted by Strawberry Hill/Art Luke in the amount of \$25.00 per hour with all expenses and equipment included; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Strawberry Hill/Art Luke is designated to mow the grass at the Vischer Ferry Preserve during the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2002, to be paid \$25.00 per hour with all expenses, equipment and operator included, at a cost not to exceed \$4000, from budget line A-7114-24 (Parks-Vischer Ferry Preserve-Repair & Maint.) with work to be performed on an "as needed basis".

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci
DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 165 of 2002, a resolution establishing the Town of Clifton Park as Lead Agency for the proposed Aquatic Vegetation Control Program application by Country Club Golf, LLC.

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

WHEREAS, according to section 617.4(b)(2) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act the proposed action is described as an unlisted action, and

WHEREAS, all unlisted actions require Coordinated Review and the establishment of a Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines themselves as Lead Agency for the proposed Aquatic Vegetation Control Program application by Country Club Golf, LLC.

Environmental Specialist O'Brien reported Mr. Van Patten is coming aboard this year which allows the Par Del Rio pond to done. He said the state has asked the town to take lead agency.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth

Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 166 of 2002, a resolution accepting the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Aquatic Weed Control Program for Country Club Golf, LLC.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has declared itself the lead agency in a previous resolution regarding the proposed Aquatic Weed Control Program for Country Club Golf, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Environmental Specialist has completed a short Environmental Assessment Form regarding the proposed action, has determined that pursuant to SEQRA, the action is unlisted, and that a negative declaration should be issued; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board as lead agency hereby accepts the Environmental Assessment completed by the Town's Environmental Specialist for the application of Country Club Golf, LLC, regarding its Aquatic Weed Control Program, determines that pursuant to SEQRA the action is properly classified as unlisted, and hereby issues a negative declaration regarding the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 167 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the hiring of a temporary Typist in the Building and Zoning Department.

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

WHEREAS, the need exists to employ a temporary Typist to assist the Building and

Zoning Department, and

WHEREAS, Donald Clemens, Director of Building and Zoning recommended that Elizabeth O'Neil, Greenwich, be hired to fill this position, and the Town Board has considered the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Elizabeth O'Neil, Greenwich is hereby appointed as a temporary Typist to assist the Department of Building and Zoning, effective June 17, 2002, for approximately 15 weeks, at Grade 5, Step 1, \$15.63 per hour, to be budgeted from A-03620-E4000, (Building & Zoning-Seasonal Staff) and A-3620-E-59 (Building & Zoning-Senior Typist).

It was noted this is to fill a vacancy created by maternity leave.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 168 of 2002, a resolution hiring staff for summer recreation programs.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that additional staff be hired by the Department of Parks and Recreation to operate the Town of Clifton Park summer recreation programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in Schedule A attached hereto shall be hired to staff the Town of Clifton Park's summer recreation programs effective immediately to August 16, 2002 to be budgeted from A7310-E4500 (Summer Rec.-Staff/Counselors).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 169 of 2002, a resolution establishing a Water Development Capital Reserve Fund.

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

WHEREAS, there is a wide spread and increased need for water services in the various areas of our Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town (by Resolution No. 68 of 1998) and the Clifton Park Water Authority have indicated the need and the desire for an emergency reserve capacity, a capacity that can be mutually achieved by an interconnection between the Corporate Commerce Zone Water District and the Rexford Water District, and

WHEREAS, such an interconnection would serve the best interests of the residents of the Town of Clifton Park by providing both an adequate emergency backup water source and an ability to further extend water services to residents of Clifton Park for both the Rexford Water District and the Clifton Park Water Authority, and

WHEREAS, there presently exists a significant unappropriated General Fund Balance that is dedicated solely to support the best interests of the Town residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Water Development Capital Reserve Fund be established and dedicated to the extension of water services into the western part of the Town which will benefit all of the residents of the Town, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$600,000 be withdrawn from the Town's current unappropriated General Fund Balance to be deposited in the said Reserve Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any further applications for payment from said Reserve Fund must comply with General Municipal Finance Law Section 6-c and NYS Town Law Section 209-q, as amended from time to time, may require a public hearing, and may be subject to permissive referendum.

Councilman Speckhard reported Resolution No. 151 of 2002, tabled at the June 3, 2002 meeting, was too general and needed to be focused to delineate the purposes and use of this fund. He said the resolution was revised and the original resolution will not be removed from the table. He stated this is not a resolution committing the town to building the interconnect but simply establishes a fund the major use of which would be the interconnect, were the Town Board to decide to move ahead with it. He continued, this deals with the town wide benefits of such an interconnect which would essentially give very needed water reserve protection to every water user in the town and would also

increase the attractiveness of the Corporate Commerce zone development in the sense there would be the assurance of a water backup. This would give the two systems, Rexford Water District and Clifton Park Water Authority, an almost permanent reserve going both ways. Councilman Speckhard said the timing is good and if the Board was willing to move ahead with the interconnect the town might be able to link it with the Corporate Commerce project in terms of bidding. The interconnect would assist many water needs, particularly the Appleton Road area that needs to tie in with the Rexford Water District and can't because the District is limited by the Town of Glenville in terms of meeting the reserve first. He said there is no formal declaration by the Clifton Park Water Authority of their willingness to cooperate with the town, but he has had indications from the Chairman that the Authority is very open to and recognizes the need for the emergency backup for the Authority's system. He stated the fund could be disestablished at any time.

Supervisor Barrett agreed that the resolution focuses on the goals the Board is trying to achieve and on the project at hand and the project that the Board committed to a few years ago, which is interconnection between Rexford Water District and the Clifton Park Water Authority. He noted there is much tied into this connection, helping people that don't have water at this time, along with the public safety issues and emergency backups. Supervisor Barrett said this resolution does not spend any money as planning needs to be done.

Councilman Roth expressed appreciation for having his comments read at the last meeting and for the continuous review of this issue. He said what the town is trying to do is provide another source of water for the community and in light of what has happened in the country over the past several months it is a good idea to have another source of water. This connection will also be good for the Town of Glenville and is a positive step.

Supervisor Barrett said this not only helps people get water who don't have it but is added protection and insurance for the Rexford Water District.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

MOTION BY Supervisor Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to remove Resolution No. 127 of 2002 from the table

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 127 of 2002, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the 2002 National Babe Ruth World Series.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 312 of 2001 the Town Board on behalf of its residents, pledged it's full support of the 2002 Babe Ruth World Series with a commitment of \$25,000, toward the sponsorship of the 2002 National Babe Ruth World Series; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to transfer \$25,000 from the Contingency Fund to A-7550-56 (Festivals) and make payment therefrom for sponsorship of the 2002 National Babe Ruth World Series.

Supervisor Barrett said this is a national event and the town is fortunate to be hosting it. He said it is a significant amount of money but the tax revenue anticipated and the support of local businesses make this very important for the town as a whole.

Councilman Speckhard stated there is a very important economic benefit, as well as putting Clifton Park on the national scene and providing an event that is unique.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, read prepared comments, attached.

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 8:00 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk