

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2003

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
Louis Gerard, Superintendent of Highways
Donald Clemens, Director of Building and Zoning
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Roth reported he and Town Comptroller Heggen met with Staff & Campito, auditors for the arena, and have tentatively scheduled the auditors to give their report to the Town Board the 21st of July.

Councilman Speckhard noted that the Shenendehowa Girls Softball Team won the State Championship and the Crew Teams competed well at the National level.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Jim Duff, Town Disabilities Coordinator, reported on Transportation in Clifton Park, attached.

Gary Siegel, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Disabilities Services, expressed appreciation to the Town Board for their interest in persons with disabilities. He read a letter to the Supervisor from Mary Reardon President, Board of Directors and himself dated June 9, 2003, attached.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:10 PM

**TO CONSIDER ADDING THE REXFORD METHODIST CHURCH AND THE
CAPTAIN JOHN VISCHER HOUSE ON THE TOWN'S HISTORIC REGISTER**

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

June 5, 2003.

Kevin Bowman, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission explained placing a structure on the Register is an honorary award and does not offer anything as far as tax relief, however, if the owners of the property decide to pursue an historic conservation easement they have the right to do so after they are placed on the Register. When a structure is put on the Register, the town has no authority as to painting, etc. of the structure. It was noted the Vischer House is currently owned by Paul and Rainy Littman. Mr. Bowman presented information on both structures, attached.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:20 p.m.

Dave Hyde, Bradt Road, displayed a photo of the Rexford Methodist Church (c 1901) and gave a brief history of the church.

Mr. Bowman said the Church was the beginning of the Rexford community and though it has vinyl siding, the inside of the Church and the personage are historically important.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one else wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING, 7:20 PM
TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 103-16, BUILDING
PERMIT FEES**

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on June 5, 2003.

Donald Clemens, Director of Building and Zoning, summarized the proposed local law explaining this is the first major change to building permit fees since 1996 and is necessary in order to keep up with growing costs. He said the town tries to recoup a good portion of the cost of operating the Code Enforcement Bureau through these fees. This proposal is only for commercial fees. Mr. Clemens said, if approved, this would bring in approximately \$30,000 in additional fees for next year. He explained the new State Code has brought on additional work for the department and commercial work in town has been increasing. Mr. Clemens said these fees are in line with neighboring towns. He noted residential fees are not affected in this legislation.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, asked why this isn't done as part of the annual budget process. He said as little as this is, it is putting additional money on the business community.

Bob Gauvreau, Oakwood Blvd., commended the Supervisor and Town Board for holding

the line on residential fees.

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, asked if there were any prior communications among the building and development community in the town since it is strange that there is no one to speak against the increase.

Mr. Clemens said the cost of a building permit is a small portion of the cost of putting up a building and the development community has no objections to reasonable fees. Mr. Clemens explained the budget is a separate process, but a fee increase is done by a local law. He reported the cost of operating the Building Department/Fire Prevention is just shy of \$500,000 in 2003 and fees collected in 2002 amounted to \$265,000. Mr. Clemens said taxpayers benefit directly from the Building Department's inspection process: e.g. inspections of stores, mall, and movie theaters. He noted the town's inspection process and code enforcement also reflects in fire insurance rates for commercial buildings and homeowners rates for individual homes.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one else wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 139 of 2003, a resolution hiring Kyle Andrus to do work for the Stoney Creek II Park District.

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

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for help at the Stoney Creek II Park District and Kyle Andrus, 80 Gloucester Street, has been recommended to be hired for this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Stoney Creek II Park District, hereby authorizes the hiring of Kyle Andrus to do work for the Stoney Creek II Park District effective immediately through the end of the year at \$7.00 per hour, not to exceed 5.5 hours per week and a total of \$500.00 for the year 2003, to be budgeted from SP0-7120-24, Stoney Creek II Park District (Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 140 of 2003, a resolution awarding the bid for the sale of approximately 2500 cubic yards of mulch located at the Town of Clifton Park Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the only bidder for this contract is Paquin's Mulch Co., Clifton Park, in the amount of \$6275.60 for the removal of the mulch, and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station Supervisor has reviewed the bid and has recommended to the Town Board that the bid of Paquin's Mulch Co. be accepted in the amount of \$6275.60, to be paid by certified check or bank check in the following manner: one third (1/3) prior to removal of any mulch, one third (1/3) after approximately one half (1/2) of the mulch has been removed, final one third (1/3) upon completion of removal of all mulch; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid to Paquin's Mulch Co. in the amount of \$6275.60 on the condition that all mulch be removed from the Transfer Station within 45 days after the effective date of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 141 of 2003, a resolution honoring Matthew T. Lanning for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Matthew T. Lanning of Boy Scout Troop 48, Clifton Park, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board wishes to acknowledge and honor Matthew's achievements, particularly his project which entailed the construction of five

regular picnic tables and one handicapped picnic table, as well as doing work around a Native American longhouse, all at the Tesago Elementary School in Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Matthew T. Lanning of Boy Scout Troop 48, Clifton Park, is hereby recognized and honored for having attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 142 of 2003, a resolution hiring staff for summer recreation programs.

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

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, and

WHEREAS, Patricia Haffner, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that the individuals listed in Schedule A attached hereto be hired for such purpose; 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 8, 2003, to be paid from A7310-E4500 (Summer Recreation - Staff/Counselors).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 143 of 2003, a resolution appointing Florence Fitzgerald as a Part-time Senior Express Dispatcher.

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

WHEREAS, Patricia Haffner, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has identified a need for a Part-time Senior Express Dispatcher, and

WHEREAS, Patricia Haffner has recommended that Florence Fitzgerald, 4 Castillion Court, Clifton Park, be hired to fill this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Florence Fitzgerald, 4 Castillion Court, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to the position of Part-time Senior Express Dispatcher, Grade 1, Step 1 effective immediately to be paid from A6772-E127 (Express Dispatch).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 144 of 2003, a resolution awarding the bid for repairs to tennis courts at Longkill I Park and basketball courts at Clifton Common.

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

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the only bidder for this contract is Copeland Coating Co. in the amount of \$9,300.00, for the repairs to the tennis courts at Longkill I Park and \$17,000.00 for the repairs to the basketball courts at Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, John M. McDonald Engineering has reviewed the bid and has recommended to the Town Supervisor that the bid of Copeland Coating Co. be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Longkill I Park District, hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid to Copeland Coating Co. in the amount of \$26,300.00, \$17,000.00 to be paid from A-7112-24 Clifton Common (Repairs and Maintenance) and \$9,300.00 to be paid from SP5-7123-24 Longkill I Park District (Repairs and Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 145 of 2003, a resolution designating two structures to the Clifton Park Town Register of Historic Places.

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

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has recommended that the Rexford Methodist Church on Main Street, Rexford and the Paul and Rainy Littman home on the corner of Ferry Drive and Riverview Road in the Hamlet of Vischer Ferry be added to the Town Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, structures placed on this Register will be given historic status for purposes of Town-wide recognition and as such shall be provided with appropriate marker and inclusion in a Town brochure identifying all sites so designated, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 9, 2003 in this regard and all who wished to be heard were; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adds the Rexford Methodist Church on Main Street, Rexford and the Paul and Rainy Littman home on the corner of Ferry Drive and Riverview Road in the Hamlet of Vischer Ferry to the Town Register of Historic Places.

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, said it is his understanding that the Sr. Van is also available to serve the disabled. He recommended looking into the issue of the demand for services of the senior transportation and what is being provided.

Mr. Shahan responded he has not heard any complaints about van usage, but occasionally there is a conflict of dates. He noted the town van does not have a lift and, therefore, is not handicapped accessible. The senior van does have a lift.

Kevin Bowman, Chairman of Historic Preservation Commission, urged the Town Board to move on the proposed legislation regarding historic preservation.

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 carried at 8:08 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk