

## **Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 20, 2004**

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  
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator  
John Scherer, Town Historian

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilman Paolucci reported he received an email from Paul Bredderman regarding snowmobiles in town parks. Mr. Shahan said security patrols have ticketed individuals for snowmobiling at the Vischer Ferry Preserve and additional signs will be posted. Councilman Roth and Councilwoman Walowit said snowmobiles have been seen on Van Patten Drive. Mr. Scherer said snowmobilers are coming across the river to the Preserve.

Town Clerk O'Donnell announced that voters in Election Districts 14 and 15, formerly voting in the Barney Road Clubhouse, will now vote in the Locust Lane Clubhouse.

### **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Town Historian Scherer updated the Board on the Grooms Tavern renovations. He stated it is important to finish the wagon shed section of the Tavern in order for it to be used as the meeting room and lecture hall. He anticipates the HVAC and plumbing will run approximately \$75,000. Mr. Scherer asked the Town Board to again match funds with the Friends of Grooms Tavern. He said another project would be the stabilization of the blacksmith shop estimated to cost approximately \$10,000 to \$14,000.

Dan Cole, President of the Friends of Grooms Tavern, announced a donation of \$10,000 from Robert and Laurie Liebert Van Vranken.

Robert VanVranken noted 100 years ago his great grandfather served as Supervisor of the

Town of Clifton Park. He stressed the importance of preserving old buildings.

Mr. Scherer reported the Ladies Parlor in the Tavern will be named "The Van Vranken Room" as Bill Van Vranken had donated a parlor stove for that room. He said the Van Vranken family has been very generous with historic material that is now in the town's collection.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Mr. and Mrs. Van Vranken for their support and to Messrs. Cole and Scherer and Councilman Roth for their work.

Supervisor Barrett reported Kevin Bowman has resigned as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission and expressed appreciation to him for his time and dedication. Mr. Bowman will stay on as a Commission member.

Councilman Roth said depending on the year end report, there may be other items that can be taken care of in Grooms Tavern.

Town Administrator Shahan reported the senior bus bid will be opened on January 17th. He encouraged people to call the town if they see ATVs or snowmobiles on town trails.

Supervisor Barrett reported \$16,000 to \$17,000 is available from the county to offset the cost of the senior van.

Town Comptroller Heggen submitted his monthly financial report for December.

#### PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 21 of 2004, a resolution authorizing an inter-municipal agreement between the Town of Hadley and the Town of Clifton Park for the bus transportation to the 2004 Association of Towns Meeting.

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

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made that the Town of Hadley and the Town of Clifton Park enter into an inter-municipal agreement providing for bus transportation to the 2004 Association of Towns Meeting which is being held in New York City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Hadley and the Town of Clifton Park enter into an agreement which provides that:

1. The Town of Hadley will provide bus seats to the 2004 Association of Towns Meeting, at a cost to be determined by the Town of Hadley, not to exceed \$36.67 per person with

the understanding that the seats are a non-refundable purchase. The bus will depart and return to pre-designated areas.

2. The Town of Hadley will provide receipts for paid reservations for bus transportation to the Association of Towns Meeting.

3. The Town of Hadley will pay for no other cost or amount or consideration.

4. The term of the agreement shall be from February 15 through February 18, 2004.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 22 of 2004, a resolution re-appointing members to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.

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

WHEREAS, Allan P. Atwell, 9 Greenlea Drive, Clifton Park and Nancy Bellamy, 147 Eastside Drive, Ballston Lake, have been serving as members of the Emergency Services Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to re-appoint Allan P. Atwell and Nancy Bellamy as members of the Emergency Services Advisory Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Allan P. Atwell, 9 Greenlea Drive, Clifton Park, and Nancy Bellamy, 147 Eastside Drive, Ballston Lake, are hereby re-appointed as members of the Emergency Services Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2006.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 23 of 2004, a resolution reclassifying Judy Bayer's title from Account

Clerk to Senior Account Clerk with the recommendation and approval of the Saratoga County Department of Personnel.

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

WHEREAS, the job title of Judy Bayer has been reclassified by the Saratoga County Department of Personnel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Judy Bayer's title reclassification is hereby approved by the Clifton Park Town Board from Account Clerk to Senior Account Clerk, Competitive, Grade 5, Step 4 (\$31, 567.00) salary difference to be paid from A-7110-74 (Buildings & Grounds/overtime) with a transfer to A-7110-E508 (Buildings & Grounds/Judy Bayer), retroactive to January 1, 2004.

Members of the Town Board spoke in favor of this reclassification.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 24 of 2004, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement for Employee Assistance Program Services.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park wishes to provide an employee assistance program for employees and their immediate family members, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to engage the services of Employee Services, Inc. to provide the program per the attached agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the attached agreement with Employee Services, Inc. to provide for Employee Assistance Program Services at a cost \$18.86 per employee, 75% (\$1485.22) to be paid from A-9060-106 (General Fund Employee Benefits/Hosp/Med Ins. & Dental and 25% (\$495.08) to be paid from DA-9060-106 (Highway Employee Benefits/Hosp/Med Ins. & Dental).

Mr. Trainor said he has reviewed the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 25 of 2004, a resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to purchase a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 for use by the Security Department.

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

WHEREAS, Michael Shahan, Town Administrator, has identified a need for a new vehicle for the use of the Security Department, and

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator has requested authorization to purchase a Model Year 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe under state contract as described in Schedule A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Michael Shahan, Town Administrator, is hereby authorized to purchase a Model Year 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 under State Contract Group 40560, from Whiteside Chevrolet, St. Clairsville, Ohio, as described in Schedule A, at a cost not to exceed \$26,892.00 with funds to come from A-3120-200 (Law Enforcement/Equipment), as Budgeted.

Supervisor Barrett stated he would prefer doing business with someone locally rather than Ohio but this is the company under New York State contract. Mr. Shahan said it will be serviced locally.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 26 of 2004, a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$1,687.50 for engineering work at Grooms Tavern.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for an engineering study to be completed and a recommendation be made regarding the mechanical and electrical requirements for Grooms Tavern, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Roth and Town Historian John Scherer have recommended that the proposal of Excel Engineering in the amount of \$1687.50 be accepted for engineering services including \$187.50 for architectural services by John G. Waite Associates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposal of Excel Engineering, in the amount of \$1,687.50 be accepted including \$187.50 for architectural services by John G. Waite Associates, one half to be paid (\$843.00) from matching Town funds as designated by Resolution No. 93 of 2003 and one half (\$844.00) to be paid by Friends of Grooms Tavern.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 27 of 2004, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider applications for the Conservation Easement program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town's Conservation Easement program requires public comment on properties proposed to be included in the program, and

WHEREAS, the following properties have requested inclusion in the program;

Historic Conservation Easement The Garnet Company, LLC 989 Main St. 259.9-1-20

Conservation Easement Ronald G. Ochrym 986 Hatlee Rd 258.-1-19

Conservation Easement Robert L. Sammler Rt. 146A/MacElroy 264.3-71 and 264.3-4.1

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is scheduled for February 9, 2004 in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, at 7:15 PM to consider the above properties for inclusion in the Conservation Easement program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the proposed property owners give the notice to their neighbors and other entities as provided in the Town's Conservation Easement legislation in advance of the public hearing, and the Town Clerk is directed to publish appropriate notice of the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, said it is important for people with snowmobiles and 4x4's to be aware that they cannot ride on private property.

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 8:00 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk