

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 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 Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Patricia Haffner, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Roth announced the Special Collection Day is scheduled for October 4th.

Resolution No. 175 of 2004, a resolution hiring summer help for the Dwaaskill Park District.

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

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for summer help at the Dwaaskill Park District to do light landscaping chores, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Williams, 4 Whispering Hills, Clifton Park, and John Roche, 1 Raphael Court, Clifton Park, have been recommended to be hired for these positions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Dwaaskill Park District hereby authorizes the summer hiring of Christopher Williams at \$8.00 per hour and John Roche at \$7.25 per hour for the Dwaaskill Park District, effective June 21, 2004, to be paid from SP4-7135-24 (Dwaaskill Park District-Maintenance), not to exceed \$900.00 for the two summer hires for the season.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 176 of 2004, a resolution authorizing the Sole Assessor to attend a seminar on Agricultural Economics in Ithaca, New York.

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

WHEREAS, Walter Smead, Sole Assessor, has requested authorization to attend a seminar on Agricultural Economics in Ithaca, New York, July 19-23, 2004, and

WHEREAS, his 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 Walter Smead, Sole Assessor, is hereby authorized to attend a seminar on Agricultural Economics, July 19-23, 2004, at a cost not to exceed \$380.00 to be paid from A-1355-01 (Assessor/Training & Conferences) to be vouchered appropriately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 177 of 2004, a resolution filling the position of Senior Account Clerk in the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Judy Bayer an opening exists in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Margaret Kasky has been employed by the Town of Clifton Park in the Assessor's Office as an Assessment Clerk, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds has requested that Margaret Kasky be transferred from the Assessor's Office and be promoted to the position of Senior Account Clerk in the Buildings and Grounds Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Margaret Kasky, 12 Garrison Lane, Ballston Lake, is hereby appointed as a Senior Account Clerk in the Buildings and Grounds Department, at Grade 5, Step 3, at an annual salary of \$30,648, effective immediately, to be paid with a transfer of \$16,000 from A-7110-EO508 (Buildings and Grounds Senior Account Clerk) and \$6,000 from A-7110-E4000 (Buildings and Grounds Part-Time Laborer) to A-7110-E977 (Buildings and Grounds Senior Account Clerk).

The Town Board expressed appreciation to Ms. Bayer for her work in the Buildings and Grounds Department and wished her well in her new job. They commended Ms. Kasky for her work in the Assessor's office and welcomed her to her new position in the Buildings and Grounds Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 178 of 2004, a resolution amending Resolution No. 147 of 2004, regarding the mission of the E-Government Oversight & Planning Committee.

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

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that additional language be added to the fourth Whereas in Resolution No. 147 of 2004 to clarify the mission of the E-Government Oversight & Planning Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the fourth Whereas, in Resolution No. 147 of 2004 is hereby amended and should read:

WHEREAS, the mission of the E-Government Oversight & Planning Committee is to

recommend improved and enhanced means and methods through which citizens can access information and conduct E-Government business on-line via the internet, assess and evaluate technology systems for departmental and integrated applications in a collaborative forum and contribute E-Government and Technology budget recommendations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 179 of 2004, a resolution hiring staff for summer recreation programs.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that additional staff be hired by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs 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 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 13, 2004, to be paid from A7310-E4500 (Summer Recreation-Staff/Counselors) and A7310-E9000 (Summer Recreation-Site Supervisor/Specialist).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 180 of 2004, a resolution referring the proposed Olsen Whitney LLC Senior Housing Planned Development District to the Planning Board for review and comment.

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

WHEREAS, application has been made to the Town Board for the proposed Olsen Whitney LLC Senior Housing Planned Development District, and

WHEREAS, the Town Code requires a review of all PDD applications by the Planning Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed Olsen Whitney LLC Senior Housing Planned Development District is hereby referred to the Town Planning Board for review and comment and that the Planning Board is to report back to the Town Board within 60 days.

In May, Councilman Roth asked that this resolution be removed from the agenda because the project was a 3-story building. He reported the town's Senior Housing Committee is strong in their sentiment that, for the purposes of safety and security for seniors, a 2-story building is much better not only for the purposes of evacuation but for emergency personnel getting to these people, noting seconds do count. Now that Olsen Whitney LLC has redone the plans to a 2-story building, Councilman Roth asks that this application be sent to the Planning Board. He said from the back it is still a 3-story building but the lower level is garden apartments and basically emergency people can get to the apartments as if they are on one level. There will be 2 levels in the front of the building with elevators. Councilman Roth is not sure how the building will sit on the site as there are wetlands but this is something the Planning Board will have to look at in detail to see what type of grading and filling will have to be done in order to get these types of buildings into that area. He wants to make sure that whatever disturbance happens will be a good disturbance and will fit in with what the property is going to look like. He noted he is concerned with the 4-story senior housing project on Wall Street but will have to wait and see the type of person that moves into that particular housing. Councilman Roth asked that these remarks be sent to the Planning Board.

Councilman Roth is planning to give a report of the Senior Housing Committee at the June 21st Town Board meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 181 of 2004, a resolution recognizing Ravenswood Pub on their Twentieth Anniversary in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, Ravenswood Pub, better known as the “Wood” by those who frequent the Pub, was established in February of 1984 by a group of five men who had worked together at a former pub in Niskayuna, and

WHEREAS, the “Wood” began as a full service restaurant, then after assessing the dining habits of the community changed to a Pub, added a Banquet Facility and six years ago added a deck for outdoor dining, and

WHEREAS, the “Wood” has contributed to the community by sponsoring sports teams and by being a good corporate citizen, and

WHEREAS, the “Wood” prides itself on offering value, service, smiles, laughs and the slogan “You’re always at home at the “Wood”, and

WHEREAS, word of mouth advertising and their famous Wings and Wecks have caused large crowds to gather at the “Wood”, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park hereby recognizes Ravenswood Pub, the “Wood”, on their Twentieth Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park hereby recognizes owners Keith Johnson and Bill Carson for their contribution to the community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Speckhard

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, asked why the World War II monument along Route 146 near the Edison Club isn't moved to the Moe Road Corner Park. Mr. Shahen explained this question has come up in the past and it is his understanding a Polish veteran's group in Rexford purchased and placed it at the present location and want it left there.

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, stated not all seniors are decrepit and housebound and many live in buildings that are 3-stories high but are looking for relatively inexpensive senior housing. He said the words "The Town" should be added to the Welcome to Clifton Park signs. Councilman Roth responded he has researched this and the cost of adding the words is \$375 for three signs. He will get this information to the Town Board. Mr. Goldman reiterated his recommendation of a \$20 million bond for purchases of open space and easements.

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

Motion carried at 7:30 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk