

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2005

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
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Affairs
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator
Louis Renzi, Deputy Town Attorney

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the May 9 and 16, 2005 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Speckhard reported the E Government Committee is considering a promotional video of the town that would attach to the town's website. The Committee is asking Town Board members to come up with ideas as to content.

Councilman Speckhard acknowledged a letter from George Peterson, Chairman of the Rexford Water District commending Tom Ziobrowski, Superintendent of the District, for his actions in finding and fixing several leaks in the Wing, Dubois and Ashdown Roads area preserving approximately 15 million gallons.

Supervisor Barrett presented Eagle Scout James Pfeiffer with the following resolution, after which James reviewed his project.

Resolution No. 139 of 2005, a resolution honoring James Robert Pfeiffer for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, James Robert Pfeiffer, 7 Huntwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 6, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board wishes to acknowledge and honor James's achievements, including his Eagle Scout Service Project which entailed the designing of a 150-foot brick memorial walkway for Miss Shen Softball, located on the Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, in addition to designing the walkway, James had to provide the labor for his project and raise \$1,200 for the edger bricks, fabric, sand and gravel through an ongoing bottle and can drive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that James Robert Pfeiffer, 7 Huntwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 6, is hereby recognized and honored for having attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci,

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 140 of 2005, a resolution honoring the Shenendehowa High School Musical Company as the first place winner of the Schenectady Light Opera Company's High School Musical Theater Award.

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

WHEREAS, for the second year in a row the Shenendehowa High School Musical Company was selected as the recipient of the Schenectady Light Opera Company's High School Musical Theater Award for their production of Les Miserables, and

WHEREAS, Clint Johnson, a junior, was selected to receive the “Outstanding Performer Award” for his portrayal of Jean Valjean in the musical, an award given to a student for the best individual performance seen at the musicals competing during the year, from a five county area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board wishes to congratulate the 2004-2005 Shenendehowa High School Musical Company for recently being selected as the first place winner of the Schenectady Light Opera Company’s High School Musical Theater Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board also wishes to congratulate the many performers from the cast of Les Miserables who were nominated for the “Outstanding Performer Award” and congratulate Clint Johnson as the recipient of the award.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci,

DECLARED ADOPTED

Kathy Samanuik Hayes accepted the following resolution on behalf of Margaret Simmons and expressed Ms. Simmons’ appreciation for the recognition.

Resolution No. 141 of 2005, a resolution honoring Margaret Simmons, a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

WHEREAS, Margaret Simmons was born in Rexford, New York, in June of 1919, attended a one room school at Waite Road and Route 146A and attended college in Charlotte, North Carolina, taught in Georgia and North Carolina before securing a teaching job at Shenendehowa in 1953, and

WHEREAS, at Shenendehowa Miss Simmons worked as a teacher of English and Social Studies, served as Reading Coordinator, was an advisor to many clubs and advisor to the first senior class to graduate from Shenendehowa Central School, and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure at Shenendehowa she was affectionately referred to as “Ma Simmons” by her students who thought of her as a delightful person, who was well

spoken, had a keen mind and sharp wit, and knew that she regarded each of them as important, and

WHEREAS, Margaret had the unique distinction of being the first person of African American descent to teach at Shenendehowa and is believed to be the first African American to teach high school in a public school system north of New York City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Margaret Simmons is hereby honored and thanked by the Clifton Park Town Board for her many years of service to others in our community and is hereby congratulated for being a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 142 of 2005, a resolution honoring New York State Police Investigator Mark A. Petrecki for his many years of service to the residents of the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, New York State Investigator Mark A. Petrecki began his career with the New York State Police on March 24, 1985 and was assigned to the Clifton Park Station, which was located in the Town Hall at the time, and

WHEREAS, after his initial training he was transferred to the Executive Services Detail for twelve months, after which time he returned to the Clifton Park Station until 1993, and

WHEREAS, after working at the Charlton Satellite for one year, Trooper Petrecki was promoted to Investigator on October 20, 1994 and was then assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation at the Clifton Park Station, and

WHEREAS, during Investigator Petrecki's career in Clifton Park he worked on the Christmas Eve Bombing case in Country Knolls and several robbery cases, including McDonalds and Dunkin Donuts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board wishes to honor New York State Investigator Mark A. Petrecki on his retirement for twenty years of service as a New York State Trooper/Investigator and to thank him for his eighteen years of service to the residents of the Town of Clifton Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 143 of 2005, a resolution awarding a contract for landscaping services for Longkill I Park District.

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

WHEREAS, quotes were received by the Town Board, as Commissioners of the Longkill I Park District, for landscaping services for the Longkill I Park District, and

WHEREAS, the lowest conforming quote for the work to be done, which includes Spring and Fall Clean-up, mowing, mulching and planting of flowers, was submitted by Staucet's Lawn Service for \$18,315; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of the Longkill I Park District, hereby awards the contract to Staucet's Lawn Service, Clifton Park, NY, for landscaping services for the Longkill I Park District, at a cost not to exceed \$18,315 to be budgeted from SP5-7123-24(Longkill I Park District-Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 144 of 2005, a resolution establishing the summer schedule for Town Board Meetings in 2005.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to set the summer meeting schedule at two meetings per month consistent with past practice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes the following summer schedule for July and August 2005:

Tuesday July 5, 2005
Monday July 18, 2005
Monday August 1, 2005
Monday August 15, 2005

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 145 of 2005, a resolution appointing Gregory Amyot as an alternate to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.

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

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Gary Maursky, an opening exists for a representative from the Jonesville Fire District, and

WHEREAS, Gregory Amyot, 10D Rovanten Park, Ballston Lake, has been recommended to serve as an alternate delegate to the Emergency Services Advisory Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Gregory Amyot, 10D Rovanten Park, Ballston Lake, be appointed as an alternate delegate to the Emergency Services Advisory Board, to fill the unexpired term of Gary Maursky, term to expire December 31, 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 146 of 2005, 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 SP5-7151-E04690 (Country Knolls Pools) and A7152-E4690 (Locust Lane Pool), retroactive to May 15, 2005

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 147 of 2005, a resolution hiring staff for summer recreation programs.

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

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, Myla Kramer, 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 19, 2005, to be paid from A7320-E9000 (Summer Recreation Full Day-Site Supervisor) and A7310-E9000 (Summer Recreation-Site Specialist).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,

Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Roth explained when this resolution was brought forward and tabled on April 4th, Highway Superintendent Kukuk was asked for additional information to justify the purchase of the vehicle. Superintendent Kukuk has submitted the information requested and Councilman Roth said it is appropriate to remove the resolution from the table at this time.

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Speckhard to remove Resolution No. 76 of 2005 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. 76 of 2005, a resolution approving the purchase of a vehicle for use by the Town Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Highway Superintendent has requested that authorization be given for the purchase of a 2005 Ford F-250 4x4 XL truck, for use by the Highway Department from NYS Contract, and

WHEREAS, a need for this equipment by the Town Highway Department has been identified; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to purchase a 2005 Ford F-250 4x4 XL truck from State Contract PC60927 at a cost not to exceed \$26,213, to be paid from DA5130-00219 (Highway-Truck).

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, expressed concern about the tabulation of the surveys on the aging, particularly if there were multiple responses from households, as well as the survey questions. He said the town will not get a representative sample from this survey.

Supervisor Barrett reported approximately 6000 responded to the survey.

Glenn Valle, Hillside Drive, exhibiting several signs taken from the Ushers Road area, and speaking on behalf of the Country Knolls Civic Association, said the signs are a growing blight in neighborhoods. He said companies are coming in on Friday nights when code enforcement officers are off and setting up signs all over the town. He would like to see some aggressive action on behalf of the town to address this problem. Mr. Valle said Director of Building and Zoning has done a great job in getting staff out to remove signs but not until Monday morning.

Supervisor Barrett responded he has discussed this problem with Mr. Clemens and is considering having town security pick up signs on weekends, bring them to the Building Department and putting offenders on report. Deputy Town Attorney Renzi is researching the legal aspects of having town security photographing and picking up signs. He said within the past two to three weeks one of the companies has been prosecuted and fined several hundred dollars. Councilman Roth encouraged residents to call town hall regarding illegal signs. Supervisor Barrett said he would like to see guidelines prepared for the security officers regarding removing signs

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, questioned the legality of garage sale signs, noting people are not taking signs down when sales are over.

Lee Hockford, Route 146A, said she received a 4 lot subdivision approval in April, has 10 acres remaining and has been told only 2 lots are allowed due to wetlands on remaining 10 acres. She wants approval for one more lot. She further stated the town is requiring her to bring in a sewer line. Ms. Hockford also is concerned about the sidewalk on Route 146A going by her bedroom window. She asked that the town bring the sewer and water to her land.

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, believes there is a provision for garage sale signs in the Sign Law.

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, 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 8:10 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk