

**Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2006**

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
Jason Kemper, Director of Planning
Michael O'Brien, Environmental Specialist
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator
Jennifer Viggiani, Open Space Coordinator

MOTION by Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Speckhard, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2006 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Town Comptroller Heggen distributed the financial report for first two months of 2006. He reported on the bids received for the financing of the purchase of highway vehicles, noting the winning bidder is Chase Government Leasing at 4.05 percent for ten years. Mr. Heggen said the principal and interest will be very manageable over the useful life of

the vehicles.

Town Administrator Shahan reported the new senior van will be here at the end of the week. \$20,000 has been received from the county to offset the cost of the van. He is putting specs together for a new security vehicle. He further reported the Leadership training and Customer Service training is beginning this week. Mr. Shahan reviewed various projects that will be underway in the spring.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

In response to an inquiry from the floor as to why the town is financing the purchase of highway equipment and not paying for it outright by a loan from undesignated funds balance, Councilman Paolucci explained the town could pay for the equipment outright but, legally, cannot loan the money. He said financing will take the cost of the trucks and apportion it over the life of the vehicle whereas if surplus funds were given to the Highway Department, this year's costs would be inflated incorrectly. The financing will give a look at the cost of vehicles on a yearly basis. It was further stated it is against NYS law to purchase vehicles through the general fund and lease to the Highway Department.

Resolution No. 78 of 2006, a resolution to call for bids for the Van Patten Sewage Pump Station Improvements.

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

WHEREAS, John M. McDonald Engineering, P. C. has completed the plans and specifications for construction of the Van Patten Sewage Pump Station Improvements in the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park, acting as Commissioners of the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, hereby authorizes John M. McDonald Engineering, P. C. to call for bids contingent upon New York State Department of Environmental Conservation approval of plans and specifications, in accordance with municipal bidding procedures for work associated with the Town of Clifton Park Van Patten Sewage Pump Station Improvements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Clifton Park shall cause Notice to be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Clifton Park at least ten (10) days before the date of reception of bid proposals.

Environmental Specialist O'Brien explained the Van Patten lift station is the largest one and a critical piece of the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1. The system is experiencing difficulty with the pump at the Van Patten lift station with pumps running 12 to 15 hours a day. The bid will give an idea of how much this upgrade will cost. This will upgrade equipment to meet efficiency curves which will help save in electricity costs and also prevent any sort of risk of an overflow. Mr. O'Brien reported, in a conversation with

DEC, approval from them is not necessary since it is not being upgraded for capacity.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 79 of 2006, a resolution honoring Adam Robert Croteau for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Adam Robert Croteau, 4 Beechwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 45, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board wishes to acknowledge and honor Adam's achievements, including his Eagle Scout Service Project which consisted of working with a kindergarten teacher in Schenectady to design and build a set of cubicles for the classroom, after having coordinated fundraisers to earn the funds needed to buy supplies, and

WHEREAS, Adam also enlisted friends to build, paint and install the "cubbies" at the school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Adam Robert Croteau, 4 Beechwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 45, 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. 80 of 2006, a resolution honoring Paul Levi Croteau for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Paul Levi Croteau, 4 Beechwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 45, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board wishes to acknowledge and honor Paul's achievements, including his Eagle Scout Service Project which consisted of designing and building a cabinet to house his church's sound equipment, after having coordinated fundraisers to earn the funds needed to fund his project, and

WHEREAS, Paul also enlisted the help of friends and family to help construct and paint the components for his project and to help with the final assembly at the church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Paul Levi Croteau, 4 Beechwood Dr., Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 45, 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. 81 of 2006, a resolution honoring Nicholas Kineke for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Nicholas Kineke, 12 Huntwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 246, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board wishes to acknowledge and honor Nicholas's achievements, including his Eagle Scout Service Project which consisted of fundraising to pay for the materials needed to construct raised gardens for the residents of Shenendehowa Village, and

WHEREAS, the raised gardens were built with a drainage system and are movable so that they can be brought inside for the winter enabling residents to continue gardening year round; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Nicholas Kineke, 12 Huntwood Drive, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 246, 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. 82 of 2006, a resolution scheduling a Public Hearing regarding a request for an open space incentive zoning proposal for the Boel Property located off Crescent Road.

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

WHEREAS, a project narrative, requested incentive and proposed amenity, subdivision calculations, site location map, constrained and unconstrained plan, and proposed layout was submitted to the Town Board in accordance with Article VB, Section 208-43.16 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting a density increase for a proposed subdivision in accordance with Article VB, Section 208-43.16 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously referred the project to the Planning Board for advisory review of the amenity zoning proposal and the land use, and

WHEREAS, such review has been conducted through scheduled public workshops, and the Planning Board's advisory report and the application has been transferred back to the Town Board for its final decision on the application; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:20 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room of Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, for further consideration of a density increase request for the Boel Property, located off Crescent Road, in exchange for open space benefits for the Town of Clifton Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 83 of 2006, a resolution scheduling a Public Hearing regarding a request for an open space incentive zoning proposal for the Heflin Property (Rolling Meadows) off MacElroy Road.

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

WHEREAS, a project narrative, requested incentive and proposed amenity, subdivision calculations, site location map, constrained and unconstrained plan, and proposed layout for the Heflin Property was submitted to the Town Board in accordance with Article VB, Section 208-43.16 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting a density increase for a proposed subdivision in accordance with Article VB, Section 208-43.16 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously referred the project to the Planning Board for advisory review of the amenity zoning proposal and the land use, and

WHEREAS, such review has been conducted through scheduled public workshops and the Planning Board's advisory report and the application has been transferred back to the Town Board for its final decision on the application; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:10 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room of Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, for further consideration of a density increase request for the Heflin Property (Rolling Meadows) off MacElroy Road in exchange for open space benefits for the Town of Clifton Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 84 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to pull county auction parcels from the March 21, 2006 Saratoga County auction list as additions to the town's open space system.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga has a number of parcels in the Town of Clifton Park slated for auction on March 21, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park Town Board unanimously adopted the Town of Clifton Park Open Space Plan in 2003 establishing conservation goals to secure additional lands for creating a town-wide open space system, and

WHEREAS, these parcels identified in Addendum A, totaling approximately 77± acres, offer opportunities for enhancing the town-wide open space system as potential additions to existing nature preserves, and as potential preserve areas and passive park areas near existing neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barrett is hereby authorized to pull the parcels identified in Addendum A, in accordance with county procedures, and that authorization is hereby granted for the Town of Clifton Park to pay the taxes owed to Saratoga County in an amount up to and not to exceed \$25,000 total for these parcels, to be paid from A-1940-200 (Other Town Payments-Equipment).

Supervisor Barrett said it is his understanding the taxes on the 50 acre parcel have been paid. Open Space Coordinator Viggiani reported the parcels are near the Preserve, in the hamlet of Vischer Ferry, in the hamlet of Jonesville, and in the Dwaaskill area.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 85 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement to finance the purchase of Highway vehicles.

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

WHEREAS, bids were obtained for financing of Highway vehicle purchases authorized by Resolution No's. 68 and 69 of 2006, and

WHEREAS, Comptroller Mark Heggen has recommended that the bid of Chase Equipment Leasing, Inc. be accepted to finance the purchasing of Highway vehicles, effective rate 4.05% for ten years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with

Chase Equipment Leasing, Inc. to finance the purchasing of Highway vehicles.

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, reviewed the fees for the proposed Clifton Park Action Park. Speaking with regard to the cost of the proposed park, he said the criteria should be if taxes had to be raised for the park, would the project be done.

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 7:55 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk