

**Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes  
July 3, 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 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 and Community Affairs  
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways  
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Relations  
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

MOTION by Councilman Speckhard, seconded by Councilman Roth, to approve the minutes of the June 12 and 19, 2006 meetings as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilman Roth announced the town sponsored theater group, Not So Common Players, is presenting the musical "Into The Woods" in July on the Clifton Common.

Town Attorney Trainor, speaking as a volunteer for the Clifton Park World Series, reviewed plans for the August event and noted there is still a need for host families.

## PRESENTATION

Supervisor Barrett presented Resolution No. 229 to Larry Brown of Ballston Lake in honor of his fifty years of service to the Boy Scouts. Mr. Brown said it is inspiring to see the number of adults involved in scouting.

Resolution No. 229 of 2006, a resolution honoring Larry Brown for fifty years of service to the Boy Scouts and for achieving national recognition at a “Court of Honor Ceremony”.

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

WHEREAS, Larry Brown of Ballston Lake, has been an active volunteer for the Boy Scouts over the last fifty years, having retired from his official position with the Scouts as a Chartered Organizational Representative, and

WHEREAS, during his fifty years with the Scouts, Mr. Brown has held many volunteer positions which include being the Chartered Organization Representative from the Jonesville United Methodist Church, a District Commissioner, District Chairman, Unit Chairman and an Assistant Scout Master; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, on behalf of the residents of Town of Clifton Park, wishes to honor Larry Brown for fifty years of service to the Boy Scouts and to honor him for achieving national recognition at a “Court of Honor Ceremony.

## ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

## DECLARED ADOPTED

## PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Tom Melander, Connect-CTY, presented information on a service that would allow personalized voice messages to be sent to thousands of residents in minutes. He noted this could be used in emergencies or to send timely notifications to targeted areas of town.

## PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 230 of 2006, a resolution appointing a part-time Court Officer.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a part-time Court Officer; and

WHEREAS, Alan Broers, 24 Huntwood Drive, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to appoint Alan Broers as a part-time Court Officer at Grade 4, Step 4 (\$16.23 per hour), effective immediately, to be paid from  
A-3120-E-4000 (Security-Court Officer).

Supervisor Barrett noted Mr. Broers will be armed.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 231 of 2006, a resolution transferring funds from General Fund Undesignated Surplus to the Highway Fund.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to transfer funds from General Fund Undesignated Surplus Fund as a supplemental budget item to the Highway Fund Account DA05110-00030 (Paving Blacktop), in the amount of \$500,000, and

WHEREAS, the attached 2006 Proposed Paving Program, revised May 30, 2006, lines 23-73 reflect a cost of \$965,094; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to include the paving of the strip of road beneath the railroad overpass on Carlton Road at a cost of \$5000; and

WHEREAS, there is approximately \$30,000 remaining in the 2006 paving budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer of \$500,000 from General Fund Undesignated Surplus to Highway Fund Account DA-05110-00030 (Paving Blacktop) to complete the paving of the streets indicated, per the attached 2006 Proposed Paving Program and for the paving of the road beneath the railroad overpass on Carlton Road.

Councilman Roth said it would be acceptable to do half the paving at this time and complete the program in a couple of months; however, it should be done as soon as possible as the expense will be greater in 2007.

Supervisor Barrett recommended spending \$500,000 at this time. He expressed appreciation to Highway Superintendent Kukuk for putting the paving program together and asked him to update the Board as to the paving progress at the August 7, 2006 Town Board meeting.

MOTION BY Supervisor Barrett, seconded by Councilman Roth, to amend the resolution by reducing the amount of money to be transferred from \$965,094 to \$500,000.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

#### MOTION CARRIED

#### ROLL CALL VOTE ON RESOLUTION

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 232 of 2006, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider adoption of Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2006, a local law amending Chapter 65, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Section 4-C-3, regarding appointment of alternate

members to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering amending Chapter 65, Section 4-C-3 of the Town Code regarding appointment of alternate members to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to solicit the comments of the Town's citizens regarding the proposed changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for July 17, 2006, at 7:10 PM in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, to consider adoption of Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 2006, a local law amending Chapter 65, Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, Section 4-C-3, regarding appointment of alternate members to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 233 of 2006, a resolution changing the status of Kevin Bowman from part-time laborer to full-time laborer in the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a full time laborer in the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1 to assist with the day to day operation of the Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Brien has recommended that Kevin Bowman's position be changed from part-time laborer to full-time laborer, to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board acting as Commissioners of the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1 hereby authorizes the status change of Kevin Bowman from part-time laborer, Grade 1, Step 1 to full time laborer Grade 3, Step 1, for the Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1, effective immediately, with his salary of \$13,000 through the end of 2006 to be paid from Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1-Fund Balance and in 2007 from

budgeted District funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 234 of 2006, a resolution in connection with a block party to be held on the cul de sac, at Birch Hill Court in the Stonegate subdivision.

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

WHEREAS, the residents of Stonegate subdivision wish to hold a block party on July 15, 2006, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., and have requested permission to use the cul de sac at Birch Hill Court for their party activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the residents, with the approval and advice of the Town Highway Superintendent, have permission to use the cul de sac at Birch Hill Court on July 15, 2006 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., for their party activities, but must not block off the street and make sure emergency vehicles can gain access to the street if needed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents shall be responsible for all clean-up activities on Town property or on the street right-of-way resulting from the social activity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the applicable Fire Department, the Ambulance Corps., the Sheriff's Department and the State Police.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 235 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Sole Assessor to attend a seminar July 17-21, 2006 in Ithaca, New York.

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

WHEREAS, Walter Smead, Sole Assessor has requested authorization to attend a Seminar on Applications of Mass Appraisal Fundamentals at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and

WHEREAS, Walter Smead's attendance at this seminar will confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to Walter Smead to attend a seminar at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from July 17-21, 2006, at a cost not to exceed \$555.00 including \$55.00 for the text book, to be paid from A1355-01 (Assessor/Training & Conferences).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 236 of 2006, a resolution to hire current lifeguards as Water Safety Instructors.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the current lifeguards be hired as Water Safety Instructors by the Department of Parks and Recreation to operate the Town of Clifton Park 2006 Learn to Swim Program;

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 2006 Learn to Swim Program, as Water Safety Instructors, Step 1, at \$9.00 per hour, effective immediately through August 18, 2006, to

be paid from A-7310-E4575 (Summer Recreation Programs-Water Safety Instructors).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 237 of 2006, a resolution correcting Schedule "A" of Resolution No. 118 of 2006.

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

WHEREAS, Schedule "A" of Resolution No. 118 of 2006 incorrectly listed the Step for Water Safety Instructor, Samantha A. McHugh, 2 Birch Hill Court, Ballston Lake as Step 4; and

WHEREAS, the correct Step should be Step 3; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Schedule "A" of Resolution No. 118 of 2006 be corrected to reflect the Step for Samantha A. McHugh from Step 4 to Step 3, \$9.50 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 238 of 2006, a resolution hiring a substitute driver for the Senior Express.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a substitute driver for the Senior Express, and



WHEREAS, Frederick Conley, 49 Walnut Drive, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Frederick Conley, 49 Walnut Drive, Clifton Park, be appointed to fill the position of substitute driver, for the Senior Express, at Grade 1, Step 3, \$11.31 per hour, to be paid from A6772-E666 (Community Support-Senior Support-Sub Driver), effective immediately.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 239 of 2006, a resolution hiring a counselor for Okte summer recreation programs.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hire an additional counselor for the Okte Summer Camp, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has recommended that Robert Sardinia, 57 Via Da Vinci, Clifton Park be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to hire Robert Sardinia, 57 Via Da Vinci, as a counselor for Okte Summer Camp, effective June 29th through August 11, 2006, at a rate of \$6.75 per hour, to be paid from A-7310-E-4580 (Summer Recreation-Okte Summer Rec. Counselors).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 240 of 2006, a resolution proclaiming August 1, 2006 as “National Night Out”.

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

WHEREAS, the National Association of Town Watch (NATV) is sponsoring a unique, nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program on August 1, 2006 entitled “National Night Out”; and

WHEREAS, the “23rd Annual National Night Out” provides a unique opportunity for Clifton Park to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Citizen Corps Council and CERT members play a vital role in assisting the State Police and Sheriff’s Department through joint crime, drug and violence prevention efforts in the Town of Clifton Park and is supporting “National Night Out 2006” locally; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens of Clifton Park be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and impact that their participation can have on reducing crime, drugs and violence in Clifton Park; and

WHEREAS, through our commitment to a healthy police-community partnership, fostered by interaction and sharing, the Town of Clifton Park’s Citizen Corps Council will be organizing displays of Emergency Equipment and Information and a Youth Foul Shooting Contest on the Clifton Common, at 6:00 PM on August 1, 2006 in support of National Night Out; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the Clifton Park Town Board, do hereby call upon all citizens to join us, the Citizen Corp Council and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the “23rd Annual National Night Out” on August 1, 2006, at a cost not to exceed \$650.00, to be paid from account A-8560-200 (Special Events); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby proclaims Tuesday, August 1, 2006 as “National Night Out” in Clifton Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci  
DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 241 of 2006, a resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Grooms Tavern Electrical Work.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 51 of 2006 authorized a contract for Grooms Tavern Electrical Work in an amount of \$7,500.00 and

WHEREAS, a Change Order was prepared by McDonald Engineering which provides the breakdown of individual item costs; and

WHEREAS, the Change Order results in a decrease of \$520.00 for Grooms Tavern Electrical Work from the current amount of \$7,500.00 to arrive at a new contract amount of \$6,980.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barrett is hereby authorized to sign Change Order No. 1 dated June 12, 2006, to Brownell Electric Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the decrease amount of \$520.00 be released from encumbrances.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 242 of 2006 a resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Grooms Tavern HVAC Work.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 334 of 2005 authorized a contract for Grooms Tavern HVAC Work in an amount of \$27,800.00 and

WHEREAS, a Change Order was prepared by McDonald Engineering which provides the breakdown of individual item costs; and

WHEREAS, the Change Order results in a decrease of \$1,075.00 for Grooms Tavern HVAC Work from the current amount of \$27,800.00 to arrive at a new contract amount of

\$26,725.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barrett is hereby authorized to sign Change Order No. 1 dated June 12, 2006, to Bourque Mechanical Systems for Contract No 1, Grooms Tavern HVAC Work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the decrease amount of \$1,075.00 be released from encumbrances.

#### 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, questioned the security of electronic voting machines, why \$400,000 in town funds was spent for an access road to the new school, and the use of funds from the surplus. He recommended that in the 2007 budget the town provide for any excess surpluses to cover any remaining taxes for which town residents pay. He feels this will provide a small check on spending. Mr. Goldman feels this evening's presentation was premature without having information on what the alternate systems may be and if there would be provisions for restricting the system during election campaign periods.

Supervisor Barrett said protocols would need to be in place by resolution. With regard to town funds being used for the Maxwell Road extension, Supervisor Barrett responded it was felt this was in the best interest of the town as a whole, the school and the taxpayers of the school district to ensure access to school property with good traffic measures in place.

Regarding Mr. Goldman's question regarding electronic voting machines, Town Clerk O'Donnell responded the town's machines are stand alone machines that were purchased from Sequoia Voting Machine Company, the parent company of which is British.

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 8:50 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell

Town Clerk