

June 9, 2008

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 Hughes
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Michael Shahen, Town Administrator
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Michael Handerhan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Development

MOTION BY Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Hughes, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Hughes reviewed the Exit 9 Land Use and Transportation public workshop, stating it was very well done and expressed appreciation to town hall staff for their efforts. He reported more information can be obtained from the Planning Department.

Councilwoman Walowit thanked Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Handerhan and staff for work done on the medians on Clifton Country Road.

Councilman Roth thanked Mr. McCarthy for his assistance regarding the Patriot Flight 2008 for World War II veterans, noting five people are signed up for the September flight.

Councilman Roth referred to an article in the Daily Gazette in which the Chairman of the International Soccer Classic said "there is still a possibility of putting three or four fields in the Rexford Park". Councilman Roth said something needs to be clarified since it is his understanding no soccer fields were being considered. Councilman Paolucci said the town doesn't know how many sports fields are needed so a needs assessment on active recreation needs to be done. He said there are serious concerns on the Common that need to be addressed, soccer being part of it, and, initially, moving one of the "big three" off the Common appeared to be an acceptable solution. He reported the Town of Halfmoon is looking at recreation and that could impact enrollment in the future. Councilman Paolucci said he wouldn't support any fields at this point.

Speaking with regard to the Dwass Kill Nature Preserve, Councilman Roth said the Board originally approved an amount of \$45,475 and the Chazen Company proposal has come in at \$46,000. He asked if another resolution is necessary. Mr. McCarthy stated he will talk to Ms. Viggiani and Mr. Scavo.

Regarding the mulching operation, Councilman Roth referred to Mr. Trzeciak's report of June 5th, noting things appear to be are on track. He asked the status of the new license agreement. He stated there should be no charge to the Town of Clifton Park for anything taken from the town-owned facility. He further stated the new agreement should state who is responsible for the facility and that it is under the town's control.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 176 of 2008, a resolution hiring summer help for the Stoney Creek I Park District.

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

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for summer help at the Stoney Creek I Park District to do light maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the two individuals who were previously hired declined the jobs, and

WHEREAS, Matthew Borner, 38 Willard Drive, Clifton Park, and Michael Willets, Apt. 11, North Parkwood, 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 Stoney Creek I Park District, hereby authorizes the summer hiring of Matthew Borner and Michael Willets to do light maintenance at the Stoney Creek I Park District at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately, not to exceed \$10,000, for both hires, to be paid from SP9-7115-E4000 (Stoney Creek I Park District-Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 177 of 2008, a resolution establishing the newly created position of Senior Account Clerk in the Building and Development Department and authorizing the transfer of Senior Account Clerk Kathleen Boni to the Building and Development Department from the Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs Department.

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

WHEREAS, the position of Senior Account Clerk has been approved by the Saratoga County Department of Personnel in the Building and Development Department, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Boni has been employed as a Senior Account Clerk in the Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs Department and wishes to transfer to the Building and Development Department as a Senior Account Clerk, and

WHEREAS, a retirement is anticipated in the Building and Development Department and Director Steven Myers wishes to have the new Senior Account Clerk trained prior to the retirement; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby establishes the newly created position of Senior Account Clerk in the Building and Development Department, and authorizes the transfer of Senior Account Clerk Kathleen Boni, from the Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs Department to the Building and Development Department, as a Senior Account Clerk, Grade 5, Step 5, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 178 of 2008, a resolution supporting the Rose and Kiernan Clifton Park International Soccer Classic to be held July 11-13, 2008.

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

WHEREAS, for 32 years, the Rose and Kiernan Clifton Park Soccer Classic has drawn youth soccer teams from states up and down the East Coast, Canada and Europe, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Soccer Club has asked for Town support for the Tournament, and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the valuable services to the community provided by the Clifton Park Soccer Club in the area of youth sports, which enhances the health and fitness of area youth, and recognizes the benefits of team sports and competition at all levels, and

WHEREAS, the Town also recognizes the economic benefits derived by area businesses through the presentation of significant sporting events at town facilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board supports the 32nd Annual Rose and Kiernan Clifton Park International Soccer Classic to be held July 11-13, 2008 with a \$7,500 sponsorship to be paid from the Contingency Fund.

Supervisor Barrett noted this is an increase in funding but this tournament makes a significant financial impact on the businesses in the area.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 179 of 2008, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Chris Battibulli, returning staff, for the Skate Camp.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for staff for the Skate Camp, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that Chris Battibulli, 50 Laing Street, Albany, be hired as returning staff; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Chris Battibulli, as returning staff, for the Skate Camp, effective immediately through August 1, 2008, at a rate of \$10.40 per hour, to be paid from A-7200-E7000 (Clifton Park Action Park-Lessons).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 180 of 2008, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Stephanie Dufort as an alternate lifeguard for the three Town-owned pools.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for alternate lifeguards for the three Town-owned pools, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that Stephanie Dufort, 8 Patriot Circle, Clifton Park, be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Stephanie Dufort be hired as an alternate lifeguard for the Country Knolls, Barney Road and Locust Lane Pools, effective immediately through September 8, 2008, at \$7.40 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 181 of 2008, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Natalie McClain as a returning lifeguard for the Barney Road Pool.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a lifeguard at the Barney Road Pool, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that returning lifeguard Natalie McClain, 5 Clove Ct., Clifton Park, be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Natalie McClain be rehired as a lifeguard for the Barney Road Pool, effective immediately through September 8, 2008 at Step 3, \$7.90 per hour, to be paid from A-7150-E4690 (Barney Road Pool-Lifeguards).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 182 of 2008, a resolution in connection with a block party to be held in Windsor Pointe.

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

WHEREAS, the residents of Windsor Pointe wish to conduct a block party within the subdivision on June 21, 2008, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 9:00 pm and have requested permission to use a portion of Birch Hill Road between the intersection of Beresford Road and Birch Hill Ct. 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 a portion of Birch Hill Road between the intersection of Beresford Road and Birch Hill Ct., June 21, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm 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, Ambulance Corps., Sheriff's Department and State Police.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 183 of 2008, a resolution awarding the bid for a 2008, ¾ Ton, HD 4 x 4 Pick Up Truck from West Herr Ford of Hamburg, New York, in the amount of \$31,325.

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

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2008, a bid opening was held for a ¾ Ton HD 4 x 4 Pick Up Truck for use by the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, West Herr Ford, Hamburg, N.Y., was the sole bidder in the amount of \$32,095, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Richard Kukuk has reviewed the vehicle specifications and availability and has determined that the final price with options, which includes plow, bed liner, rotating emergency cab light, etc., is \$31,325, and was assured by West Herr Ford that the best government discount price was offered, and

WHEREAS, Richard Kukuk, Highway Superintendent, has recommended that the sole bid of West Herr Ford in the amount of \$31,325 be accepted for a ¾ Ton HD 4 x 4 Pick Up Truck; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the sole bid of West Herr Ford, Hamburg, New York, is hereby accepted in the amount of \$31,325 for a ¾ Ton HD 4 x 4 Pick Up Truck to be paid from DA05130-00219 (Highway Machine/Equipment-Truck).

Superintendent of Highways Kukuk reported local dealers opted not to bid as they didn't think they could get the truck at this time. He said there are very few dealers that are given the government fleet discount. West Herr Ford does have the discount and the vehicle is available.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Tom DeLeonardis, speaking on behalf of the Clifton Park residents that have been impacted by the yard waste operation, thanked the Town Board and Transfer Station Supervisor Jeff Vedder for addressing the issues at the site, noting there has been virtually no odor in a month. He urged the Board to continue their efforts to bring the mulching operation into complete compliance with DEC and the recommended mulching procedures. He also urged the Board to build a framework for the future that ensures the site will always be a good neighbor to area residents. Mr. DeLeonardis said he would enjoy working with the Board on the framework for the future.

Supervisor Barrett said DEC is pleased with the progress being made. He stated a long-term agreement needs to be brought forward. He noted County Waste volunteers to pick up yard waste and hopes this will continue.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, said one of the downfalls of going “outside of the box” is the possibility of losing control. He commented that the most recent park purchase for the town of Clifton Park just happens to be in Rexford but the purchase is for all residents. He noted most residents go to the Common regardless of where they live as that is where the major facilities are. He noted perhaps practice times are being cut back, or less games being played because the facilities are getting overcrowded and that is why new facilities are needed. He was under the impression that was the reason for the purchase of the Route 146 site. He feels the residents near the Route 146 Park don’t want any activity there. Mr. Baisley noted a parking lot will have to be built for those using the park.

Councilman Paolucci said he doesn’t see any field discussions at this time but does see multiple passive recreation opportunities that can be placed on that site, such as trails, pavilions, cross country skiing, water feature and. parking facilities will have to be there to support those activities. He said the Committee is meeting with the consultant who will design a plan with the different components. This will be brought to the Town Board for discussion and input from the community and then the decision made whether or not to move forward.

Speaking with regard to the 400 acres at Route 146 Park and the Dwaas Kill Nature Preserve, Councilman Hughes compared Clifton Park with surrounding communities noting the town’s terrific opportunities and quality of life.

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 7:57 p.m.

Patricia O’Donnell
Town Clerk