

February 2, 2009

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 Shahan, Town Administrator
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Development
Jude Hazard, Information Specialist

MOTION BY Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the January 12 and 20, 2009 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Speaking with regard to the Exit 9 Land Use and Transportation Study being done by the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon, Supervisor Barrett reported the study is very preliminary and does offer a series of alternatives, one of which is roundabouts. He is aware of concerns in the community regarding roundabouts and doesn't believe they would get a warm reception from the Town Board. He wants to make sure when any changes or improvements are discussed that it will be a very public process with ample opportunity for residents' input. He said he can't speak for the Town Board, but he would be opposed to the type of roundabouts in Malta. Supervisor Barrett noted both Routes 146 and 9 are state roadways and stated if the state is set on using roundabouts in busy areas, there needs to be more input and a careful look at some of the past projects so that future projects are more user friendly.

Councilwoman Walowit said she would oppose any roundabout on Route 146 around the area of the malls or the Route 9 corridor, as well as the Route 146 Corporate Commerce zone.

Councilman Hughes spoke in agreement with Councilwoman Walowit. He noted he served on the Exit 9 Study and there was considerable debate regarding roundabouts and this was simply one proposal raised that engendered considerable debate. He said traffic safety engineers are enamored of roundabouts but he has serious reservations about them. He thinks roundabouts at Route 146 would spawn confusion and would not be an appropriate use of infrastructure dollars. He stated it is unfortunate that the media pulled only roundabout discussion out of the study. He briefly reviewed other aspects of the report. Councilman Hughes said he has heard from residents that traffic circles at this juncture would not be appropriate for the Route 146 Corridor.

Supervisor Barrett noted the study was a way for both towns to be proactive.

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Councilman Roth announced the Community News will now be available at the Trustco Bank at the corner of Ushers Road and Van Patten Drive, the Jonesville Store, as well as the Dunkin Donuts in Rexford.

Supervisor Barrett asked residents, if possible, to clean out fire hydrants near their homes. He said the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Departments and the Clifton Park Water Authority are also clearing out hydrants.

Councilman Hughes encouraged residents to recycle phone books. He reviewed events planned for Winterfest to be held February 7th.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 23 of 2009, a resolution ordering that notice be served and a hearing be held regarding the demolition and removal of the unsafe structure at 392 Schaubert Road, Town of Clifton Park (Tax Parcel 258.-1-55.1).

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 77 of the Clifton Park Town Code permits the Town Board to order, after notice and a hearing, the demolition and removal of a building upon its finding that the building is unsafe and dangerous, and

WHEREAS, by report dated January 20, 2009, Steven Myers, Director of Building and Zoning, finds that the structure at 392 Schaubert Road is unsafe and dangerous and poses a hazard to the public, and

WHEREAS, based on the report and opinion of Steven Myers, the Town Board finds and determines that a notice and order shall be served upon the owners of record of said structure pursuant to § 77-5 of the Town Code; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the owners, heirs or lenders of 392 Schaubert Road, Ballston Lake, are hereby ordered to show cause at a hearing before the Town Board on February 23, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room in the Clifton Park Town Hall why the building at that location should not be demolished and the resulting debris removed within 30 days of service of the notice contained in Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to serve the notice contained in Exhibit "A" no later than five days before the hearing in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Town Code and to file the notice with the Saratoga County Clerk.

Director of Building and Zoning Myers said he, Mr. Shahen and Dr. Buckley inspected the house. He reported the owner has died and current owners have been contacted with no response. He said the house is in foreclosure with two banks. He said pieces of the roof are missing and garbage is piled on the deck. Dr. Buckley has agreed that it is necessary to move forward. The house is abandoned and the driveway has not been plowed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

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Resolution No. 24 of 2009, a resolution authorizing Steven Myers and Patrick Jarosz from the Building and Development Department to attend Stormwater training provided by SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry in Albany, NY.

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

WHEREAS, attendance at these courses are designed to provide continuing education in the area of Stormwater Management so that attendees can maintain proficiency in this field and stay updated on the latest developments, and

WHEREAS, these courses are required to maintain certifications held by department personnel, and

WHEREAS, attendance at these seminars provide a benefit to the residents of the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Steven Myers is hereby authorized to attend five Stormwater seminars, (February 4, March 19, March 20 and May 20- 21, 2009) and Patrick Jarosz to attend three Stormwater seminars, (February 4, March 20 and May 21, 2009), at \$215 for each seminar for a total of \$1,720, to be paid with a transfer of \$1,720 from A-8540-135 (General Fund-Drainage Repairs-Engineer) to A-8540-1 (General Fund-Drainage Repairs-Travel & Conferences).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 25 of 2009, a resolution accepting the sole quote from Waypoint Technology Group to provide comprehensive GPS training on the Town owned GPS Unit.

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

WHEREAS, advance training on the Town owned Trimble GPS Mapping System is available to enable staff to utilize the system to incorporate locations of Stormwater Facilities and other problem solving solutions using unique software capabilities, and

WHEREAS, training would be provided for employees in the Planning, Highway and Building Departments, and

WHEREAS, Waypoint Technology Group, the provider of the Trimble Mapping System, has submitted a quote for a GPS Brain-for-a-Day Training session to be conducted in February at Town Hall, in an amount of \$995, for the purpose of providing advanced training and addressing technical difficulties or challenges that may have been encountered with the system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for Waypoint Technology Group to provide a GPS Brain-for-a-Day Training session for employees in the Planning, Highway and Building Departments at a cost of \$995, to be paid with a transfer of \$995 from A-8540-135 (General Fund-Drainage Repairs-Engineer) to A-8540-1 (General Fund-Drainage Repairs-Travel & Conference).

Mr. Myers explained new people are using the system and this is a training update.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 26 of 2009, a resolution appointing Ronald Cronin Jr., 7 Doral Court, Clifton Park, to the Emergency Services Advisory Board.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a representative to the Emergency Services Advisory Board from the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire District No. 1 has appointed Ronald Cronin Jr. as the department representative to the Emergency Services Advisory Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ronald Cronin Jr. is hereby appointed as the representative from the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire District, to the Emergency Services Advisory Board for a three year term, term to expire December 31, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 27 of 2009, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign a proposal with National Grid for the conversion of all Mercury Vapor street lights in the Town to High Pressure Sodium Lights.

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

WHEREAS, the Green Committee requested that a street light inventory and a cost comparison of annual costs of Mercury Vapor street lights versus High Pressure Sodium street lights be prepared by National Grid for Town review, and

WHEREAS, per the attached comparison proposal, the current annual lighting bill is approximately \$9,577.10 and the projected cost after conversion to High Pressure Sodium Lights will be approximately \$6,962.31, decreasing the Town's annual lighting bill by approximately \$2,615 a year, and

WHEREAS, the conversion would be consistent with the Town's Green Mission to conserve natural resources, be greener in our town operations and to save taxpayer dollars; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Town Supervisor to sign a proposal with National Grid for the conversion of all of the Mercury Vapor Street Lights in the Town to High Pressure Sodium Lights; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the time frame for completion of the conversion process is up to one year as estimated by National Grid.

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Councilman Paolucci said Jim Romano, former member of the Planning Board and Co-chair of the Open Space Committee, recommended to the Green Committee that high pressure sodium lights are available and are more efficient than the mercury vapor lights. Councilman Paolucci reviewed the analysis from National Grid, attached. Councilman Roth recommended sharing this information with businesses with parking lot lighting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, asked if the Green Committee has given any thought to reducing electrical use to a zero carbon footprint by going exclusively to wind power through National Grid.

Pam Marshall, Fairlawn Court, encouraged residents to clean out fire hydrants if possible, noting it is a good idea to use a bobcat machine to break through the ice surrounding the hydrants. Supervisor Barrett asked Ms. Marshall to contact him regarding hydrants that are buried in her neighborhood. Mr. Shahan will ask Mr. Handerhan to check fire hydrants in the Ashley Drive section, as well as the Crown Point subdivision.

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, Rexford, referred to recent City of Albany legislation regarding phone books thrown in driveways and rights of way. She asked the life expectancy of sodium lights.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Drive, spoke against the way phone books are being distributed. He reported information on the internet states lifetime of sodium lights is two years. He recommended putting a message on cliftonpark.org regarding shoveling out hydrants. Mr. Baisley questioned how many new permits have been issued for the dog parks.

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, 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 7:53 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk