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January 11, 2010

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 Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Michael Montague, Environmental Specialist
John Scavo, Director of Planning
Jeffrey Vedder, Supervisor of the Transfer Station

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced the Not So Common Player's production of their 10th Anniversary Show, "An Uncommon Encore Celebration" being presented on January 22, 23 and 24th.

PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Barrett presented the following resolution to Adam Clinton, RPI Head Soccer Coach in recognition of his being named Regional Coach of the Year in Men's Soccer.

Resolution No. 8 of 2010, a resolution recognizing Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) head coach Adam Clinton for being named Regional Coach of the Year in Men's Soccer.

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

WHEREAS, the 2009 NSCAA/Mondo Senior College Men's Regional Coach of the Year honors have been announced and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) head coach Adam Clinton was recognized as the All-East Regional Coach of the Year and is now eligible for National Coach of the Year honors, and

WHEREAS, Coach Clinton, who is in his eighth season at the helm of the Engineers, led the team to a 14-3-2 record and a first-place finish in the Liberty League standings with a 5-1-1 record, and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the conference's regular season title, the squad advanced to its second straight NCAA Tournament appearance, and

WHEREAS, as the Liberty League Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year, Coach Clinton's squad ranked among the nation's leaders in several categories, including goals against average, save percentage and shutout percentage, and also led the Liberty League in seven defensive categories, including fewest goals allowed (10), fewest points allowed (1.37 per game) and shutouts (10), and

WHEREAS, Coach Clinton coached nine All-Liberty League selections in 2009, including senior captain and NSCAA All-American Lincoln Field, and

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WHEREAS, three student-athletes were named to the All-East Regional team, while senior forward Sean Fleury garnered the program's first National Academic All-America honor since 2005, and

WHEREAS, in his career at RPI, Coach Clinton has posted an overall record of 75-53-15 and his teams have participated in post-season play in five of the last six seasons, including back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2008 and 2009 and his teams also captured ECAC Tournament titles in 2005 and 2007, and

WHEREAS, in addition to thirty-six All-League selections, Coach Clinton has coached five National Academic All-Americans, nine Academic All-District honorees and eight All-Region selections, and

WHEREAS, prior to coaching at Rensselaer, Coach Clinton was an assistant at the University of Albany for one season and was the head coach at Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) for one year and has served as an assistant at nearby Union and Skidmore Colleges, and

WHEREAS, Coach Clinton has coached at the State University at Albany, and on the professional level, leading the Capital District Alley Cats of the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues from 1997-98, and

WHEREAS, Coach Clinton also played professionally for the New York Kick in the National Professional Soccer Indoor League, and

WHEREAS, Coach Clinton played soccer in Clifton Park as a young boy and at Shenendehowa High School for four years, and

WHEREAS, Coach Clinton began coaching local teams at the age of fourteen and has coached hundreds of Clifton Park residents who have competed in local, state and national tournaments, and

WHEREAS, Coach Clinton coaches the New York Elite/Clifton Park U17 boys soccer team and currently runs a skills U8 program for boys eight years old and under in the Clifton Park Soccer Club; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board pauses in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate RPI head coach Adam Clinton for being named Regional Coach of the Year in Men's Soccer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board on behalf of the many residents of the Town who have been privileged to having been coached by Coach Clinton, thank the Coach for his contributions to the community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Mike Campisi, Shenendehowa Varsity Soccer Coach, noting he had coached Coach Clinton as a student and praised and congratulated him on his great achievements.

Helmut Gerstenberger, Riverview Road, said what is impressive about Coach Clinton and his teams are the number of scholastic athletic scholarships and awards his teams have had over the last few years.

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Coach Clinton expressed appreciation for the recognition, stating any award he has received at RPI is directly related to the quality of student and athlete. He said all of the students' accomplishments are what garner him the awards.

Resolution No. 9 of 2010, a resolution recognizing Joseph Stracuzzi for his dedicated service to the Clifton Park Water Authority.

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

WHEREAS, Joseph Stracuzzi served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Clifton Park Water Authority for seventeen years, serving from January 1, 1993, until his passing on October 25, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Town Board wishes to recognize Mr. Stracuzzi for his many years of service to the Town of Clifton Park as a member of the Board of Directors of the Clifton Park Water Authority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby recognizes Mr. Joseph Stracuzzi for his many years of dedicated service to the Clifton Park Water Authority as an esteemed Board Member and especially commends his efforts throughout the formative years of the Clifton Park Water Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated it is very unusual for anyone to serve this long on any of the volunteer committees. He reported Mr. Stracuzzi served on the Clifton Park Water Authority since its inception, noting he made decisions using a sound mind and a fair heart and his first thought being what is best for the town and the customers of the Water Authority.

Helmut Gerstenberger, Chair of the Clifton Park Water Authority, expressed appreciation for Mr. Stracuzzi's dedication and service on the Water Authority, noting he was very supportive and objective and looked at things as to how it would benefit the residents of the community. He stated he was a tremendous asset to the Water Authority Board. Mr. Gerstenberger read from a plaque to be given to the family.

Ava Stracuzzi, 6½ year old granddaughter, said her grandpa was a "great man and helped a lot of people".

Melanie Stracuzzi, Bradbury Street, said her husband was the ultimate volunteer and the Water Authority was very dear to his heart.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Helmut Gerstenberger, Chair of the Clifton Park Water Authority, updated the Board stating the Authority is in excellent fiscal health. He reported there has been no rate increase since 2003 at which time the inclining block structure was implemented and that formula has proved to be a very successful way in which to conserve water. He explained due to recent bond restructuring, the overall cost to the Water Authority has been reduced by \$800,000 or \$42,000 on an annualized basis. Mr. Gerstenberger announced an agreement has been signed to purchase water from the Saratoga County Water Authority. The County facility will be on line in the late spring. The contract allows the CPWA to purchase a half million gallons a day, noting this is good quality water and will allow CPWA to take a couple of hard water wells off line. A customer service program was instituted in Spring 2009 that allows the tracking of any recurring problems.

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Supervisor Barrett said one of the real benefits is the minimum amount of water the town has to purchase, as well as a minimal upfront cost with regard to connecting to the County system.

Mr. Gerstenberger said many options were looked at but hooking into the County system is the most viable and cost effective way. He reported as a result of negotiations over the last few years, the County has agreed to contribute up to \$300,000 towards the connection of the water system. Mr. Gerstenberger reported there are ongoing discussions with the Town of Glenville, and he is confident an agreement will be signed to purchase water on an ongoing basis if needed. He stated the per thousand gallon dollar amount from the Town of Glenville is quite a bit higher than what the County was able to offer. He said the CPWA uses approximately 3.2 million gallons of water per day, significantly higher in the summer, so purchasing a minimum of half a million gallons a day at the rate structure negotiated with the County will not have any adverse effects on the rates that are currently in place.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:10 PM
TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 13-3 OF THE TOWN CODE
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on January 7, 2010.

Supervisor Barrett summarized the proposed local law explaining the Environmental Conservation Commission currently has nine members and has held discussions with regard to the number of members and, therefore, the number of positive votes needed to move a recommendation on to the Planning Board. Consideration is being given regarding reducing the number of members from nine to seven. Supervisor Barrett noted former Councilman Roth will continue as the liaison and he saw a lot of merit in reducing the number of members.

Rocco Ferraro, Chair of the ECC, praised Mr. Roth's work over the years and stated he is glad he is continuing as liaison to the Commission. Mr. Ferraro said five affirmative votes are necessary to send an item to the Planning Board. He noted it is difficult to get nine members to a meeting and the Commission unanimously supports the proposed legislation. He said this will provide easier facilitation, as well as to find qualified individuals to serve.

Town Attorney McCarthy asked about considering Section 13-3C and reducing the number of associate members from six to two. He also recommended the ECC look at Section 13-5 I, Powers and Duties, regarding the ECC being able to accept land by gift or devise, noting this seems to be an outdated provision. Mr. Ferraro reported currently there is only one associate member. He stated he agrees with both of Mr. McCarthy's recommendations.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:55 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.

Supervisor Barrett expressed appreciation to former ECC Chair Jim Quinn and current Chair Rocco Ferraro for their service on the Commission.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 10 of 2010, a resolution authorizing the promotion of John DeSimone from MEO to HEO at the Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, Transfer Station Supervisor Jeff Vedder recommends that John DeSimone, 6 Appletree Lane, Wilton, be promoted from MEO to HEO at the Transfer Station, and

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WHEREAS, the above referenced employee has met the requirements for this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that John DeSimone is hereby appointed to the position of HEO at the Transfer Station, Grade 6, Step 2, to be paid as budgeted from A-8160-E-0067 (Transfer Station-employee), retroactive to January 1, 2010.

Supervisor of the Transfer Station Vedder spoke favorably of Mr. DeSimone's appointment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Beverly Czub, Rexford, speaking to the high school students in attendance this evening, explained the Public Privilege part of the meeting, and stated the Town Board does a good job in keeping taxes low and that actions taken at Town Board meetings effect everyday life in the community.

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Paolucci, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 8:00 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk