

January 13, 2014

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 Whalen
Councilwoman Standaert
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Dahn Bull, Director of Communications and Technology
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Zoning

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett reminded residents of the NYSDOT meeting to discuss improvements to the Rexford Bridge scheduled for January 23rd at the Rexford Fire House. He said public input will be taken.

REPORT TO THE BOARD AND PRESENTATION

Sanford Roth, member of Community Arts and Culture Commission, presented the Commission's annual report, attached. He thanked the Town Board, on behalf of the Commission, for all their support, noting he anticipates another fall music series and art show in 2014.

Mr. Roth introduced the Art Show award recipients and displayed their works. The Commission's Choice Award to Janice Semanek and the People's Choice Award to Charles Karam.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 8 of 2014, a resolution authorizing Wade Schoenborn, Samuel Chase and Patrick Jarosz from the Building Department to attend the 19th Annual Northern Adirondack Educational Conference to be held in Lake Placid, New York, March 2 - 6, 2014.

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

WHEREAS, conferences are designed to give their members the needed hours to complete the New York State twenty-four hours requirement per year for in service education for all code enforcement officers in order to maintain their certification, and

WHEREAS, New York State has eliminated several of their instructor positions reducing the availability of courses locally and substantially reducing the availability of building officials courses offered without charge, and fewer courses are being given at no charge, and

WHEREAS, reduced availability of such courses locally has increased the necessity of traveling to obtain required credits, and

WHEREAS, attendance at these seminars would provide a benefit to the residents of the town and is necessary to maintain building officials credentials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Building Department is authorized to send Patrick Jarosz, Samuel Chase and Wade Schoenborn to the 19th Annual Northern Adirondack Educational Conference from March 2 - 6, 2014 at Lake Placid, at a total cost for three attendees not to exceed \$2,650, as budgeted from A-3620-001(Training and Conferences).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 9 of 2014, a resolution authorizing Robert Adams, Derek Miller and Mark Kazmierczak to attend the New York State Building Officials Conference April 1 - 4, 2014, in Liverpool, New York.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, conferences are designed to give their members the needed hours to complete the New York State twenty-four hours requirement per year for in service education for all code enforcement officers, in order to maintain their certification, and

WHEREAS, the April 2014 conference sponsored by the New York State Building Officials Chapter is necessary for the acquisition of needed credits by Building Department officials, and

WHEREAS, attendance at these seminars would provide a benefit to the residents of the town and is necessary to maintain building officials credentials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Building Department is authorized to send Robert Adams, Derek Miller and Mark Kazmierczak to the New York State Building Officials Conference from April 1-4, 2014 in Liverpool, New York, at a total cost not to exceed \$2850 for three attendees, as budgeted from A-3620-001 (Training and Conferences).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 10 of 2014, a resolution authorizing Judge Robert Rybak, Chief Court Clerk Connie Brown and Court Clerk Janet Gomes to attend the Association of Town's meeting.

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

WHEREAS, the state requires all town judges to attend a training session on a yearly basis, and

WHEREAS, court clerks must continue to refresh their skills and be aware of changes in state law and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Court Administration provides the necessary training for both judges and court clerks at the annual meeting of the Association of Towns held in New York City from February 16 - 18, 2014, and attendance at these meetings would provide a public benefit to the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Judge Robert Rybak, Chief Court Clerk Connie Brown and Court Clerk Janet Gomes are hereby authorized to attend the New York State Association of Towns annual meeting in New York City from February 16 - 18, 2014, to be paid from A1110-001 (Training & Conferences) and be it further

RESOLVED, that meals and other incidentals be paid per the stated 2014 per diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 11 of 2014, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into a joint contract with the Town of Halfmoon for engineering and design services for traffic improvements to the intersections at Crossing Boulevard, Sitterly Road and Woodin Road.

Introduced by Councilman Romano, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert.

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to collaborate with the Town of Halfmoon to submit a joint TIP Grant application to undertake potential design improvements to the intersections of Crossing Boulevard and Woodin Road at Sitterly Road, where the design will be predicated on improving traffic movements and reduce the “stacking” of waiting vehicles at the identified intersections along the Sitterly Road corridor, and through the introduction of enhanced traffic signal design and the digitalization and synchronization of traffic lights throughout the corridor, and

WHEREAS, the design services would support a joint grant application with the Town of Halfmoon to be submitted to the Capital District Transportation Committee in response to a 2014 Solicitation for Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) Submissions, and

WHEREAS, Sitterly Road is the primary local connector road to the business, commercial and retail centers of both towns and connects the locally shared emergency medical services to both communities, and travels through a densely populated residential area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to jointly contract with MJ Engineering, Clifton Park, to design and prepare roadway improvements and a detailed cost based budget for the traffic improvements on Sitterly Road at Crossing Boulevard and Woodin Road, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 per town, to be allocated from A-1440-135 (Engineering Services).

Supervisor Barrett said grant submissions will not be looked at unless some engineering is done. He noted some of the improvements to be looked at are turning lanes and traffic lights that “talk to each other” otherwise known as intelligent traffic systems. Eighty percent of the funding is federal money and is administered by CDTC and DOT. In response to a question of sidewalks, Supervisor Barrett said it will be looked at but the bridge crossing the Northway would be quite narrow for sidewalks and there is no space to add anything more than what is currently there. Director of Community Development McHugh said it is hoped this \$2000 would go toward the town funding but is at the discretion of DOT.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 12 of 2014, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Barton & Loguidice (B&L), to provide engineering design services to the Town of Clifton Park for the installation of a new ice refrigeration system for the skating rink at the Clifton Common.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Romano.

WHEREAS, the ice rink refrigeration systems and chillers are in need of replacement and upgrades, and

WHEREAS, the town wishes to engage the services of a qualified engineering firm to design replacement systems for the original equipment as constructed and installed, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice has experience with the replacement of similar systems in comparable facilities, and

WHEREAS, B&L has provided a Scope of Engineering Services for the engineering design of the new Clifton Common ice rink system project, along with the bidding and construction phase, per the attached agreement, cost for design phase services, \$34,500 and bidding and construction phase services, \$13,700, with funds to come from amounts received from proceeds from Clifton Park Arena and funds dedicated to improvements on the Clifton Common with a transfer to A-7112-200 (Clifton Common-Equipment); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into a contract with Barton & Loguidice (B&L) to provide engineering design services to the Town of Clifton Park for the installation of a new ice refrigeration system for the skating rink at the Clifton Common.

Supervisor Barrett, noting the ice rink was built in the late 1980s, reviewed the plans for the project consisting of the piping and chilling system. He explained the piping is located under the cement floor. The freon used is being phased out and will be completely replaced with a brine system. The Supervisor stated with the age of the system it could fail at any time and it's important to move proactively to complete this project. The cost is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. He said this is the 12th year of Scott Bobrow operating the ice rink and 12 years of profits with all profits going back into the arena. The Supervisor thanked and praised Mr. Bobrow for his efforts in running the arena. Supervisor Barrett reported there is \$70,000 accumulated in profits. The town has received \$15,000 for the cell tower on the Common and receives approximately \$1800 per month in cell tower income. The Town Board has made a commitment that revenue from the cell tower would go back to improvements on the Common, therefore, there is \$85,000 in seed money to get the project off the ground. He stated there will be no debt incurred with this project. The Supervisor said rentals end in mid-March and the project will begin shortly thereafter with completion expected by the end of June. Letter from Barton & Loguidice dated January 2, 2014, attached. Former Councilman Roth, speaking in support of the project, said he was liaison to the ice arena for 12 years and during that time there were at least two leaks that cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000 to \$50,000 for repairs. Councilman Whalen, noting he supports the project, said acting proactively is the right thing to do.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, Rexford, asked if the town can purchase an insurance policy to cover the price on the new chiller, perhaps a business interruption insurance. Supervisor Barrett responded he is not sure but it is a good point.

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Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, stated it is important to keep the rink going, noting tournaments bring a great deal of revenue into town.

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

Motion carried at 8:08 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk