

June 8, 2015

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
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Development
John Scavo, Director of Planning

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett announced National Grid has chosen Clifton Park to be part of a pilot program in collecting information from residents as to what priorities are for the future. A meeting will be held on June 16th at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.

Councilwoman Walowit announced a "Senior to Senior" Dog and Cat Adoption Clinic will be held at the Shenendehowa Adult Community on June 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., matching "senior" animals to seniors.

PRESENTATION – ROBOTICS TEAM 20

Members of the Shenendehowa Robotics Team 20 spoke to various aspects of belonging to Team 20 and working on the project and the many advantages it has been and will be for them. They demonstrated their project, a robotic crate lift.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Supervisor Barrett presented Jaret Blinstraub with Resolution No.124 of 2015 adopted May 18, 2015 congratulating him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Jaret explained his responsibilities as an Explorer at the Jonesville Fire Department and said he wanted to return something to the Fire Department in appreciation of all he has learned as an Explorer. He reviewed the process of preparing the Memorial, as well as illuminating the flag.

PRESENTATION – BLACKSMITH SHOP

Town Historian John Scherer said the town is looking for support for the renovation of the Blacksmith Shop. He reviewed the history of the Blacksmith Shop, noting it was purchased by the town 15 years ago along with Grooms Tavern. The town is applying for a \$200,000 grant, as well as accepting donations, towards the renovation of the shop. Mr. Scherer reported the Blacksmith Shop was stabilized ten years ago and now needs to be stabilized even further. He reviewed possible usage of the building. He acknowledged town committees involved in the restoration as well as Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern, Mohawk Towpath Byway Committee and Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, noting this will enable future generations to experience the town's heritage first hand. He said a petition is being circulated to show community support.

Councilman Whalen said it is necessary to show community support in the grant application and for the creation of a heritage corner. He said anyone offering any kind of support – financial, skill or business support will be appreciated.

Supervisor Barrett said emails can be sent to him or Councilman Whalen in support of the restoration of the Blacksmith Shop.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:05 PM (7:55 pm)
TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ZONING CODE
B-3 Neighborhood Business District Section 208-37

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on May 18, 2015.

Supervisor Barrett said uses in the B-3 zone have not been looked at in quite a while.

Director of Planning Scavo explained the B-3 zoning provides a buffer between existing residential and retail commercial space, however, times have changed and retail stores actually service the needs of the neighborhood and reduce congestion. The proposed legislation will increase viability of neighborhoods and walkability. Mr. Scavo reviewed the proposed uses, noting they will serve the needs of the neighborhood.

Supervisor Barrett commented this does not include big box stores but only “quick trip” retail. He said some of the uses are currently allowed in a shopping center setting but not allowed in stand-alone buildings and it makes sense if allowed in the shopping center, should be allowed in a stand-alone building.

Councilman Whalen noted this is a good opportunity to modernize B-3 zoning.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 8:04 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 8:05 p.m.

Supervisor Barrett said based on the common sense nature of changes and general positive feedback he has received from residents along with no comments this evening, it will be appropriate to move forward with the changes this evening.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 139 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the hiring of summer help for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for summer help to work in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Hansen, 5 Redcoat Court, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Nicholas Hansen be hired as part of the summer Buildings and Grounds staff for the summer of 2015, at \$8.50 per hour, to be paid from A7110-E4000, (Buildings & Grounds-summer emp.), effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 140 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to establish Capital Projects Fund H43-Town Projects.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a Capital Improvements Fund for the following projects:

1. Culvert Replacement and Drainage Improvements at Nadler, Bruno and Plank Roads	H43-8340-200	\$100,000
2. Casablanca Court storm water pipe replacement & relocation	H43-8340-200	\$70,000
3. Clifton Common Paving Improvements	H43-7112-200	\$50,000
4. Longview Drive Capital Improvement Drainage Realignment	H43-8340-200	\$30,000
5. Ushers Road Trail Paving, Grading and Realignment	H43-7629-200	\$100,000
6. Repaving and replacing various existing roads. No relocations.	H43-5110-200	\$650,000 \$1,000,000

and,

WHEREAS, a bond resolution sufficient to fund the project was adopted on May 18, 2015, for \$1,000,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to establish Capital Projects Fund H43-Town Projects revenues by \$1,000,000 and expenditures by \$1,000,000.

The Supervisor noted regarding #1, money cannot be expended until the necessary permits are received from the Army Corps of Engineers and DEC.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 141 of 2015, a resolution awarding the contract for the Clifton Park Longview Drive Drainage Project to Pollard Excavating Inc.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board proposes to undertake a drainage improvement project along Longview Drive, and

WHEREAS, the project requires improving, replacing and re-aligning forty linear feet of existing storm water infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 2, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Pollard Excavating, Inc. submitted a bid of \$19,800 for the work, which is the low bid for the project, and

WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering recommends awarding the contract to Pollard Excavating, Inc. as low bidder in the amount of \$19,800; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for the Clifton Park Longview Drive Drainage Project is awarded to Pollard Excavating Inc., Altamont, New York, in the amount of \$19,800, to be budgeted from Capital Projects Fund H-43 Town Projects.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 142 of 2015, a resolution hiring a Learn-to-Swim Assistant Site Director for the 2015 Learn-to-Swim Program.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hire staff for the Town of Clifton Park Summer Learn-to-Swim Program, and

WHEREAS, Philip Barrett, Town Supervisor, has recommended that Michael Bidwell, 120 Southbury Road, Clifton Park, be hired for the position of Learn-to-Swim Assistant Site Director; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Michael Bidwell is hired as staff for the town's 2015 Day Camp Program, effective retroactively from June 6th through August 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Michael Bidwell be paid in accordance to the Town of Clifton Park Pools Schedule B.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 143 of 2015, a resolution adopting Local Law No. 7 of 2015, a local law amending Article V Section 208-37 of the Town Code, Neighborhood Business District, B-3, as amended.

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

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Business District, designated as B-3 Zones, were created to accommodate local, non-destination neighborhood retail and convenience commerce, and

WHEREAS, the retail needs of the town's residential neighborhoods have continued to expand and evolve, and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2015, the Town Board held a public hearing to solicit public input on a proposal to expand the allowed uses allowed under Section 208-37 to better accommodate the current retail and convenience needs of the B-3 Zone and surrounding neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, the town wishes to adopt amendments to the zoning code to provide additional allowed uses with the B-3 Neighborhood Business Zones; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 7 of 2015, a local law amending Section 208-37 of the town code, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to publish appropriate notice of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Nicole Bryson, Brittany Oaks, presented a petition with 35 signatures from people using the dog park requesting a water line or well be brought to the Mary Jane Row Dog Park. Supervisor Barrett, noting there is no water at the site, said extending water line would be incredibly expensive as would a well, however, it can be looked at. Ms. Bryson said some of the picnic benches and tables at the dog park need repair. She thanked the Board for the lighting at the park.

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 8:20 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk