

August 3, 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

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced the town Blood Drive will be held August 12th from noon to 6 pm.

The Supervisor reported he has received the audited financials for the ice arena for 2014 noting a profit of \$18,000. He noted Mr. Bobrow will be at a future meeting and will be presenting another check as part of the revenues of the arena over the last few years.

The Supervisor reminded residents of National Night Out to be held August 4th on the Clifton Common.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Barrett presented Bailey Moore with the following resolution that was adopted on May 18th.

Resolution No. 123 of 2015, a resolution recognizing J. Bailey Moore for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, J. Bailey Moore, a member of Troop 45, Twin Rivers Council, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn, and

WHEREAS, J. Bailey Moore has earned numerous merit badges, has shown leadership in the troop and has organized and completed a project to benefit the local community, and

WHEREAS, Bailey's Eagle Scout project consisted of dedicated hours at Kinns Road Park in Clifton Park, creating a system of trail markers and a scale map of the park, helping park visitors to plan hikes and walks throughout the park, and

WHEREAS, the project completed at Kinns Road park includes an organized, user friendly map and marker system helping to visualize over seven miles of connected trails, helping town residents manage the distance and time of walks throughout the park, and

WHEREAS, Bailey's dedication to the Boy Scout oath, while using his time and energy to give back to his community will serve to prepare him for a meaningful, productive role in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board honors and recognizes the accomplishments and deeds of J. Bailey Moore for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and contributing to the intrinsic value of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Bailey explained he color coded trail markers showing levels of difficulty and labelled trails. He reported members of the ski team and troop helped fundraise, with labor done by the troop with over 300 service hours. It was noted Bailey is the fourth member of his family to become an Eagle Scout. Bailey finished his project and earned the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15.

Supervisor Barrett presented the following resolution Pierre Fabris in recognition of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Resolution No. 173 of 2015, a resolution recognizing Pierre Fabris for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Pierre Fabris, a member of Troop 45, Twin Rivers Council, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn, and

WHEREAS, Pierre has earned numerous merit badges, has shown leadership in the troop and has organized and completed a project to benefit the local community, and

WHEREAS, Pierre's Eagle Scout Project focused on the improvement of the front entrance of the Troy Boys and Girls Club, located at 1700 7th Avenue, Troy, New York, and

WHEREAS, the project completed at the Troy Boys and Girls Club resulted in the beautification of the walkway entrance including the installation of a brick walkway complemented by the planting of juniper bushes in a nearby grassy area, as well as a bench installed for members of the club and refurbished railings, and

WHEREAS, Pierre's dedication to the Boy Scout Oath, while using his time and energy to give back to his community, will serve to prepare him for a meaningful, productive role in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board honors and recognizes the accomplishments and deeds of Pierre Fabris for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and contributing to the intrinsic value of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Pierre reviewed the process of his project noting he has volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club. He explained donors names were inscribed on the bricks. He did fundraising for the bench and bushes and the Boys and Girls Club, his troop and family helped complete the project.

RECOGNITION INTERNATIONAL CLOWN WEEK

Supervisor Barrett presented the following resolution to members of the Electric City Clowns.

Resolution No. 174 of 2015, a resolution proclaiming the first week of August 2015 as International Clown Week.

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

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Clifton Park recognize the importance of laughter in their lives, and

WHEREAS, clowns have long been known as ambassadors of joy and good will and bring happiness to both children and adults, and

WHEREAS, it is universally known that laughter is the best medicine, and

WHEREAS, clowns can make people forget their pain, sadness, illness and distress, and

WHEREAS, clowns have helped us preserve our sense of humor and ability to laugh at ourselves, and

WHEREAS, clowns encourage laughter in people from young to old, and rich and poor alike, and

WHEREAS, clowns can dissolve thoughts of prejudice and intolerance of others, and

WHEREAS, locally the Electric City Clowns participate in regular community service at hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park do hereby proclaim that the week of August 1-7, 2015, shall be recognized as International Clown Week within the Town of Clifton Park, and shall encourage all citizens to give fitting recognition to the clowns of the world.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 175 of 2015, a resolution appointing Karen L. Ceremuga as a permanent part-time Animal Control Officer per Civil Service certification.

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a part-time Animal Control Officer, and

WHEREAS, Karen L. Ceremuga, 200 Brookwood Road, Waterford, has been recommended to be appointed as a permanent part-time Animal Control Officer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Karen L. Ceremuga, 200 Brookwood Road, Waterford, is hereby appointed as a permanent part-time Animal Control Officer for the Town of Clifton Park, per Civil Service certification at a Grade 3, Step 1, \$17.16 per hour, as budgeted from A-3510-E-4000 (General Fund-Animal Control Part-Time Employee).

Ms. Ceremuga is a resident of the Town of Halfmoon which will work to her advantage since the Town of Clifton Park covers the Town of Halfmoon on off hours and weekends. Brendan Brustle has resigned as he is attending college.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 176 of 2015, a resolution appointing Lisa M. Hertel as a provisional part-time Animal Control Officer.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a second part-time Animal Control Officer, and

WHEREAS, Lisa M. Hertel, 89 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford, has been recommended to be appointed as a provisional part-time Animal Control Officer until the next Civil Service test is given; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Lisa M. Hertel, 89 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford, is hereby appointed as a provisional Animal Control Officer for the Town of Clifton Park, pending the Civil Service test, at Grade 3, Step 1, \$17.16 per hour, budgeted from A-3510-E-4000 (General Fund-Animal Control Part-Time Employee).

Supervisor Barrett noted Ms. Hertel is a retired State Trooper and has taken Veterinary Care classes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 177 of 2015, a resolution authorizing Supervisor Barrett to sign a construction management contract with Greenman-Pederson Engineers and Construction Services for the Erie Canal Towpath Community Connector Trail project.

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

WHEREAS, the town is working with the Town of Halfmoon, as well as the New York State Department of Transportation, on the Erie Canal Towpath Community Connector project which will connect the towns through a multi-use path from the intersection of Ferry Drive at the Mohawk River in the Vischer Ferry Preserve, eastward to and through the town line, crossing under I-87 at the northern terminus of the Thaddeus Kosciuszko Bridge and terminating at the intersection with Clamsteam Road in the Town of Halfmoon, and

WHEREAS, the design phase of the project is nearing completion, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No.154 of 2015, the town selected Greenman-Pederson Engineers and Construction Services, Babylon, NY, for construction management and inspection services for the project after reviewing and rating expressions of interest from responding consultants on the NYSDOT Region 2 approved list for such projects, and

WHEREAS, Greenman-Pederson has prepared a scope of work and estimated schedule consistent with NYSDOT guidelines and contract for the town's consideration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barrett is authorized to sign the attached contract with Greenman-Pederson Engineers and Construction Services for construction, management and inspection on the construction phase of the Erie Canal Towpath Community Connector project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 178 of 2015, a resolution setting a public hearing to consider the adoption of a local law amending Section 208-108 D of the Town Code.

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

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector is responsible for the issuance of certificates of occupancy upon inspections for new construction and re-construction, and

WHEREAS, the electrical component of such inspections are carried out by qualified electrical inspectors pursuant to Section 208-108 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2015, the Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for Requests for Proposal from outside electrical inspectors and firms to provide for a current list of qualified electrical inspectors to be reviewed by the Building Inspector, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider a proposal to remove the list of qualified inspectors from Section 208-108 of the Town Code, and to provide that such an updated list be adopted by the Building Inspector from responding electrical inspectors and firms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be scheduled for August 17, 2015 at 7:05 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to consider the adoption a local law amending section 208-108 of the Town Code and be it further

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

Town Attorney McCarthy explained currently inspectors are listed in the Town Code. This will get the electrical inspectors out of the code which will allow the list of inspectors to be updated occasionally without have to go through a public hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Sandy Roth, Sweetbriar Drive, announced Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for September 12th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. He emphasized absolutely no latex paint will be taken. Mr. Roth said no electronics will be taken at Hazardous Waste Day as they can be taken to the Transfer Station during its hours of operation. Registration forms are available in the town hall and the library.

Frank Berlin, Main Street, Jonesville, commended the Eagle Scouts, as well as all volunteers. He noted the importance of the Erie Canal path from the Town of Clifton Park to the Town of Halfmoon.

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 7:57 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk