

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

June 21, 2021

The 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.

Present: Supervisor Barrett  
Councilwoman Flood  
Councilwoman Standaert  
Councilman Morelli  
Councilwoman Walowit  
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent  
John Scavo, Planning Director  
Matt Andrus, Information Specialist

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett congratulated Troop 246 on their successful fundraiser which benefited Scout Jake to help cover expenses who was born with a congenital bone disease.

Supervisor Barrett congratulated all area graduates.

Supervisor Barrett announced there were 3 resolutions added to tonight's agenda. Noncontroversial. 2 scouts whose court-of-honor is this weekend and hiring a part-time dog control officer.

RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 154 of 2021, a resolution recognizing Jonathan Chamberlin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park takes immense pride in the accomplishments of its residents and recognizes the valuable contributions of the Boy Scouts of America to our community and to our nation, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Chamberlin has proven himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn and to achieve this rank, Jonathan Chamberlin demonstrated leadership and completed his Eagle Scout project which benefited the local community, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Chamberlin's Eagle Scout project was to build a pull-up station for the Town of Clifton Park, adjacent to the basketball courts at the Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Chamberlin's Eagle Scout Project involved the design of and overseeing of the station's construction, in addition to fundraising for the project, and

WHEREAS, the community has responded positively to Jonathan Chamberlin's Eagle Scout project, resulting in a meaningful contribution to physical fitness on behalf of visitors to the Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Chamberlin'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, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Chamberlin has also excelled in other pursuits including outdoor activities, and plans to pursue a degree in Engineering at Northeastern University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the entire Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park, does hereby congratulate and salute Jonathan Chamberlin on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, and are proud to have him as a member of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 155 of 2021, a resolution recognizing Brian Christopher Weiler on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park takes immense pride in the accomplishments of its residents and recognizes the valuable contributions of the Boy Scouts of America to our community and to our nation, and

WHEREAS, Brian Christopher Weiler has proven himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn and to achieve this rank, Brian Christopher Weiler demonstrated leadership and completed his Eagle Scout project which benefited the community, and

WHEREAS, Brian Christopher Weiler's Eagle Scout project was to construct folding benches for Double H Ranch, which provides specialized year-round programs for children and their families who are dealing with life-threatening or chronic illnesses, and

WHEREAS, Brian Christopher Weiler's Eagle Scout project involved raising funds for the project, organizing the workdays, and then overseeing the final construction and installation of the benches, and

WHEREAS, the Double H Ranch community has responded positively to Brian Christopher Weiler’s Eagle Scout project, resulting in a meaningful contribution on behalf of the families and visitors to Double H Ranch, and

WHEREAS, Brian Christopher Weiler’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, and

WHEREAS, Brian Christopher Weiler has also excelled in other pursuits, and plans attending Hudson Valley Community College in the Fall of 2021, prior to transferring to the University of Buffalo in Spring of 2022, to pursue a degree in Psychology; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the entire Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park, does hereby congratulate and salute Brian Christopher Weiler on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, and are proud to have him as a member of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 156 of 2021, a resolution appointing Joanne Coons as a marriage officer in the Town of Clifton Park for one day, July 11, 2021.

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

WHEREAS, the State Domestic Relations Law, Section 11-c authorizes Town Boards to appoint marriage officers who shall have the authority to solemnize marriages within the town, and

WHEREAS, town resident Joanne Coons, 4 Balsam Way, wishes to serve as a marriage officer in the town pursuant to the New York State Domestic Relations Law for one day Sunday, July 11, 2021, and for one ceremony, that being for the marriage of Alejandra Jimenez-Hernandez and Erwin A. Bonostro; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Joanne Coons, 4 Balsam Way, is hereby appointed as a Marriage Officer in the Town of Clifton Park pursuant to New York State Domestic Relations Law Section 11-c for one day, July 11, 2021, and for one ceremony, that being for the marriage of Alejandra Jimenez-Hernandez and Erwin A. Bonostro.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 157 of 2021, a resolution hiring additional seasonal employees to staff the town pools for the 2021 season.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire additional qualified staff members for operation of the town’s pools, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett has recommended individuals listed in the attached Schedule A, be hired to staff the town pools, as indicated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in the attached Schedule A, be hired as seasonal staff for the town pools, as noted on the schedule through the end of the 2021 pool season; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the individuals be paid as indicated on Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 158 of 2021, a resolution scheduling a public hearing on a proposal to extend the moratorium on ground mounted solar arrays within Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, by Local Law No. 9 of 2011, the Town Board authorized the siting of ground mounted solar arrays within the R-1, R-3, CR, HR and HM zones, and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, Local Law No. 2 of 2021 was adopted imposing a six-month moratorium on new applications for ground mounted solar arrays, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider extending the moratorium for an additional three (3) months; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for July 6, 2021 at 7:05pm in the Wood Memorial Room, on a proposal to extend the moratorium for an additional 90 days through October 11, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall publish and post the attached notice.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Planning Director John Scavo explained this proposed resolution is to update and reflect town code language that is accepted with the community of solar and to reflect the NYS model for solar law.

Councilman Morelli questioned if there are any applications waiting the outcome of the moratorium.

Planning Director Scavo answered there are a couple but they are good with waiting for the acceptable language.

Resolution No. 159 of 2021, a resolution accepting a bid from Carver Construction Inc. and award a contract for the replacement of box culverts on Plank and Nadler Roads.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolutions Nos. 230 and 251 of 2019, the Town Board classified a proposed project to replace box culverts on Plank Road and Nadler Road as a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 47 of 2019, the Town Board retained Barton and Loguidice to conduct environmental and engineering studies to assess and remediate stormwater facilities in the Plank Road/Rolling Brook areas, to seek appropriate regulatory permits for same, and to work with C. T. Male, as design engineers, relative to infrastructure maintained by Clifton Park Water Authority in the same section of roadway, and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2019, the Department of Environmental Conservation issued a permit for the replacement of culverts on Plank Road and Nadler Road, and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued authorization for the project described under the appropriate nationwide general permit, and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, sealed bids were opened, based on bid documents and work scope prepared by Barton & Loguidice and C.T. Male, engineers, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice recommends that the Town Board award the contract for the work to Carver Construction, as low bidder, and

WHEREAS, there are \$111,676 in a project capital budget previously authorized for the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for box culvert replacement at Plank Road and Nadler Road is awarded to Carver Construction, Inc., 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY, in an amount not to exceed \$280,145 for this contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Contract #2 for the project relative to replacement of the water main as designed by C.T. Male is awarded to Carver Construction, as low bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$150,145; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer up to \$318,116.64 from the General Fund to H44-0854-00200 (Capital Project - Stormwater Drainage - Equipment) to offset costs of the project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Highways Superintendent Dahn Bull stated this is a stormwater management project and work will start the beginning of August in this area and take approximately a couple weeks. Residents will be contacted with flyers and use of media for activity involving the road closures.

Resolution No. 160 of 2021, a resolution amending the contract awarded for fireworks, for the Town of Clifton Park's 4th of July celebration with Santore's World Famous Fireworks and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement for same.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 135 of 2021, the Town Board approved awarding the sole bid to Santore's World Famous Fireworks, in the amount of \$17,250, for a twenty minute musically choreographed pyrotechnic display, at a price consistent with similar shows in prior years, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has requested that the display be enhanced and lengthened to a duration of up to 25 minutes, and

WHEREAS, Santore's World Famous Fireworks agreed to extend the display for an additional \$2,750, over the original price of \$17,250; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached revised agreement for the July 4, 2021 fireworks display with extended time, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, to be paid from A-07550-00052 (General Fund – Festivals – July 4<sup>th</sup>).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 161 of 2021, a resolution re-instating Victoria Hanna as a part-time Animal Control Officer.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a part-time Animal Control Officer due to the resignation of Dawn Mead, and

WHEREAS, Teresa Cook, Animal Control Officer, has recommended Victoria Hanna, 7B Poplar Drive, Halfmoon, who has previously been appointed in this capacity for the town, be re-instated to the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Victoria Hanna, Halfmoon, is hereby re-instated as a part-time Animal Control Officer for the Town of Clifton Park at Grade 3, Step 3 (\$20.10 per hour) budgeted from A-3510-E4000 (General Fund-Animal Control-Part Time Employee), effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Flood, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Mel Boxer, Clifton Gardens, questioned why 3 resolutions were added to the agenda after posting the draft agenda and how the public is to know when additions are added.

Supervisor Barrett stated the added resolutions were not controversial and needed to be done before this weekend's awards ceremony for the scouts. The public can always check on the cliftonpark.org website for updates on the agenda. He stated resolutions can be added at any time.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of town business.

Motion carried at 7:41 PM

Teresa Brobston  
Town Clerk