

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

March 7, 2022

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: Deputy Town Attorney Weiner
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Matt Andrus, Information Specialist
Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation
Teresa Cook, Director, Animal Control

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett announced the passing away of Allan Atwell. He stated the Town lost a great man. Supervisor read from a poster that was used to describe Mr. Atwell when he was elected to the NYS Veterans Hall of Fame. Mr. Atwell served his country in WWII at overseas theaters, including at the Battle of the Bulge. Back home he spent countless hours volunteering for many organizations. He has always been a tireless advocate for Veterans and First Responders. He currently served as Chairman of the Town's Emergency Services Advisory Board, a position he has held for many years. Condolences were expressed for the family.

Supervisor Barrett wished the Shenendehowa Hockey team all the best while competing in the upcoming NYS Championships. One of the team players, Nolan Sullivan, had an incredible goal and the clip was awarded by ESPN on the "Top 10 Plays of the Day" as the #1 play.

Councilwoman Standaert announced annual Clean-up Day will take place on April 23, 2022, from 9AM-Noon. To participate, sign up on the Town's website, cliftonpark.org.

RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 61 of 2022, a resolution extending Intermunicipal Agreements between the Town of Clifton Park and the City of Mechanicville, and the Town of Halfmoon, respectively, for the provision of Animal Control Services.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 119-0 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the parties are authorized to enter into binding agreements for the cooperative performance of various municipal projects, contracts and functions, and

WHEREAS, the local governments recognize the benefit to each of the involved municipalities that arise from the cooperative provision of services to their residents, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15 of 2014, authorized an agreement between the Town of Halfmoon and the Town of Clifton Park, for shared services in the area of Animal Control, and

WHEREAS, Clifton Park and the City of Mechanicville also entered into such an agreement in 2020, whereby Clifton Park will provide on call and sick/vacation coverage for the prospective Animal Control Department, and

WHEREAS, Clifton Park has the personnel and equipment to provide on-call and sick/vacation coverage for the Halfmoon and Mechanicville Animal Control Departments, with an increase in the rate of reimbursement from \$35/hour to \$40/hour; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the adoption of an Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Mechanicville and the Town of Clifton Park for the provision of Animal Control Services, per the attached agreement, through December 31, 2022, at \$40/hour; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the adoption of an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Halfmoon and the Town of Clifton Park for the provision of Animal Control Services, per the attached agreement, through December 31, 2022, at \$40/hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 62 of 2022, a resolution scheduling a public hearing on a proposal to amend the Town’s Code §92 to increase dog license fees.

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

WHEREAS, Director of Animal Control Terri Cook, has requested that amendments be made to Sections 92-2 and 92-3 of Town Code, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to schedule a public hearing to solicit the views and input from the community on the proposal; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on March 21, 2022, at 7:05 PM on a proposal to adjust dog license fees, per the attached draft legislation; and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 63 of 2022, a resolution appointing Heather Schultz, provisionally, as an Account Clerk Typist in the Comptroller’s office, pending Civil Service certification.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for an Account Clerk Typist in the Comptroller’s office, and

WHEREAS, Mark Heggen, Comptroller, has interviewed Ms. Schultz and wishes to hire Ms. Schultz provisionally, as an Account Clerk Typist, Grade 4, Step 1, Year 1, to be paid \$25.29/hr.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Heather Schultz, 1210 London Square, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed as Account Clerk Typist for the Town of Clifton Park, effective immediately, and pending Civil Service certification; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$36,000 from A-1315-E0961 (Gen. Fund – Comptroller – Account Clerk) to A-1315-Exxx (General Fund –Comptroller – Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 64 of 2022, a resolution appointing Katherine Taubkin, provisionally, as a Payroll Clerk in the Comptroller’s office pending Civil Service certification.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a Payroll Clerk in the Comptroller’s office, and

WHEREAS, Mark Heggen, Comptroller, has interviewed Ms. Taubkin and wishes to hire Ms. Taubkin provisionally, as a Payroll Clerk, Grade 6, Step 1, Year 1, to be paid \$28.38/hr.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Katherine Taubkin, 2 Marlboro Drive, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed as Payroll Clerk for the Town of Clifton Park, effective immediately, and pending Civil Service certification; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$40,700 from A-1315-E0230 (Gen. Fund – Comptroller – Payroll Clerk) to A-1315-Exxx (General Fund –Comptroller – Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 65 of 2022, a resolution approving the 2022 salary matrices for Summer Recreation employees.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has requested that rates of pay be adopted for 2022 Summer Recreation Staff Matrices, per Schedule A (Day Camps), Schedule B (Pool, Lifeguard & WSI), and Schedule C (Golf Course), and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor wishes to maintain pay rate increases similar across all seasonal recreation employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2022 Salary Matrices for Summer Recreation Employees staff per, Schedules A, B and C (attached).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, offered visual suggestions of new Town welcome entrance signs for review. Several of the existing signs have rotted out and are broken.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Joanne Coons, GREEN Committee, and Englemore Rd. resident, voiced concerns with amount of road salt on the roadways and trails. She suggested also using brine. Concerns for the waste, fatal to amphibians, contamination of groundwater, vegetation, tough on vehicles, pavements, bridges etc. and pet paws. The need to have correct equipment/vehicles to distribute the salt or brine is very important.

Ms. Coons also announced the GREEN Committee was awarded \$5,000 Electric Vehicle grant. She expressed the need to pass the Stretch Code. More grant money to come hopefully.

Darlene McGraw, Northpoint, thanked the Highways and Buildings & Grounds Departments for keeping the roads and sidewalks clear this winter. She voiced concerns with busy intersections and pedestrians.

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

Motion carried at 7:45 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk