

January 4, 2010

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:25 p.m., Supervisor Barrett presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Present: Councilman Paolucci
Councilman Hughes
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Paolucci seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the December 14 and 21, 2009 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Abstain: Councilman Romano

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Scott Earl and Jerry Cifor of County Waste reported on the company's new recycling program.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Town Comptroller Heggen reviewed the proposed town Retirement Incentive Program, explaining requirements are a minimum age of 62 with ten years of service with the town. This would allow for a \$10,000 incentive payment in addition to the individual's second vacation week to be paid out at the same time. He continued the individual would have to give their intention of retiring under this incentive by February 12, 2010 and retire by April 30, 2010. There are five eligible employees. Supervisor Barrett said the cost of the incentive to the town compared to the salary of the new hire has been reviewed and it is estimated the \$10,000 could be recouped in six months to a year. Mr. Heggen noted there is a big difference in steps of the potential retirees and new hires. He said this will not add any additional time to the individual for NYS Retirement purposes which is a benefit for the town. Supervisor Barrett stated this is a one-time incentive and the union is in favor of it. The Supervisor said he would like to see this done on a regular basis if possible.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

Regarding the incentive program, there was a recommendation from the floor that the item not be filled for three months. Supervisor Barrett said typically it does take time to fill a position.

01/04/2010

Resolution No. 2 of 2010, a resolution accepting a quote for secure professional appraisal services for the Carrese Property located in the vicinity of 1031 Ballston Lake Road and authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an Agreement with First Pioneer Farm Credit, ACA to provide said appraisal service.

Introduced by Councilman Hughes, who moved its adoption seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board has recognized the scenic and forest resources of the Carrese Property, Tax Map No. 264.-2-6.21, in the vicinity of 1031 Ballston Lake Road, and the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee has recommended that the Town Board explore permanent conservation options to protect the remaining lands of Carrese, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has been awarded a \$70,000 matching grant from the County of Saratoga and its 2009 Farmland and Open Space Protection Program towards the purchase of approximately 78 acres of the Carrese Property, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to explore the feasibility of the purchase of the property which is adjacent to Veteran's Memorial Park, and

WHEREAS, an appraisal is required in order to receive the \$70,000 matching grant from the County of Saratoga, and the results of such an appraisal would be utilized in negotiations with the landowner, and

WHEREAS, quotes were received to conduct a summary real estate appraisal report of the Carrese property under consideration for potential acquisition by the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, John Scavo, Director of Planning, has recommended that the quote of First Pioneer Farm Credit, ACA, 394 Route 29, Greenwich, New York, be accepted as the lower quote, and the earliest to respond of the two low quotes, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not bind the Town to any decision regarding the possible purchase of the property but mainly provides the Town with additional information regarding potential values; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the quote of First Pioneer Farm Credit, ACA is hereby accepted in an amount of \$1,800; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into an agreement or engagement letter with First Pioneer Farm Credit, ACA, as needed, at a cost not to exceed a total expenditure of \$1,800 for a summary appraisal report, to be paid from A-1940-200 (Community Development-Land Purchase).

Director of Planning Scavo stated this company is known in the area and has submitted quotes for other projects. Councilman Hughes said if the price is right, this property will continue the north to south trail progression. Supervisor Barrett reported Councilmen Hughes and Romano will act as co-liaisons to the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

01/04/2010

Resolution No. 3 of 2010, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps for the provision of emergency medical services and emergency ambulance services.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for the provision of emergency medical and ambulance services within the geographical boundaries of the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps are organized and operated for the purpose of the provision of health care and education services across a broad spectrum of the communities it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corps for the continuation of emergency medical services and emergency ambulance services, term of the agreement from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, as budgeted, subject to Town Attorney review.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 4 of 2010, a resolution donating two slots of ice time for the 2010 Clifton Park Youth Hockey Association (CPYHA) "Between the Pipes Pee Wee "B" Tournament".

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

WHEREAS, the CPYHA is hosting the annual "Between the Pipes Pee Wee "B" Tournament" January 15, 16, and 17, 2010 at the Clifton Park Arena, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Youth Hockey Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing the best experience for our community's youth playing the sport of ice hockey; emphasizing leadership, teamwork, and good sportsmanship, and

WHEREAS, CPYHA has requested that the Town of Clifton Park donate two sheets of ice time to help offset the costs of hosting the tournament and allow CPYHA to offer a tremendous tournament experience as well as showcase the CPYHA program and the Clifton Park community, and

WHEREAS, the out-of-Town teams will be staying at local hotels in Clifton Park conferring a benefit to local businesses as well as to the community as a whole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park is authorized to donate two slots of ice time for the 2010 CPYHA "Between the Pipes Pee Wee "B" Tournament" to be held at the Clifton Park Arena January 15, 16, and 17, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

01/04/2010

Resolution No. 5 of 2010, a resolution authorizing the Town Board to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Unit representing Town of Clifton Park General Unit of Saratoga County Local 846.

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

WHEREAS, an agreement has been reached between the Town of Clifton Park and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., AFSCME Local 1000, AFL-CIO, for the Town of Clifton Park, General Unit of Saratoga County Local 846, and

WHEREAS, this agreement will cover a five (5) year term until December 31, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. unit representing Town of Clifton Park General Unit of Saratoga County Local 846, copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A", all provisions to be incorporated into a new contract as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the provisions in the existing contract not modified by this Memorandum of Understanding to remain.

Supervisor Barrett expressed appreciation to all involved in the negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 6 of 2010, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider a local law of 2010, a local law amending Local Law No. 2 of 1998, Chapter 13, Environmental Conservation Commission, Section 13-3, Membership.

Introduced by Councilman Hughes, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, in order for the Environmental Conservation Commission to meet quorum requirements, Supervisor Barrett has recommended that Chapter 13, Section 13-3 Membership, be amended to reduce the number of members from nine to seven, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain comments from the public in this regard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to consider a local law of 2010, a local law amending Local Law No. 2 of 1998, Chapter 13, Environmental Conservation Commission, Section 13-3 Membership, is hereby scheduled for January 11, 2010, at 7:10 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room at One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish notice of same.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 7 of 2010, a resolution providing a Retirement Incentive Program to employees of the Town who have attained the age of sixty-two and who have at least ten years of service with the Town.

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

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to provide a retirement incentive to employees of the Town who have attained the age of sixty-two and who have at least ten years of service with the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that a retirement incentive will both compensate long time employees and save on employee salary and benefit expenses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town hereby establishes a Retirement Incentive Policy for 2010 as follows:

Town employees who have attained a minimum age of sixty-two years and who have ten or more years of service on or before April 30, 2010 may elect to receive an incentive payment of \$10,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Retirement Incentive is available to those employees meeting the age and services criteria identified herein, and who retire from Town service effective on or before April 30, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, that employees seeking to take advantage of the incentive must file retirement papers with the New York State Retirement System, provide written notice to the Town Administrator by February 12, 2010 and retire from Town service by April 30, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice provided to the Town under this program may not be rescinded and that the program will not add any additional time of service for New York State Retirement System purposes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Sanford Roth, Sweet Brier Drive, congratulated members of the Town Board sworn in this evening and wished all a wonderful year. He stated the Town Board has much to be proud of and he is proud to have been a part of it.

01/04/2010

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

Motion carried at 8:13 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk