

October 17, 2016

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
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
John Scavo, Director of Planning
Jennifer Viggiani, Open Space Coordinator

MOTION BY Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Councilman Romano reported on the successful "Bump in the Night" held October 15th, noting 120 residents and 40 volunteers were in attendance.

Councilwoman Standaert said the 2nd Youth Court training is scheduled for October 18th in the Public Safety Building. Interested youth can still sign up by contacting Councilwoman Standaert.

Supervisor Barrett announced the Not So Common Players fall production of "Sweet Smell of Success" will open October 21st.

Supervisor Barrett reported the Preliminary Budget has been finalized, noting \$4000 has been added to the Adventure Course program at Collins Park; \$1000 additional for the Parks and Rec brochure; \$5000 added to out fit the new security vehicle; and \$1000 additional for archiving documents resulting in an \$11,000 increase over the Tentative Budget. The total budget for the general fund and highway for 2017 is \$22,463,082 compared to 2016 of \$22,463,158. The Supervisor again stated there will be no town tax.

Supervisor Barrett reported the town continues to get proposals for apartment projects and has turned down over a dozen in the last few years. He noted he has seen a large increase in neighboring communities as being built or submitted. The Supervisor asked Director of Planning Scavo to prepare a comprehensive list as to how many apartment projects have been built in neighboring communities in the last ten years, as well as projects that have been submitted,

noting he has read where Malta town officials mentioned they were “experiencing a glut of apartment and retail space”.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Ray Seymour, Nadler Road, Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee, reported on the Stewardship Committee’s proposed Ten Year Vision, attached. He introduced committee members in attendance – Dave Miller, Co-Chair, Frank Berlin, and Tony Wilkinson. Supervisor Barrett thanked the members of the committee, as well as the many volunteers.

Speaking with regard to the School District’s 34 acres, Supervisor Barrett reported the town has made two offers to the School Board to purchase the properties and has been unsuccessful. He stated the only option left is to respond to the RFP.

Supervisor Barrett said 38 responses have been received regarding the RFP to redesign the town website and at least three of the companies that have submitted will be interviewed.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 233 of 2016, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider the 2017 Preliminary Budget.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain comment regarding the 2017 Preliminary Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to consider the 2017 Preliminary Budget; and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 234 of 2016, a resolution authorizing Shenendehowa Adult Community Center to serve alcoholic beverages at a dinner to be held at 6 Clifton Common Court on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Introduced by Councilman Romano, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center is hosting a Halloween dinner on October 24, 2016 from 5:30 - 7:30 P.M., with approximately 110 people in attendance, and

WHEREAS, Liz Gabeloff, Chairperson of Marketing, has requested permission to serve alcohol in the form of beer and wine at the event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the sponsoring group is hereby authorized to serve beer and wine at a dinner at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center on October 24, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 235 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the Planning Department to submit a grant application to the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) for the Moe Road Multi-use Path Gap Closure Project.

Introduced by Councilman Romano, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, the Town Board policy supports connectivity of existing multi-use pathways within the town to the maximum extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, the town's Master Trails Plan includes an extension of the Moe Road Multi-Use Pathway to connect to the recently completed Crescent Road Multi-Use Pathway; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2010, the town entered into an engineering consultant agreement with M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. to develop general mapping of the assumed project limits, identify ROW acquisitions, and provide an estimated cost breakdown for the Moe Road Multi-Use Pathway Gap Closure Project; and

WHEREAS, the design services segmented out logical portions of the pathway to facilitate staged construction funding; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Clifton Park have voiced their desire to see an extension of the trail system in this area to link the existing Moe Road Multi-Use Pathway to the newly created Crescent Road Multi-Use Pathway; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Clifton Park authorizes the Town Planning Department to submit a grant application to New York State for the current TAP and CMAQ solicitation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and designated Planning staff are authorized to execute all necessary documentation required to submit a completed grant application to New York State.

Supervisor Barrett reported a commitment was made a few years ago that when the Crescent Road trail was completed, the town would apply for a grant to complete the Moe Road Trail.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 236 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the posted speed limit of a portion of English Road to be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph.

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

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Town of Clifton Park to set speed limits that reflect the reasonable and prudent behavior of the majority of motorists acting in an appropriate manner as well as the characteristics of the traffic, roadway, and adjacent roadside/environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Highway Safety Committee has reviewed the existing conditions on English Road and have offered a recommendation to the Town Board that the speed limit be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph for a portion of English Road within the Town of Clifton Park; and

WHEREAS, English Road is classified as a Residential Collector Street; and

WHEREAS, visual site analysis supporting a request for reduction in speed limit include roadway geometrics including land widths, shoulder width, sight distance limitations, horizontal curves, mature vegetation adjacent to the roadway shoulder and pedestrian/bicycle activity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the posted speed limit of English Road to be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to replace the existing speed limit signs to reflect the new mph speed limit.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 237 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the posted speed limit of a portion of Riverview Road to be reduced from 45 mph to 40 mph.

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

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Town of Clifton Park to set speed limits that reflect the reasonable and prudent behavior of the majority of motorists acting in an appropriate manner as well as the characteristics of the traffic, roadway, and adjacent roadside/environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Highway Safety Committee has reviewed the existing conditions on Riverview Road and based on the analysis have offered a recommendation to the Town Board that the speed limit be reduced from 45 mph to 40 mph for a portion of Riverview Road within the Town of Clifton Park; and

WHEREAS, Riverview Road is classified as a Residential Collector Street; and

WHEREAS, visual site analysis supporting a request for reduction in speed limit include roadway geometrics including non-standard horizontal curves, narrow shoulders, and mature vegetation adjacent to the roadway shoulder and pedestrian/bicycle activity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the posted speed limit of Riverview Road within the Town of Clifton Park to be reduced from 45 mph to 40 mph; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to replace the existing speed limit signs to reflect the new mph speed limit.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 238 of 2016, a resolution amending Resolution No. 230 of 2016 to authorize the Assessor to re-levy maintenance costs for abandoned or foreclosure homes pursuant to Section 77-12 of the Town Code.

Introduced by Councilman Romano, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 230 of 2016, the Town Board authorized the Assessor to re-levy unpaid maintenance costs for abandoned homes pursuant to cost data provided by the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and the Director of Building and Development; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department has provided updated and corrected figures for the maintenance costs associated with respective properties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Resolution No. 230 of 2016 is hereby amended, and the Assessor is authorized to re-levy unpaid bills for maintenance for the respective properties pursuant to Exhibit A; attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Frank Berlin, Main Street, reported over 800 people have signed the petition asking the 34 acres come to the public domain and expressed concern that if the town and School Board cannot agree, a developer's bid could be accepted by the School Board. He stated that property belongs to the people who pay school taxes.

MOTION by Councilman Whalen, 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 8:14 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk