

September 10, 2018

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.

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilman Whalen
Councilwoman Standaert
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Zoning
Scott Reese, Stormwater Management Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett reviewed events planned for FarmFest on September 15th and 16th. He encouraged residents to support local farms throughout the year.

The Supervisor announced Shredding Day is planned for October 7th. Residents are asked to bring canned goods for the Jonesville Food Pantry for each bag of shredding.

Councilwoman Standaert announced a Youth Court informational meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at the High School auditorium for interested students in grades 7 to 12 who are Clifton Park residents, however, students do not have to be Shenendehowa students.

Councilwoman Walowit reviewed events planned for FurFest to be held on September 15th at Riverview Orchards, including a \$20 microchip clinic.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 213 of 2018, a resolution recognizing the lifetime achievements and contributions of the 17th Annual Senior Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree from Clifton Park, Patricia Lawrence.

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

WHEREAS, Patricia Lawrence, born in Dannemora, NY in 1928, has been a longtime resident of Clifton Park, who settled in the area with her late husband, Howard, raising their three sons, and

WHEREAS, since 1959, Mrs. Lawrence has served the community by playing piano and organ, and organizing choirs at facilities such as St. Mary's Church in Crescent, St. Edward the Confessor Church, the Shenendehowa Central School District and Schuyler Ridge Skilled Nursing Center, and

WHEREAS, Patricia Lawrence has also served on the PTA, been a church school teacher, and has personally provided care for at least 14 aged relatives and friends, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawrence was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award in 1996 for her work at Schuyler Ridge where she has continued to play the piano during weekly church services and for memorial services for the past 28 years, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawrence is an inspiration to all who know and meet her, with her deep faith and willingness to volunteer her time and talents to help those in need, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawrence is also being recognized as a 2018 Senior Lifetime Award Recipient by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum that each year recognizes 40 honorees who represent the very best of their generation and demonstrate that a growing number of older adults are living active and fruitful lives at an advanced age, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to recognize Patricia Lawrence as one who has given of her time as a devoted and active volunteer throughout her lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Patricia Lawrence is gratefully recognized by the Clifton Park Town Board, on behalf of all citizens of the town, for her service to her community.

Supervisor Barrett said he will be presenting this resolution to Mrs. Lawrence at the 2018 Senior Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony on October 10th at Congregation Beth Emeth.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 214 of 2018, a resolution authorizing Sheryl Reed, Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention, to attend the New York State Building Officials 26th Annual Capital District Chapter's Educational Conference to be held in Albany, New York, October 15-17, 2018.

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

WHEREAS, conferences are designed to give their members the needed hours to complete the New York State twenty-four hours requirement for in-service education for all Code Enforcement Officers per year, in order to maintain their certification, and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Conference sponsored by the New York State Building Officials is necessary for the acquisition of needed credits by Building Department officials, and

WHEREAS, attendance at these seminars would provide a benefit to the residents of the town and is necessary to maintain building officials' credentials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes to send Sheryl Reed, Chief of Bureau of Fire Prevention, to attend the 26th Annual Educational Conference from October 15-17, 2018 in Albany, at a total cost not to exceed \$310, as budgeted from A-3620-001(Training and Conferences).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 215 of 2018, a resolution authorizing the Clifton Park Town Court to

submit an application for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant.

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

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Town Court wishes to acquire security cameras, battery backups for computers, an iPad for interpreters and chairs, and

WHEREAS, the Justice Court Assistance Program was established by the Legislature to provide a means by which towns and villages may obtain limited state funding to improve operation of their Justice Courts, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable James F. Hughes and the Honorable Robert A. Rybak wish to apply for a grant for approximately \$7,325 from the Justice Court Assistance Program to purchase the above-mentioned equipment to improve security and communications at Town Court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board supports the efforts of the Honorable James F. Hughes and the Honorable Robert A. Rybak in applying for a grant totaling approximately \$7,325 from the Justice Court Assistance Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute all necessary documents in support of such efforts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 216 of 2018, a resolution awarding the contract for an Aquatic Plant Harvester and trailer, skimmer and depth finder for the Town of Clifton Park, and a transfer from contingency.

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

WHEREAS, sealed bids for the aquatic plant harvester and accessories were opened on August 29, 2018, and

WHEREAS, Weedoo Greenboat Inc. of West Palm Beach, Florida, submitted the lowest qualifying bid in the amount of \$77,870, and

WHEREAS, Scott Reese, Stormwater Management Technician, has reviewed bid documents and finds the bid price to be reasonable and justified for the equipment involved, and therefore recommends awarding the bid to Weedoo Greenboat Inc., and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2018 Contingency Fund to offset the cost to the General Fund for the purchase; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the contract for the Aquatic Plant Harvester and trailer, skimmer and depth finder to Weedoo Greenboat Inc., as per the documents attached, in an amount not to exceed \$52,000 to be paid from SP3-7131-024 (Clifton Knolls Park District-Clifton Knolls Contractual – General Maintenance), and \$25,870 to be paid with a transfer from Contingency to A-1620-200 (Town Hall Building Operations-Equipment). Supervisor Barrett explained this is for the Clifton Knolls ponds which are now increasingly covered with weeds and algae growth on top of the ponds. In the past, this was treatable by

chemicals, but regulations have changed and after reviewing options and costs it was decided the most cost effective measure would be to use the mechanical the harvester. He noted due to the fact that the ponds drain into the Stoney Creek Reservoir, chemicals cannot be used.

Chairman of the Clifton Knolls Park District, Marlys Magennis, distributed a packet of information regarding the need and support for the harvester. She noted aeration was studied and for the Barney Road pond at a cost of \$100,000 and golf course pond as \$50,000. Ms. Magennis reported in two or three years the machine could be rented out at \$300/hour. She noted the people at the golf course constantly complain about the odors coming from the ponds.

Scott Reese, Town Stormwater Management Technician, said this is the best option and DEC has already approved permits. Buildings & Grounds staff will be trained as well as Mr. Reese.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 217 of 2018, a resolution extending an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Halfmoon and the Town of Clifton Park for the provision of Animal Control Service.

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

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 Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon recognize the benefit to both municipalities that arise from the cooperative provision of service 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 Halfmoon wish to extend an existing agreement whereby Clifton Park will provide on call and sick/vacation coverage for the Halfmoon Animal Control Department, and

WHEREAS, Clifton Park has the personnel and equipment to provide on call and sick/vacation coverage for the Halfmoon Animal Control Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves extending the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Halfmoon and the Town of Clifton Park for the provision of Animal Control services, per the attached agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon is hereby extended for the period commencing September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

Supervisor Barrett reported the charge to the Town of Halfmoon is \$35.00 per hour plus federal government mileage reimbursement rate.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,

Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 218 of 2018, a resolution authorizing the hiring of staff for the Clifton Park Action Park.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for an attendant for the Clifton Park Action Park, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that Christian Dobert be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Christian Dobert, 14 Appleton Road, Rexford, as an attendant for the Clifton Park Action Park, effective September 6, 2018 through October 31, 2018 at Step 1 (\$9.00/hour) to be paid from A-7200-E4000 (Action Park Staff).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Robert Schneider, Temple Hills, requested that the speed limit on Kinns Road be reduced and also that guard rails be placed along the sidewalk. He said vision of oncoming cars is blocked by the arch of the bridge at Exit 10. Supervisor Barrett explained Kinns Road is a county road but he will contact the county with Mr. Schneider's concerns and request.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by 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 8:03 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk