

June 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilman Whalen
Councilwoman Standaert
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett announced the “Clifton Park Rally for Black Lives” was held June 8 and was a peaceful protest. The town Safety, Buildings & Grounds and police departments helped in blocking off roads and keeping everyone safe.

Supervisor Barrett explained there will be a streaming presentation on the cliftonpark.org website Wednesday, June 10 at 6 P.M. regarding the town taking over the Crescent Waste Sewer System. He explained in the past, when the town has taken over a sewer system, a public meeting was held to view the engineers report and collect comments and questions from residents. Due to the social distancing regulations, the streaming presentation format will be used. If residents have questions they are asked to email/contact Supervisor Barrett or Michael O’Brien, Collection System Manager.

Supervisor Barrett reminded residents the next Town Board meeting will be held at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center at 7P.M. along with 2 public hearings, Ballston Lake re-establishing of the Sewer District and Crescent Waste Sewer System take-over. Due to required social distancing, the board felt the facility would be larger to accommodate residents.

Supervisor Barrett announced the 4th Mask Distribution to be held, in connection with the Chinese Community who donated masks, at the Senior Center on Saturday, June 13 from 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Supervisor Barrett explained the pandemic has caused the cancellation of the 8th Annual Deanna Marie Rivers Memorial Softball Tournament. Instead the foundation will be providing a food drive-thru distribution at the Senior Center on the Clifton Common on Sunday, June 14 from 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Supervisor Barrett announced the town will be having a vehicle only July 4th parade. Applications and sponsorships available on the website.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Town Clerk reviewed incoming emails, no one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 112 of 2020, a resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to a contract with Niagara Mohawk dba National Grid for the acquisition of streetlights within the town.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 266 of 2019, the Town Board authorized the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with National Grid for their utility-owned streetlights within the town, for an amount no greater than \$490,923 for the acquisition costs incurred by the agreement based on the estimated book value including transition and transaction costs, and

WHEREAS, under direction from the New York State Public Service Commission, National Grid undertook a review of the net book value formula by which the company valued the streetlight assets in the town, and

WHEREAS, the net book value analysis resulted in an increase in the purchase price for the National Grid streetlights within the town to \$491,863 and a decrease in related transition and transaction costs to \$8,541.79, resulting in a total new acquisition cost of \$500,404.79, and

WHEREAS, the final purchase price will be calculated and provided to the town no less than (10) days prior to the closing date, based on current inventories, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to accept the new sale price and amend the agreement with National Grid for the acquisition of streetlights in town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for purchase and sale of streetlights among Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation dba National Grid to acquire all Niagara Mohawk streetlights; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer an additional \$9,481.79 from A-914 (Unreserved Fund Balance) to A-5182-200 (General Fund – Street Lighting Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett explained the PSC undertook an additional review about the buyouts for all acquisition of streetlights projects.

Attorney McCarthy stated the statute changed with the net book value for the purposes of the sales of streetlights. The value of the lights themselves have increased and the transition and administrative costs have decreased. He explained National Grid will have 60 days to agree to the changes and then PSC will have another 90 days to agree.

Resolution No. 113 of 2020, a resolution appointing Kristyn Ganim as a Marriage Officer in the Town of Clifton Park for one day, July 17, 2020.

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

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 Kristyn Ganim of 12B Spyglass Hill wishes to serve as a Marriage Officer in the town pursuant to the New York State Domestic Relations Law for one day Friday, July 17, 2020, and for one ceremony, that being for the marriage of Karissa Hatlee and Cody Freemire; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Kristyn Ganim, 12 B Spyglass Hill, Clifton Park, 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 17, 2020, and for one ceremony, that being for the marriage of Karissa Hatlee and Cody Freemire.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett
Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 114 of 2020, a resolution establishing the salaries and hourly rates for day camp and pool staff for the 2020 summer season.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire staff to operate the day camps and three town-owned pools for the 2020 season, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also wishes to establish a salary matrix for seasonal personnel to be hired to operate summer day camps and town-owned pools for the 2020 season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes Schedule A for the rates of pay for seasonal personnel associated with the summer recreation day camps; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes Schedule B for the rates of pay for seasonal personnel associated with the town pools.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett
Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 115 of 2020, a resolution hiring specialists for the 2020 full day and half day Summer Day Camp Program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire staff for operation of the town’s Summer Day Camp Program, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has recommended that the individuals listed in the attached Schedule A be hired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in the attached Schedule A be hired as staff for the town’s 2020 Day Camp Program, effective immediately until August 21, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the staff be paid as indicated on Schedule A Day Camp Salaries and Hourly Rates Matrix for Summer Recreation 2020 established in Resolution No. 81 of 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett
Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated full day camp will be offered this year with half the number of campers than in previous years to follow NYS procedures and guidelines. At this time half-day camps will not be offered. There are few openings and waitlists are being created and used. Families have the option to cancel their registration with a full refund.

Supervisor Barrett explained the board continues to wait on the NYS guidelines for the pool operations.

Resolution No. 116 of 2020, a resolution recommending a streamlined process for bars and restaurants to utilize tents and other temporary modifications to allow for outdoor seating during Phase II re-opening of the Capital Region.

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

WHEREAS, the Capital District and Saratoga County are emerging from the restrictions on economic activity imposed through Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders 202.1 et seq. related to the COVID-19 emergency, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 202.38 and consistent with guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health on June 4, 2020, restaurants and bars within the county are allowed to open to the extent that seating and parking capacity is available for outdoor seating, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to provide maximum flexibility to the bar and restaurant establishments within the town to open for outdoor seating consistent with NYSDOH minimum state standards as published by NYSDOH at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/OutdoorTakeoutDeliveryFoodServicesMasterGuidance.pdf> and posted on the town's website www.cliftonpark.org, and

WHEREAS, permits for tents for outdoor events and seating are provided for in Section 103-16 of the Town Code; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the enforcement of local ordinances relative to site plan approvals for modifications to restaurant facilities for temporary modifications and expansions of seating capacity on private property associated with bar and restaurant establishments within the town are suspended through October 15, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Building & Zoning is authorized to issue temporary authorization for tents or canopies to enable outdoor seating capacity consistent with the New York State Fire & Building Codes, through October 15, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the permit fees for tents contained in Section 103-16 are hereby waived for existing bar and restaurant establishments through October 15, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett
Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

The Town Clerk reviewed incoming emails, no one wished to be heard.

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 6:00 p.m.

Teresa Brobston, Town Clerk