

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

August 2, 2021

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: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent
Matt Andrus, Information Specialist

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Councilman Morelli, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of July 6 and July 19, 2021 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett congratulated James Laing, Michael Roos, Christian Horton, Aidan Sherwood and Anthony Borini on becoming Eagle Scouts.

Supervisor Barrett gave a COVID update. As a town we are monitoring data and any guidelines or mandates that come down from the state or federal governments will be announced. He stated at this point no restricted action has been taken.

Supervisor Barrett announced the Ashdown Road bridge closure project is delayed due to labor and supply chains shortage.

Supervisor Barrett requested Highways Superintendent Dahn Bull to give an update on the Plank Road closure.

Highways Superintendent Dahn Bull explained Plank Road will to be closed for 2 weeks for the water main and drainage culvert to be installed. This will be one way to help get stormwater out of the area and prevent future flooding in the neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Standaert announced the upcoming Annual National Night Out event. Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 5-8 pm on the Clifton Common. This is a free event celebrating and thanking local law enforcements, EMS, and fire departments. Sponsors are AT&T, Fidelis Care, Stewart's Shops, Capital Arena and Cricket Wireless.

Councilwoman Standaert stated the GREEN Committee has been working on securing grant funding from NYSERDA. All residents should have received a postcard in the mail explaining the partnership with a company called Ampion Renewable Energy. The committee had vetted many companies to help with the community solar program. If 10 people sign up for the community solar program, we can be in a better position to secure grants from NYSERDA.

RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 180 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the acquisition of intelligent lighting technology through Verizon Wireless for the Streetlight LED project.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 246 of 2018, the Town Board authorized an energy efficiency contract with Siemens Industry Inc. for the upgrade and installation of new LED streetlights, including smart city intelligent lighting controls, pending the acquisition of existing lights from National Grid and NYSEG, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §103(16), municipalities are authorized to purchase materials, equipment, supplies and services through publicly bid contracts of another political state or political subdivision thereof, and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah has entered into Master Agreement MA 152 with CELLCO dba Verizon Wireless, through a competitively bid RFP process undertaken by NASPO/Value Point, a purchasing cooperative of the National Association of State Procurement Officers, and

WHEREAS, Siemens Industry Inc. recommends Verizon’s Intelligent Lighting Service, a hosted solution designed to provide outdoor LED lighting with energy and maintenance savings as a turnkey web-enabled node and connectivity system for IT management of the lighting system, to be installed following the acquisition of the existing lights from the utilities, and

WHEREAS, the NYS chief procurement officer has approved the town’s participation in MA-152 through a statement of work offered to the town by Verizon Wireless, and

WHEREAS, the initial up-front cost of acquisition and set up charges are covered in the initial Siemens Contract, to be reimbursed by Siemens as a component of the energy efficiency contract authorized by Resolution No. 246 of 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached statement of work for intelligent lighting services through Verizon Wireless at a cost not to exceed \$6,260.20; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to pay Verizon Wireless up to \$6,260.20 in the first instance, pending reimbursement of same by Siemens Inc., and to pay invoices for monthly recurring charges of up to \$260.40 for connectivity and portal services from SL-5182-5 (Lighting District – Lighting District – Utilities).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 181 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for state assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance Program and signing of the Associated State Master Grant Contract, under all appropriate laws of New York State.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 183 of 2019, the Town Board awarded a contract to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., for collection and disposal of household hazardous waste during the collection days in 2019 and 2021, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid incentives for household hazardous waste programs, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park finds and determines it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws for state funding for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Saturday, September 25, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to execute a Contract by and between the people of the State of New York (the State), and the town for such available state incentives and financial assistance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

1. That the Storm Water Management Technician is authorized to file an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application.
2. That the Town Supervisor or his designee is directed and authorized as the official representative of the Town of Clifton Park to act in connection with the application, to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the State, and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. That the Town of Clifton Park agrees to fund the entire cost of said household hazardous waste program, in the first instance, and will seek reimbursement by the State for share of such costs as indicated in the contract.
4. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be prepared and sent to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation together with a complete application.
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

And be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement with Clean Harbors for Household Hazardous Waste Day 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 to be paid from A-8989-150 (General Fund – Community Development – HHW Day).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 182 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign contracts with 2021 subcontract hires.

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

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has requested that the Town Board authorize contracts for certain recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports continuation of the listed recreation programs with Anthony Domicolo, 47 Gloucester Street, Clifton Park, for a girls’ fall and winter basketball program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the attached contract with Anthony Domicolo as a 2021 recreation subcontractor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett announced this program will continue In Memory of Jerry Holland. Mr. Holland and his family ran this program for many years and the family and town would like to see it continue.

Resolution No. 183 of 2021, a resolution hiring (2) Motor Equipment Operators in the Clifton Park Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent, wishes to hire (2) new Motor Equipment Operators (MEO) for the Highway Department, due to the retirement of William Hitt and Dave Pettis, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull has conducted interviews and driving record reviews, and has recommended the hiring of John Perry, 9 Lape Road, Waterford, and Jordan Gardner, 226 Kingsley Road Apt. 1, Burnt Hills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that John Perry and Jordan Gardner be hired as MEO’s, each to be Grade 5, Step 1, Year 1, and paid at the rate of \$23.99/hour, effective August 16, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller transfer \$35,040 from DA-5110-E0487 (Highway Fund – General Construction – D. Pettis) to DA-5110-Exxxx (Highway Fund –General Construction – Employee Fund) and \$5,263 from DA-05142-E0487 (Highway Fund – Snow Removal – D. Pettis) to DA-5142-Exxxx (Highway Fund – Snow Removal – Employee Fund) to be allocated based on the attached schedule.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 184 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the residents of a portion of Garrison Lane in the Country Knolls Subdivision to conduct a block party on September 5, 2021.

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the Country Knolls Subdivision plan to conduct a block party within the subdivision on September 5, 2021, from 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. and have requested permission to use a portion of Garrison Lane for their party activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Highways Superintendent recommends that the request be approved for the use of a portion of Garrison Lane, September 5, 2021, from 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. to be used for party activities, so long as those activities do not block off the streets, and make sure emergency vehicles can gain access to the street if needed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents shall be responsible for all clean-up activities on town property or on the street right-of-way resulting from the social activity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the applicable fire department, the ambulance corps., the sheriff's department and the state police.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Standaert stated a resident has notified several members of the Town Board about a situation on the Clifton Common. The resident said on 2 separate occasions his family was on the Clifton Common with their young children kicking around a ball, no games or maintenance was happening at the time, they were approached by a person who was a soccer coach and told the family they could not be on the fields. Councilwoman explained this issue has been happening over the past several years. She stated it is very concerning we have non-town personnel removing residents from public property. Councilwoman handed the Town Board a copy of the agreement between the Town of Clifton Park and the CP Soccer Club which was put into place in 1995 extending for 99 years for free use. She requested the Town Board review the agreement and meet with those involved and give consideration for changes. The fact that 17 acres of soccer fields on the Clifton Common, public property, is untouchable is unacceptable. Conversations with soccer officials on how all residents can co-exist on the use of lands will be forthcoming. A lot has changed since the original agreement was signed.

Councilwoman Walowit agrees that all residents should be able to use the fields.

Councilwoman Flood agrees a conversation and review is needed.

Councilman Morelli stated he would be willing to be a part of the conversations.

Supervisor Barrett stated at the time of the agreement, soccer was one of the legacy sports. He supports the review and conversation.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Supervisor Barrett stated the replacement of the LED streetlights has helped with grant funding.

GREEN Committee members Joanne Coons and Haley Balcanoff presented recommendations to make the town competitive, which is time sensitive, for a NYSEDA Clean Energy Community (CEC) Grant. 1. Adopt the Stretch Code in advance. With the Building/Planning Departments soliciting for updated software, the committee encourages them to review that it will handle the Stretch Code, so it doesn't become outdated as NYS is poised to adopt it soon anyways. 2. Install electric Vehicle Charge Station at Town Hall and purchase an EV Town Vehicle. Funding is available to help defray the cost. The GREEN Committee is proposing a map of locations of charging stations in town.

Mrs. Coons announced additional campaigns that would benefit the town. Community Solar and Electric Vehicle and heat pumps purchasing. Also, a Truck Voucher Program, replacing older diesel trucks with an 80% rebate.

Supervisor Barrett suggested the Clifton Common for the vehicle charge station.

Councilwoman Standaert stated the community solar is not just for homeowners. It is for businesses, municipalities and apartment residents.

Councilman Morelli suggested a communication campaign.

Mrs. Coons stated the GREEN Committee is currently working on the communications/marketing end of the programs.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, 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 8:02 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk