

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

April 19, 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
Myla Kramer, Director Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to approve the minutes of the April 5 and 12, 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 reviewed the I87 southbound Sitterly Road bridge accident that occurred recently that resulted in the closure of the Sitterly Road bridge and part of I87 southbound. He explained it will take several weeks before the reopening of the Sitterly Road bridge. DOT has not committed to a timeline. He stated communications on updated road closures and detours will be relayed to the public.

Supervisor Barrett thanked the staff and volunteers that worked to make the 2nd vaccine clinic held at the Senior Center recently go smoothly.

Supervisor Barrett announced Shredding Day will be held May 2, 1-3 pm at the Clifton Park Center Mall east parking lot. This is a free service. Donation of food items to the food pantry will be appreciated.

Councilwoman Standaert reminded residents of the annual Clean Sweep Day, presented by the G.R.E.E.N. Committee, that will take place on April 24, 9-Noon. Sign-up to help clean-up town roadways, trails, parks and preserves by emailing cleansweep.cliftonpark.org. A tree-planting ceremony, to be held at 11am on the Clifton Common, will take place on the same day to celebrate Arbor Day. Tree saplings and bird house kits will be handed out to residents in the Senior Center parking lot from 9-11am.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Linda Enders, Senior Van Operator, and Sharon Simmons, Security Officer, for recognizing a resident in need of a wellness check. The check resulted in the resident needing to have hospital care.

PRESENTATION-CAPTAIN

Andy Gilpin, Executive Director of CAPTAIN, gave an update on the organization. Mr. Gilpin stated he has been with the organization for 11 years and with the retirement of past Executive Director Sue Catroppa, he has taken the new role of Executive Director. He stated as with most other organizations, businesses, and agencies, 2020 presented challenges unlike anything we have ever experienced and took an incredible amount of effort to adjust, adapt, and overcome. Throughout it all CAPTAIN Community Human Services (CHS) provided, and continues to provide, essential, vital, and life-saving services to the Town of Clifton Park and the communities of Saratoga County. The food pantry had a tremendous increase this year and were proud to support the residents during the difficult times. Mr. Gilpin thanked the Town of Clifton Park staff and residents who donated time, food items and space by helping keep the food pantry going. He stated the senior citizens ensured support through the Care Links program so they could remain safe in their homes and had their needs taken care of. Mr. Gilpin explained the Youth Shelter provided emergency housing to 73 different youth in 2020, despite all the challenges of congregate care. They were able to ensure that everyone (staff and youth) was safe, well cared for, and to date, no one has contracted COVID-19 while at the shelter. He reminded residents to visit the CAPTAIN website for needs/wish lists still needed.

Michael Holly, CAPTAIN Board President, explained how proud the board is with the staff of CAPTAIN and volunteers and the towns continued support during the challenging year of 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 94 of 2021, a resolution hiring additional staff for the 2021 Summer Day Camp Program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to retain returning counselors, as staff members, for operation of the town's Summer Camp Program for 2021, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, 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 accepted as staff for the town's 2021 Day Summer Camp Program, to be paid as indicated on the respective schedule through the 2021 Summer Camp season.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 95 of 2021, a resolution hiring seasonal golf course employees for the Barney Road Golf Course for the 2021 season.

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

WHEREAS, openings exist for part-time attendants at the Barney Road Golf Course, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire seasonal staff for the 2021 season at the golf Course, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that the individuals, listed on Schedule A, be hired as staff for the golf course per the approved Summer Recreation Matrix Schedule; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Kimberly Blinstrub and William Treacy for the Barney Road Golf Course, effective April 1, 2021, through the remainder of the 2021 season, to be paid as indicated on the attached Schedule A from A-7190-E4000 (Golf Course- Part Time Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 96 of 2021, a resolution authorizing 2021 final budget adjustments as specified in Exhibit A.

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

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has recommended that certain budget adjustments contained in Exhibit A, be made to address the needs of all funds, as well as other miscellaneous expenditures as set forth in Exhibit A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the budget adjustments specified in Exhibit A, be adopted per the Comptroller’s recommendations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 97 of 2021, a resolution awarding the bid for pool chemicals for the Barney Road, Locust Lane and Burning Bush pools for the 2021 season.

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

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2021, bids were received for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has recommended that the bid for pool chemicals, for the three town pools, be awarded to Surpass Chemical Co., Inc. for the following amounts:

Sodium Hypochlorite	Per Gallon	\$1.215/gal
Car Boy Bleach	5 Gallon Container	\$7.20/container
Muriatic Acid	Per Gallon in 5-gallon carboy	\$3.59/gal
Drum Deposit		\$8.00 per carboy
Sodium Bisulfate	Per Pound	\$0.58/pound

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid to Surpass Chemical Co., Inc., 1254 Broadway, Albany, NY, to be paid as follows: from line A-7150-045 (Barney Road Pool – Supplies), from line A-7152-045 (Locust Lane Pool – Supplies) and from line SP5-7151-045 (Country Knolls Pool – Supplies), in accordance with the amount used at each pool.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 98 of 2021, a resolution proclaiming April 24-30, 2021 as Arbor Week 2021.

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

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board urges all residents to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being for future generations; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby declare April 24-30, 2021, to be Arbor Week in the Town of Clifton Park, beginning with the celebration of Arbor Day on the Clifton Common on April 24, 2021, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

James Harding, Torrero Dr., questioned why trees were cut down at the Spirt Park, corner of Moe and Clifton Park Center Roads. He stated he would like to continue to see trees saved as much as possible.

Supervisor Barrett stated he will check into the reason why and thought it was possible that the trees were unhealthy.

Mr. Harding suggested forming a tree committee and would prefer to see the trees in Clifton Park remain to preserve the character of the town.

Supervisor Barrett explained homeowners have personal property rights as how they would like to maintain their property within the definition of the law. Supervisor stated the town is doing everything they can and offers many ways to maintain and protect open space. The town has purchased development rights, purchased land for developing parks and current parks, and offered conservation easements for the protection of open space. The town is currently seeking to acquire the Stony Creek Reservoir for preservation.

Councilman Morelli thanked the Planning Board, Open Space Committee and GREEN Committee for volunteering on these committees who tirelessly protect the open space in the town.

Councilwoman Standaert stated the GREEN committee is currently working on forming a tree committee and suggested Mr. Harding become a member.

No one else wished to be heard.

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 7:53 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk