

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

January 9, 2023

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
Councilman Morelli
Councilwoman Walowit
Councilman O'Hara
Councilwoman Reid
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Wade Schoenborn, Director of Building & Development
Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent
John DeSimone, Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING-LOCK-BOX ENTRY SYSTEMS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES IN MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS WITH RESTRICTED ACCESS.

Town Clerk Brobston read the legal notice as it appeared in the Schenectady Gazette on January 2, 2023.

Wade Schoenborn, Director of Building & Development, stated over the past 5-10 years the Town has had several multiple story buildings, with lockable entrances and foyers, and for fire fighters' access, it has never been an issue because of the current knox-box law that requires the access for fire fighters. However, if EMS shows up for a medical emergency, there is no access for them. He stated it is a lifesaving idea to provide the same for the EMS.

Mark Freiberger, Deputy Director of Operations for the Clifton Park Halfmoon Ambulance and member of the ESAB, explained a big problem for the EMS is for when they show up for calls for service at an apartment building with a locked foyer that is not staffed 24/7, they are not able to get inside and access to the patient. Currently, the EMS, if they don't believe it is not a life threat, call the fire department and wait for them to arrive with the knox-box key for entry, which can take 5-10 minutes, depending, and the other option is to forcibly break the door down, which is expensive and is time consuming and a tedious process. The fire departments own the keys. He stated he worked with Center For Security for the design on the idea and brought it to the ESAB to get EMS a lock-box similar to the fire department knox-box. His goal is for a streamlined, easily identifiable unified access point for EMS staff. The key for the box would be locked up in the narcotics safe which has multiple security measures. Currently multiple buildings have their own coded pads, but each one is different which does not make it streamlined for 90 EMS employees. The proposed box is a high security lock which is patented to a specific locksmith that only two individuals with EMS can have made, the box is a high security grade steel, cost \$220, \$325 installed. He explained this is a problem all over the Capital Region.

Mr. Freiberger explained, in the past week these lock-boxes have been voluntarily installed in numerous apartment buildings by owners, so by putting it in the code we can ensure the progress continues. He stated the Town Action Fund Committee awarded the program money and they were able to put four of the boxes on homes in the community for residents on fixed income.

Supervisor Barrett stated, the proposed law is retroactive and the cost would be borne by the owner of the property.

Town Attorney McCarthy explained, the Town would give the property owners approximately six months to have them installed.

John DeSimone, Chief, Bureau of Fire Prevention, suggested making the requirement of the box part of the fire inspection check list.

Public Hearing closed at 7:16 PM.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 8 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Collection Systems Manager to retain Precision Trenchless, LLC to perform repairs and upgrades to sewer facilities within the Woodland Hills Sewer District #1.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O’Hara.

WHEREAS, Michael O’Brien, Collection Systems Manager, has identified approximately 380 feet of deteriorated sewer main and two manholes in an easement located within the Woodland Hills Sewer District #1, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103 (16), municipalities in New York are authorized to "piggyback" from competitively bid contracts of other municipalities within the state, so long as the bid process from the original contracting entity was conducted through a sealed bid process pursuant to the statute, and the bid notice provided for such piggybacking, and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department has now requested authorization to enter a contract with Precision Trenchless, LLC, 1710 Erie Blvd., Schenectady, NY, using the piggyback option from the 2020 Contract #0000004284 of Onondaga County, attached, whose bids were opened on May 7, 2020, with prices valid through June 30, 2021, and extended to June 30, 2023, according to bid documents and correspondence reviewed from the Onondaga County Division of Purchase, and

WHEREAS, according to information provided by the Collection Systems Manager, Precision Trenchless has provided quotes in the amount of \$24,897.40 for sliplining pipes, per Exhibit A, using unit prices as bid in the Onondaga contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Collection Systems Manager is authorized to execute a contract with Precision Trenchless, LLC for a total amount not to exceed \$24,897.40 from G4-8111-037 (Woodland Hills Sewer District #1 – Sewer Contractual - Sliplining) subject to receipt by the Town Attorney of insurance certificates as required by the Onondaga contract documents, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$24,898 from G4-915 (Woodland Hills Sewer District #1 – Assigned Balance) to G4-8111-037 (Woodland Hills Sewer District #1 – Sewer Contractual - Sliplining); **and be it further**

(amendment) RESOLVED, that the Buildings & Grounds Department would be afforded use of the new Altec Bucket Truck described in this resolution on occasion and cooperation with the Highway Department following a written request to the Highway Department in at least two weeks in advance under non-emergency circumstances.

MOTION by Supervisor Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit to amend the above resolution. MOTION unanimously carried.

VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION WITH AMENDMENT

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent, stated the purchase was put into the budget. He stated the truck can also be used in the Buildings & Grounds Department.

Training and different uses by multiple Departments were discussed.

Resolution No. 9 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Clifton Park Superintendent of Highways to order (1) Altec Bucket Truck Model AT37-G 2022/Ford F550 from Altec pursuant to Sourcewell Service Cooperative Contract #012418-ALT.

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

WHEREAS, the Highways Superintendent has informed the Town Board that bucket truck “Unit 47” has been determined to be beyond repair, and has requested authorization to purchase a new bucket truck, pursuant to the competitive procurement process through Sourcewell Service Cooperative, for use by the Town, and

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

WHEREAS, Sourcewell Service Cooperative is a service cooperative created under Minnesota Statutes §123A.21 and provides cooperative purchasing contracts to public entities under Minnesota Statute §471.59 to participating agencies and governments, and

WHEREAS, the Highways Superintendent has advised that an Altec Bucket Truck Model AT37-G and 2022 Ford 550 4x4 is available for \$152,466 through Sourcewell Contract #012418-ALT, to replace the existing bucket truck Unit 47; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Highway Department is authorized to purchase the Altec Bucket Truck in accordance with the attached proposal, with equipment and attachments as listed, in an amount not to exceed \$152,466 to be paid from DA-5130-219 (Highway Department - Equipment – New Equipment), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to solicit bids to enter a capital lease to pay for the purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Highways Superintendent is authorized to declare Unit 47 as surplus, to be sold at an upcoming auction.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 10 of 2023, a resolution to set and approve the offer of just compensation to property owners adjacent to the Route 146 Trail Extension project.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22 of 2022, the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to execute a grant contract with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for partial funding of a project to construct a sidewalk along the North side of NYS Route 146, from Northcrest Drive to Maxwell Drive, in the Exit 9 area of the Town, under the “Climate Smart Communities Grant Program,” and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 43 of 2022, the Town Board authorized a design contract with MJ Engineering, and authorized the Comptroller to create a capital projects budget for the project, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2 of 2019, the Town authorized a professional services agreement with MJ Engineering for preliminary design work, with subsequent approvals for more advanced engineering design for a pedestrian improvement project to construct a multi-use trail, and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering has contracted with Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI) to evaluate the value of real property rights needed to advance the project, if any, and

WHEREAS, GPI has determined that certain temporary and permanent acquisitions are needed to advance the project, and recommends just compensation amounts for (5) properties along the proposed route, including one interest in fee simple, as outlined in e-correspondence from ROW Specialist Kimberly Dempsey, attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the acquisition of the property interests as listed in the attached just compensation letters from GPI and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the attached offers to the listed property owners for the project, with funds from H62-07629-00200 (Capital Projects Route 146 Sidewalk – Trails – Equipment) to offset costs of acquisition.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 11 of 2023, a resolution accepting dedication of sewer/utility easements from the Shenendehowa Central School District and Donald C. Greene along a portion of Maxwell Drive.

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

WHEREAS, Shenendehowa Central School District and Donald C. Greene, wish to dedicate certain sanitary sewer infrastructure, including pipes, conduits, and sewer pumps within the 5 Maxwell Drive Subdivision, to the Town of Clifton Park for sewer purposes, and

WHEREAS, the grantors also wish to convey permanent easements to access, repair, replace and test all infrastructure conveyed to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Michael O’Brien, Collection Systems Manager, has inspected and examined the infrastructure to be dedicated, and recommends acceptance of the offer of dedication, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees to accept the dedication of sanitary sewer improvements and easements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the dedication of certain sanitary sewer improvements and easements, per the attached, subject to final review of deeds and related transfer documents by the Town Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett thanked Mr. Greene for the generous donation of the building at 5 Maxwell Drive to the Shenendehowa School District.

Attorney McCarthy stated, the resolution is necessary to convey this property that to subdivide the parcel, the infrastructure needed to be public.

No one wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of town business.

Motion carried at 7:51 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk