

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Clarence was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Clarence Town Hall, One Town Place, Clarence, New York.

Supervisor Scott Bylewski called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Members of the Town Board present were Councilmember's Peter DiCostanzo, Patrick Casilio, Bernard Kolber and Joseph Weiss. Other Town officials present were Town Attorney Steven Bengart and Town Engineer Timothy Lavocat,

**Supervisor Scott Bylewski**

A memo was included in all paychecks for non-union employees regarding health insurance contributions. More information will be presented at the Health & Wellness Fair.

Supervisor Bylewski has scheduled a meeting for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM to discuss budgetary issues with Councilman Kolber, the fire companies, James Frost and Director of Administration and Finance Pam Smith.

Supervisor Bylewski has been contacted by the Farm Bureau, they have several issues they would like to discuss regarding farming in the town. A meeting has been scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at Hans Mobius farm at 6:30 PM. More information will be forthcoming.

Motion by Supervisor Bylewski, seconded by Councilman Kolber to appoint Kelly Klemann and Joan Gloss Snyder to the position of Clerk P/T at the rate of \$11.83/hour effective June 11, 2011 subject to the completion of all pre-employment requirements. On the question, they will be added to our current pool of part-time clerks. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

**Councilman Joseph Weiss**

The split-rail fence that was installed along the escarpment has been knocked down again. The Parks Department has now cemented the posts. The fence was installed to keep people from trespassing onto private property.

**Councilman Bernard Kolber**

In light of the most recent accident at County and Strickler Roads, Highway Superintendent Ted Donner is requesting the Town Board contact Erie County Highway and suggest a study be done of the intersection and a round-about be considered for this location. Supervisor Bylewski stated that in both cases, people were allegedly not paying attention to the stop signs. Supervisor Bylewski and Councilman DiCostanzo did not feel this was a good intersection to place a round-about especially with the rate of speed in which vehicles are traveling down County Road. Councilman Weiss suggested a flashing light or possibly a strobe light. Supervisor Bylewski stated that he is not against the County improving the intersection and requested Town Attorney Bengart draft a resolution to send to Erie County suggesting they do a study of the intersection and consideration be given to a round-about or a traffic light. Councilman DiCostanzo stated that he was discussing this issue with Assistant Planner Brad Packard and County Road between Heise and Strickler Road is industrial zoned. With the large semi tractor trailer truckers traveling this route it may be difficult for them to maneuver a round-about.

**Councilman Patrick Casilio**

Councilman Casilio will meet with representatives from the security camera company on the designs for the pool area. The Parks Department will install the system and it will be ready for the opening of the pool.

There are three remaining street lights in the Harris Hill Gardens that are not working. Plans have been finalized with NYSEG to run new wires to power those lights.

Councilman Casilio attended the Youth Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Youth Bureau. Youth Bureau Director Dawn Kinney was also recognized for her work. Councilman Casilio commented on how the Youth Bureau has turned around compared to what it was several years ago before Dawn Kinney took it over. They now have an educational format and it has become a real asset to the Town.

Motion by Councilman Casilio, seconded by Councilman Kolber to authorize Supervisor Scott A. Bylewski to sign the 2010-2011 Stop-DWI Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Clarence and the Erie County Stop DWI Office. On the question, Supervisor Bylewski stated that this is done every year. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Casilio, seconded by Councilman Kolber upon the recommendation of Chief Security Officer Joseph Meacham, Philip Montante III is appointed to the position of Security Officer P/T at a rate of \$13.59 per hour effective June 11, 2011, subject to all pre-employment requirements being met for the position. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Casilio, seconded by Councilman Weiss upon the recommendation of Chief Security Officer Joseph Meacham, Daniel Decker is appointed to the position of Security Officer P/T at a rate of \$13.59 per hour effective June 4, 2011. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

The above aforementioned new hires have an education in some type of law enforcement.

Motion by Councilman Casilio, seconded by Councilman Weiss to authorize Supervisor Scott A. Bylewski to sign a Settlement Agreement between the Town of Clarence and Hamlet of Clarence LLC. On the question, Town Attorney Bengart stated that this settlement is in regard to Pinyon Court and the unauthorized removal of trees. Upon roll call - Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

Several years ago the Town purchased several fire chief's vehicles that were easily adapted over to security vehicles for the town. Councilman Casilio received a call from the Erie County Sheriff's office – they liked the idea and asked how they could obtain these vehicles. The vehicles are usually three years old with low mileage.

Motion by Councilman Weiss, seconded by Councilman Kolber to appoint Scott Andzel to the position of Laborer PT Seasonal for the Parks Department beginning June 27, 2011 at the budgeted rate of \$8.36 per hour. He will replace Mark Russell who took another job. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Weiss, seconded by Councilman Kolber to declare as surplus the greenhouse located in the Main Park on Main Street. On the question, Supervisor Bylewski stated that Parks Crew Chief James Burkard was going to put this out for reverse bid to be dismantled. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

#### **Councilman Peter DiCostanzo**

Motion by Councilman DiCostanzo, seconded by Councilman Kolber upon recommendation of Recreation Director, Clifford Trapper, the following are appointed for Summer Recreation effective June 4, 2011 and subject to the completion of all pre-employment requirements being met. Appointed to the position of Recreation Supervisor PT Seasonal at a rate of \$15.92/hour are: Jennifer Bandelian and Julie Murray. Appointed to position of Recreation Attendant PT Seasonal at a rate of \$8.02/hour are: Anna Callahan, Tara Cornell, Ashley Gay, Eric Kinney, Shannon Letina, Sarah Plis, Chelsea Reinhardt, Jefferey Schmidt, Johnathan Sessler, Angela Staszak and Reid Zaccagnino. Appointed to the position of Recreation Attendant PT Seasonal at a rate of \$8.26/hour are: Maggie Brinkman, Emily Cummiskey, Jeff Herendeen, Andrew Lex and Daniel Polino. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman DiCostanzo, seconded by Councilman Kolber to appoint the following to the position of Lifeguard PT Seasonal at a rate of \$9.98/hour effective June 8, 2011 and subject to the completion of all pre-employment requirements being met: Emily Davidson, Joseph Salvatore, Matthew Kovacs, Christina Seminara, Marissa Mogavero. Upon roll call – Ayes: All; Noes: None. Motion carried.

Councilman DiCostanzo announced that there is a Planning Board meeting scheduled for this evening. The proposed Northwood Subdivision at Greiner and Shimerville Road will be discussed. Also on the agenda is a Master Plan amendment for Transit and Roll Road for a possible senior housing complex.

A sign permit came through for Gerties (formerly Noveltea) with an awning across both store fronts.

The owner of the farm house at 5774 Salt Road would like to demolish the home and construct a new home however; buildings constructed prior to 1950 require Planning Board approval in order to be demolished. Town Historian Mark Woodward who is also a member of the Historic Preservation Commission has inquired whether the owner of the house would be willing to consider the possibility of allowing the house to be moved to another location. Councilman DiCostanzo thought it may be too cost prohibitive.

Because of all the rain, there have been numerous complaints about tall grass and un-mowed yards.

The Historical Society is hosting a Charles Rohlf event on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse.

The Chamber of Commerce golf outing is scheduled for Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman DiCostanzo has one Attorney-Client item to discuss.

**Town Engineer Timothy Lavocat**

Town Engineer Lavocat has received 10 applications for the Civil Engineer position and will begin interviews next week. He will report back to the Town Board with his recommendation.

The auditorium seating project is complete.

Town Engineer Lavocat will begin reviewing the ice rink RFP's this afternoon.

The Shadow Woods tree planting will begin in the fall. The sewer lines still have to be tested and the area has to be graded and seeded.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Darcy A. Snyder  
Deputy Town Clerk