

JANUARY 24, 2017

**BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.**

**FLAG SALUTE LED BY MAYOR THOMAS CALABRESE**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	Thomas Calabrese
Councilman	Larry Bongard
Councilwoman	Dana Martinotti
Councilman	Kenneth Corcoran
Councilman	Peter Colao

**ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:**

**On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilwoman Martinotti, Councilwoman Spoto and Councilman Fontana were given an excused absence.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao.

**ABSENT:** Spoto, Fontana.

**SERCAN ZOKLU STATED:**

**THIS IS A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, AND NOTICE WAS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

1. NOTICE PUBLISHED JANUARY 9, 2017 WITH THE RECORD, AND JANUARY 11, 2017 WITH THE JERSEY JOURNAL, BOTH OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH.
2. POSTING OF NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.
3. PRESERVING A COPY IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:**

THE OATH OF OFFICE WAS ADMINISTERED TO THE FOLLOWING NEW OFFICERS FOR THE CLIFFSIDE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 2017 BY MAYOR THOMAS CALABRESE:

Chief David Martone – CP-9  
Deputy Chief Greg Yfantis – CP-8  
Battalion Chief Brian Martone – CP-7

Captain Michael Hromin - H5  
Captain Chris Gaul- H2  
Captain Charles Diaz-H4

Lieutenant Michael Hook –H12  
Lieutenant Gian Vargas –H14  
Lieutenant Tamer Abdallah –H15

**RECESS:**

**On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Corcoran, the meeting was recessed for five (5) minutes.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao.

ABSENT: Spoto, Fontana.

**On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Corcoran, the meeting was reconvened.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao.

ABSENT: Spoto, Fontana.

**MINUTES:**

**On a motion by Councilman Corcoran, seconded by Councilman Bongard, the minutes of the Sine Die Meeting of January 3, 2017 were accepted.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao.

ABSENT: Spoto, Fontana.

**On a motion by Councilman Corcoran, seconded by Councilman Bongard, the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2017 were accepted.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao.

ABSENT: Spoto, Fontana.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**On a motion by Councilman Corcoran, seconded by Councilman Bongard, the claims were ordered paid.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao.

ABSENT: Spoto, Fontana.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**On a motion by Councilman Corcoran, seconded by Councilman Bongard, Resolutions 2017-20 to 2017-36 were offered for adoption:**

ROLL CALL

AYES: Bongard, Martinotti, Corcoran, Colao.

ABSENT: Spoto, Fontana.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-20**

**WHEREAS**, the Cliffside Park Police Department has received a request from **Rizwan Akhtar** of 21 Prospect Avenue Apt. B, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 of for a handicapped parking space in front of the residence. **Rizwan Akhtar** has been issued Permanent Handicap Place Card by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (Placard # P1389073); and

**WHEREAS**, the parking request appears to show legitimate cause for consideration by the Mayor and Council, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.5 states that any Municipality may by Ordinance or Resolution establish restricted parking spaces in front of residences, schools, hospitals, and other buildings for use by persons who have been issued Special Identification by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park that the following location be designated as a restricted parking space:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Side:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
Prospect Avenue	North	Beginning at a point approximately 57 feet east of the northeast curb line of Prospect Avenue and Palisade Avenue and continuing to a point 22 feet

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easterly thereof.

### RESOLUTION 2017-21

**WHEREAS**, the Cliffside Park Police Department has received a request from **Randy Brandau** of 239 Morningside Avenue Apt. 1, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 for a handicapped parking space in front of the residence. **Randy Brandau** has been issued Permanent Handicap Place Card by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (Placard # P1460023); and

**WHEREAS**, the parking request appears to show legitimate cause for consideration by the Mayor and Council, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.5 states that any Municipality may by Ordinance or Resolution establish restricted parking spaces in front of residences, schools, hospitals, and other buildings for use by persons who have been issued Special Identification by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park that the following location be designated as a restricted parking space:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Side:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
Morningside Avenue	North	Beginning at a point approximately 155 feet west of the northwest curb line of Morningside Avenue and Commercial Avenue and continuing to a point 22 feet westerly thereof.

### RESOLUTION 2017-22

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of P.O. Gabe Marciano the following resolutions designating handicapped parking spaces be rescinded:

Adopted on: **1-19-2010**

**RESOLUTION 2010-19**  
61 Holley Terrace  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Adopted on: **10-5-2004**

**RESOLUTION 2004-152**  
155 Palisade Avenue  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Adopted on: **11-1-2016**

**RESOLUTION 2016-231**  
218 Greenmount Avenue  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park, that the Department of Public Works be instructed to remove the handicapped parking signs at the above locations.

### RESOLUTION 2017-23

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of P.O. Gabe Marciano the following resolutions designating handicapped parking spaces be rescinded:

Adopted on: **11-1-2016**

**RESOLUTION 2016-232**  
234 Division Street  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Adopted on: **7-14-2015**

**RESOLUTION 2015-160**  
349 Gorge Road  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Adopted on: **5-10-2011**

**RESOLUTION 2011-110**  
328 Palisade Avenue  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010



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CLIFFSIDE PARK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN # 14-09 SOLD TO US BANK CUST FOR BVOO1 TRUST AND CREDIT FOR 2013 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,034.33.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BE AND HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SIGN A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,881.94 FOR THE REDEMPTION OF SAID TAX TITLE LIEN, AND A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,800.00 FOR PREMIUM PAID ON SAID PROPERTY AND,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT SAID CHECK BE DRAWN ON THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK TRUST ACCOUNT AND PAYABLE TO US BANK CUST FOR BV001 TRUST AND CREDIT 50 SOUTH 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 2050, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-2513.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-28**

#### **A RESOLUTION FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLIFFSIDE PARK TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM (P.L. 1998, C. 145)**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Cliffside Park in the County of Bergen, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Borough of Cliffside Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park in the County of Bergen that the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c 145.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-29**

**WHEREAS**, the Cliffside Park Police Department has received a request from **John Rahme** of 43 Washington Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 for a handicapped parking space in front of the residence. **John Rahme** has been issued Permanent Handicap License Plate #2351HB by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the parking request appears to show legitimate cause for consideration by the Mayor and Council, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.5 states that any Municipality may by Ordinance or Resolution establish restricted parking spaces in front of residences, schools, hospitals, and other buildings for use by persons who have been issued Special Identification by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park that the following location be designated as a restricted parking space:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Side:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
Washington Avenue	North	Beginning at a point approximately 212 feet west of the northwest curb line of Hudson terrace and Washington Avenue and continuing to a point 22 feet westerly thereof.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-30**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of P.O. Gabe Marciano the following resolutions designating handicapped parking spaces be rescinded:

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Adopted on: 4-7-2014

**RESOLUTION 2014-67**  
228 Main Street, Floor 2  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Adopted on: 11-12-2003

**RESOLUTION 2003-170**  
240 Clark Terrace  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Adopted on: 10-6-2012

**RESOLUTION 2012-214**  
242B Lawton Avenue on Railroad Avenue  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Adopted on: 1-15-2013

**RESOLUTION 2013-28**  
244 Lawton Avenue  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park, that the Department of Public Works be instructed to remove the handicapped parking signs at the above locations.

**RESOLUTION 2017-31**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for Request for Qualifications pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et. seq. for the following positions:

Special Projects Engineer

**RESOLUTION 2017-32**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk does hereby recommend and requests that the Council appoint Suzette McKeithan as Deputy Borough Clerk with an annual compensation in the range of \$7,000-\$12,000.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council does hereby amend the Salary Ordinance, titles and compensation range as noted herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council does hereby appointment Suzette McKeithan as Deputy Borough Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Deputy Borough Clerk Suzette McKeithan and CFO Frank Berardo.

**RESOLUTION 2017-33**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park does hereby approve the Cliffside Park Anderson Avenue Sidewalk Sales which will take place on the following dates:

**1. SPRING EVENT:**

Thursday      May 4, 2017  
Friday         May 5, 2017  
Saturday      May 6, 2017

**2. SUMMER EVENT:**

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Thursday July 13, 2017  
Friday July 14, 2017  
Saturday July 15, 2017

**3. AUTUMN EVENT:**

Thursday September 14, 2017  
Friday September 15, 2017  
Saturday September 16, 2017

**RESOLUTION 2017-34**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of P.O. Gabe Marciano the following resolutions designating handicapped parking spaces be rescinded:

Adopted on: 9-10-2002

**RESOLUTION 2002-259**  
254 Knox Avenue  
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cliffside Park, that the Department of Public Works be instructed to remove the handicapped parking signs at the above locations.

**RESOLUTION 2017-35**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police Richard Gaito, Borough Administrator Joseph Rutch and the School Superintendent Michael Romagnino have requested that the Borough implement the provisions pertaining to the creation of Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, as condition precedent to a person being appointed a Class Three special law enforcement officer the following criteria must be met and:

1. A resident of the State during the term of the appointment;

The applicant shall be:

2. able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently and has a high school diploma or its equivalent;
3. is sound in body and of good health;
4. is of good moral character;
5. has not been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty or which would make him unfit to perform the duties of his office;
6. has successfully undergone the same psychological testing that is required of all full-time police officers in the municipality or county or, with regard to a special law enforcement;
7. is a retired law enforcement officer who is less than 65 years of age;
8. had served as a duly qualified, fully-trained, full-time officer in any municipality or county of this State and was separated from that prior service in good standing;
9. is physically callable of performing the functions of the position;
10. for the purposes of this criteria, "good standing" shall exclude a retirement

resulting from injury or incapacity.

**WHEREAS**, Class Three law enforcement officers shall be authorized to exercise full powers and duties similar to those of a permanent, regularly appointed full-time police officer while providing security at a public or nonpublic school on the school premises or within 100 feet of the school during hours when the public or nonpublic school is normally in session or when it is occupied by public or nonpublic school students or their teachers. The use of firearms by an officer of this class shall be authorized pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6 authorizing a retired off-duty police officer to carry a handgun; and

**WHEREAS**, the special law enforcement officer shall be deemed to be on duty only while they are performing the public service function on behalf of the assigned School District; unequivocally special law enforcement officers shall not be deemed to be on duty for purposes of this Resolution while performing private security duties for private employers, which duties are not assigned by the Chief of Police or his designee; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality reserves unto itself to hire full-time Class Three special law enforcement officers and per diem special law enforcement officers at an hourly rate of between fifteen (\$15.00) and seventeen (\$17.00) dollars per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, all Special Law Enforcement Officers who fit the criteria of the newly created Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officer shall be under the direct control of the Cliffside Park Police Department in conjunction with Class One and Class Two law enforcement officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council does hereby direct the implementation and the creation of Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officers as noted in this Resolution and as may further enumerated in forth coming legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Special Police Officers, Class One, Two, and Three shall be deemed to be under the direct control of Chief of Police Richard Gaito or his designee for all employment purposes including but not limited to the designation, time and date of work, and the ability to carry a handgun; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief of Police Richard Gaito or his designee shall cause the implementation of this Resolution and all current and future Class Three Law Enforcement Officers as a sub-entity of the Cliffside Park Police Department no later than April 1, 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Police Chief Richard Gaito, Superintendent of Schools Michael Romagnino, Borough Administrator Joseph Rutch, Borough Clerk Sercan Zoklu and Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-36**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator does hereby recommend and requests that the Council create the following titles with their respective compensation ranges:

Payroll Clerk: \$7,000-\$10,000

Administrative Assistant/Recreation: \$22,000-\$30,000

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council does hereby amend the Salary Ordinance, titles and compensation range as noted herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Borough Administrator Joseph Rutch and Chief Financial Officer Frank Berardo.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

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**PUBLIC PORTION:**

On a motion by Councilman Bongard, seconded by Councilman Corcoran, the meeting was opened to the public. Carried.

The Clerk stated that any member of the public wishing to be heard could now do so, by coming to the podium and stating their name and address for the record.

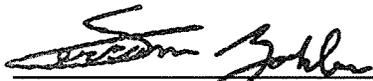
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

On a motion by Councilman Corcoran seconded by Councilwoman Martinotti, the meeting was closed to the public.

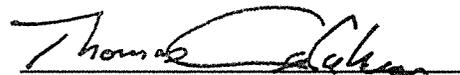
**ADJOURN:**

On a motion by Councilman Corcoran, seconded by Councilwoman Martinotti, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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SERCAN ZOKLU, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

**APPROVED:**

  
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THOMAS CALABRESE  
MAYOR