

CHILI TOWN BOARD
December 31, 2019

A regular meeting of the Chili Town Board was held on December 31, 2019 at the Chili Town Hall, 3333 Chili Avenue, Rochester, New York 14624 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Dunning.

PRESENT: Councilman Brown, Councilman DeCory; Councilman Slattery and Supervisor David Dunning. Councilwoman Sperr was excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Dawn Forte, Supervisor's Secretary; Sandra Hewlett, Stenographer; Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; Daniel Knapp, Director of Finance; David Lindsay, Commissioner of Public Works/Highway Superintendent; Councilman Slattery, Deputy Town Supervisor; Richard Stowe, Counsel for the Town; Eric Vail, Insurance Counselor.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: This is a continuation of a meeting from our previous meeting in December. As such, I will reopen this meeting and we will stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. The fire safety exits were identified for those present.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Before I move along with the rest of the agenda, there is a couple things that I would like to do. I appreciate your attention on this. I would like to ask Ed Buckovich to come up and share a little bit. As some of you know, we have heard this story at this meeting, but this is one that is -- bears repeating over and over again.

So, Ed (Buckovich), if you could please, if you would like to introduce who you brought with you today.

MR. BUCKOVICH: All right.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Do us a little introduction.

MR. BUCKOVICH: Sure will.

Back in August I was invited here because of a letter that my grandson wrote to the military, Marines, and we didn't know about it until my daughter found the letter in his box of school memorabilia. And she found it so fascinating that she didn't know what to do with it, so she gave it to me and I brought it up to Mr. Dunning and the end result is a letter about Justin (Clayton). And his story is going to be in the January issue of the Chili newsletter and there will be a picture of him as well as a picture of the letter that he wrote.

And just -- if I could just take a second, I will read the letter because it is very heartwarming. It says, "Dear Troops, I want to thank you for all that you are doing. You are risking your lives every day and night. It has to be hard to be away from your families. I'm sure they miss you and love you very much. When I'm older, I want to be a United States Marine, but I'm in 4th grade right now. I am writing this letter just to let you know people are happy that you do this for us. I hope you all come home safe. From: Justin Clayton, soon to be United States Marine."

That was in 4th grade that you wrote that.

So it shows what his lifelong ambition was to be -- his dream was to be a Marine. Today he is in Camp Pendleton. He is with us today and he goes back January 10th, but we have one more celebration January 9th. Justin will be 22 years old. So we have one day to celebrate his birthday, as well.

Just before he came here, a week before he came here, he was in the deserts of California doing desert-survival training and I think what all that involves is they're all issued a sand pail and a spoon and make -- they all make sand castles to see which one makes the best.

Correct me if I am wrong, but --

MR. CLAYTON: Sounds about right.

MR. BUCKOVICH: Anyhow, with that, I would like to -- Justin (Clayton) to come up and introduce himself. So this is my grandson, a United States Marine, Justin Clayton.

He is here until the 10th and will be at Camp Pendleton on the 10th. I talked to Mr. Dunning a while back and told him he would be in Town over the holidays and he invited us to have you all meet him in person.

So this is -- the story will be in the January issue and it will be a heartwarming story. Hope you all appreciate it. Thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Justin (Clayton), before you -- we're not going to let you step away that easily. Can you please just share with us a little bit about your thought process through this and where you have been and kind of where -- how this came to be and -- a little bit of your life's -- do you remember writing that note?

MR. CLAYTON: I do remember, ever since I was a little kid, even in art class, all my drawings had to with all of the camouflage and all that. I don't know what originally drew me to it, but all I ever wanted to be was a Marine. I didn't -- I wasn't going to let anything stop me.

I am lucky I have my mom, dad, brother and grandpa. I have them all here supporting me.

And, you know, they always helped me throughout the way. It is tough being away from home. Something you have to get used to. But just to know that they're back here and they're proud of me and they support me means the world to me. That is always -- I love them.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: And as I mentioned to you here -- and again, it is worth repeating -- we're all proud of you, too. I think most of us feel that we can feel much safer with you there, that you're -- that you're an inspiration to a lot of people, and I trust and hope that this story goes beyond our Town newsletter actually. I would really -- I would really like to see this story, with your permission, go a little further and take this to the media because I think this is one of those stories that the rest of our -- within the reach that we can get it to, within that reach, I think it's important that other people hear that story, because it really is incredible.

It's a simple letter. Very well written for a 4th grader, I would tell you. Very well put together. We could actually read it, which I can tell you if I had wrote a note like that, today it probably wouldn't be as legible.

So again, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your dedication and to achieving what you have -- your dream and what you wanted to be. Like I said, it's an incredible story. I'm incredibly proud of you, as I know everyone in the Town of Chili is likely very incredibly proud of what you have done and your service to our country. So thank you.

If anybody else would like anything -- have anything else they would like to say?

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: And to your family, as well. You mentioned -- you can tell they're very proud of you, as we are. They get to see you, talk to you and be with you during this special time of year, and we just say be safe, God bless you, stay strong, my friend.

MR. CLAYTON: Thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Thank you.

MR. BUCKOVICH: Really appreciate it. (Applause.)

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Thank you for coming in. We do appreciate you taking a little bit of time out of your leave.

MR. BUCKOVICH: My son-in-law has to be back to work. We're going to be leaving if that is all right.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: You can do whatever you're comfortable doing. But thank you for coming in. Greatly appreciate it. Honor to meet you.

REPORTS SUBMITTED:

- Library Board Minutes – 11/19/2019
- Senior Center Report – December 2019
- Zoning Board Minutes – 11/26/2019

RESOLUTION #284 RE: Transfer to Reserves

OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory SECONDED BY: Councilman Brown

WHEREAS, the Retirement Contribution Reserve was established by November 12, 2014, Resolution # 255; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to amend revenue budget A2401 (Interest and Earnings) by an increase of \$25,000.00, and amend expense budget A9901.9 (Interfund Transfers) by an increase of \$25,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to transfer \$25,000.00 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to transfer unexpended State Retirement Employee Benefits budget funds in the amounts of \$25,000.00 from account DA9010.8 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve.

- Councilman Brown - Aye
- Councilman DeCory - Aye
- Councilman Slattery - Aye
- Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
- Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #285 RE: Encumber 2019 Funds

OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery SECONDED BY: Councilman Brown

BE IT RESOLVED to encumber the following from 2019 budgets:

- 1. A8020.4.0053 (Planning – Comprehensive Plan Reserve) in the amount of \$5,940.00 for 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

2. A7110.2 (Parks – Equipment) in the amount of \$35,674.43 for 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Double Cab with plow; and

3. DA5142.2 (Snow Removal – Equipment) in the amount of \$7,566.00 for SBX240 Snowblower with truck loading chute.

Councilman Brown - Aye
Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #286 RE: December 18, 2019 Abstract

OFFERED BY: Councilman Brown

SECONDED BY: Councilman Slattery

WHEREAS, January 2, 2019 Resolution #1 authorized vouchers to be paid December 18, 2019, by all Council signing a waiver form; and

WHEREAS, Council did authorize by a majority vote vouchers 32238, 33449-33452, 33539, 33544, 33550-33572, 33576-33584, 33589-33609, 33611-33621, 33623-33655, 33657-33662 totaling \$1,663,618.86 to be paid from the Distribution Account as presented by Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to note for the record the above listed vouchers were paid from the following funds:

General Fund	\$	78,870.85
Highway Fund		85,374.80
H60 Community Center		1,498,609.44
Drainage District		763.77
Total Abstract	\$	1,663,618.86.

Councilman Brown - Aye
Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Absent
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Before I close this meeting I do have one other matter to attend to today. This is Jordon (Brown)'s last meeting with us. Jordon (Brown) -- I know he will not be happy about me doing this. But Jordon (Brown) and I go way back before we were -- even involved in anything with the Town at all, Jordon (Brown) and I have -- I used to work on his computers for him when he was doing that business, and -- so I have known Jordon (Brown) for quite a while.

As many of you know, Jordon (Brown) and I got involved with a -- a little group that was in opposition to some of the things that the Town was looking to do at the time and then -- that -- that kind of launched me into where I am today and also launched Jordon (Brown) to where he is today.

But I want to tell you that not only as a friend, but as a Town Board member, Jordon (Brown) has been an incredible advisor. He has worked very, very diligently on -- on pretty much everything we have ever done. He has always been a voice of reason and practical. We didn't always agree on things from time to time, but I could always count on his sense of logic, his sense of fairness and his appreciation and love for the Town of Chili.

He has truly served the people here in Chili well for his time here. I just want to say thank you. I appreciate what you have done.

I have always appreciated your friendship, which obviously will not cease to exist.

COUNCILMAN BROWN: Not resigning from that.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: You might want to consider it. (Laughter.)

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: He is -- you have just been an incredible asset to the Town. You have been an incredible asset to me from day one and from what you -- how you have helped me get to where I am today and -- and be some of the person I am today, too, is a lot because of Jordon Brown.

I will miss you sitting to my right. I will -- I will miss that, but I do have another guy to the left with no hair sitting next to me.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Well, Mark (DeCory)'s is not that bad.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: A little bittersweet. I understand things change, things move on and it is time. But I will miss you here, miss you sitting here.

I won't miss you otherwise because I will see you and talk to you quite often. We share a lot of things in common.

But, Jordon (Brown), I can't thank you enough for your service to the community. It has been a great run and I am sure we'll have more interesting conversations and things as time goes on here. But I love you, I will miss you and I appreciate you.

COUNCILMAN BROWN: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: But before -- before I -- before you go, I would like to, on behalf of the Town Board, present you with a small token of our appreciation -- don't worry. It's a little small token of our appreciation for -- that you can hopefully hang in your home someplace where you can at least look at it and reflect upon the time you spent with us and know that we all appreciate you. We want you to remember all of us here.

COUNCILMAN BROWN: Thank you. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Look at Dawn (Forte). She is trying to get a photo.

A photograph was taken.

COUNCILMAN BROWN: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: At this time, if anybody else would like to offer anything before I move on and close the meeting.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: There was a reason why David (Dunning) had Jordon (Brown) sit next to me. He was the calm, reserved individual that put a lot of thought into something, where, as some of you know, I'm sort of the opposite. I wear the emotions on the sleeve. Sometimes Jordon (Brown)'s hand would touch my leg or kick me for me to be quiet. You folks don't see it. I feel it. He will definitely be missed.

Just the campaign -- on the campaign trail. I can't tell you how many times when Jordon (Brown) first ran, "Remember, I'm the new guy. I'm the new guy."

You walking across the lawns or wearing that baseball hat you --

COUNCILMAN BROWN: I had my Yankees cap on and Mike (Slattery) says, "You don't know what team the people are rooting for when you knock on their door."

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Even though I'm a Yankee fan, but I still didn't want to get egged with him.

So thank you very much for being the person that you are and the friend that you are.

COUNCILMAN DECORY: Jordon (Brown), it's been a four-year privilege serving alongside you. Got to know you. Appreciate all of the insights you have given and up until this moment, I thought you had no flaws, but then I heard you were a Yankee fan.

COUNCILMAN BROWN: He was right. Shouldn't wear the cap.

COUNCILMAN DECORY: If you came to my door, I wouldn't have voted for you.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: That is why he sits down here.

COUNCILMAN DECORY: I have been regulated down here. It's been an absolute privilege serving with you.

RICHARD STOWE: I would like to echo that, Jordon (Brown). Thank you. I think the thing I'm going to miss most is you kicking Councilman Slattery.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I never knew that was happening.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: I should have wore a shin guard.

VIRGINIA IGNATOWSKI: So thank you. You took over my position when I -- when I left to go to the Clerk's Office, and thank you for your service to the -- to the Town.

COUNCILMAN BROWN: I got to say, I feel like I couldn't have worked with a better group of people, and I'm very proud of what all of us have achieved over the years, with more to come, and thank you. Thank you. It's kind of bittersweet, but it's time. It's time for me to do this, and thank you for your friendship and thank you for everything you guys do for the Town of Chili and keep it going.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: We have good people out there that assist us, as well.

COUNCILMAN BROWN: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: And we do know you'll be back for the ribbon-cutting for the Community Center. You were a huge part of making that happen. And believe me you will not be forgotten when that comes around. We will have to have you there for that.

So with that, is there anybody else that would like to say anything?

MARY ANNE SEARS: Jordon (Brown), I know you were not always able to come the Senior Center physically, but I know you have been behind us all of the way with your support. You have supported everything I've done. I have tried to include you in everything. You have always been there. If I picked up the phone or emailed you, you always got back to me. You may not have been there in body, but you were always there in spirit and will be missed. So thank you, Jordon (Brown).

COUNCILMAN BROWN: You do an amazing job.

MARY ANNE SEARS: I'm blessed with people like -- most of you up there. But good luck to you in your next chapter.

The next meeting of the Chili Town Board, which is the Organizational Meeting, is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chili Town Hall Main Meeting Room.

The next regular meeting of the Chili Town Board will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chili Town Hall Main Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Stenograph - Sandy Hewlett

Virginia Ignatowski - Town Clerk