

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

December 20, 2021

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:05 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilwoman Flood via speaker phone
Councilwoman Standaert
Councilman Morelli
Councilwoman Walowit
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent
Matt Andrus, Information Specialist
Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation
Lou Pasquarell, Director of Safety & Security

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021, meeting 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 thanked the volunteers from Clifton Park EMS and Saratoga County who worked at the 3rd Booster Shot Clinic held at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center recently. Another clinic is anticipated to be scheduled for after the holidays.

Supervisor Barrett stated he anticipates NYS and/or the federal government presenting new regulations and mandates regarding masks and the pandemic. He assured the residents that the town will respectfully comply accordingly.

RECOGNITION-U.S. ARMY VETERAN EMIL BAKER

Town Clerk Brobston read Resolution No. 288 of 2021 recognizing U.S. Army Sergeant Emil Baker on his induction into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame.

Supervisor Barrett introduced Sergeant Baker. He explained the induction into the Hall of Fame was made possible by Senator Tedisco. The town recognized and thanks Sergeant Baker for his many years of service in the community and country.

Sergeant Baker thanked the town for the honor and recognition that so many veterans do so much for our community and country. The recognition of all veterans is welcomed. He stated veterans are some of the most successful small business owners. He has spent 5 years working with veteran business owners. He has helped veterans with disabilities by getting laws passed supporting them or the family members. He supports a pier connection program with veterans and the incarcerated veterans program. The veteran who leaves combat areas and try to transition back into life find it very difficult. Sergeant Baker commented that all his businesses are staffed by combat veterans.

Proclamations were presented to Sergeant Baker.

RECOGNITION-EAGLE SCOUT WILLIAM ADAMS JR.

Town Clerk Brobston read Resolution No. 289 of 2021.

Eagle Scout Adams explained his project of rehabilitating a trail at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Trees and brush needed to be cleared. Two benches that were constructed by a previous Eagle Scout was overgrown. He cleared the current benches and added four more in the park and remarked trails.

Eagle Scout Adams stated he will continue going back to the troop as a mentor however, he will also be attending a program in the summer where he will be leading the group. He plans to study criminal justice in college.

Supervisor Barrett presented Eagle Scout Adams with a proclamation.

RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 288 of 2021, a resolution recognizing U. S. Army Sergeant Emil Baker on his induction into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, Emil Baker is a United States Army Veteran, an E-4 Specialist who was given a combat promotion in the field to Sergeant while serving in Vietnam, and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Baker received the Bronze Star for meritorious service, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, and

WHEREAS, following his time in Vietnam, Sergeant Baker served more than 7 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, later learning that his wartime exposure to agent orange had caused significant service-related disabilities, and

WHEREAS, following his wartime service, Sergeant Baker embarked on a 20-year career with New York Telephone/Bell Atlantic rising to Vice President and General Manager for New York and Vermont, and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Sergeant Baker opened a small business in telecommunications, ultimately growing his business to include some 30 cell phone stores and outlets in the tri-state area, later opening a deli and country store in Hoosick Falls, NY, and

WHEREAS, following the sale of his business, Sergeant Baker has served as Area Chairman and New York State Director of Employer Outreach for the U.S. Department of Defense employer support for the Guard and Reserve program, to continue to help veterans successfully find jobs and other opportunities, and

WHEREAS, throughout his business career, Sergeant Baker has devoted himself to helping U.S. Service Veterans gain employment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, on Veteran's Day 2021, Sergeant Baker was inducted into the New York State Veteran's Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions to the United States Military and his fellow service members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board wishes to recognize Sergeant Baker for a lifetime of service and commitment to his country, his community, and to United States Service Members throughout the region.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 289 of 2021, a resolution recognizing William Adams Jr. on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, and seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the People of the Town of Clifton Park, New York, take immense pride in the accomplishments of our residents and recognize the valuable contributions of the Boy Scouts of America to our community and to our nation, and

WHEREAS, William Adams Jr. has proven himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, William's Eagle Scout Project was to rehabilitate and make improvements to the trail at the Veteran's Memorial Park behind the BPOE Lodge where Troop 246 meets, and

WHEREAS, the project included the installation of trail markers, clearing of vegetation to reclaim trails and the building of new benches throughout the park, and

WHEREAS, William has held many leadership positions within scouting, and

WHEREAS, William's dedication to the Boy Scout Oath, while using his time and energy to give back to his community, will serve to prepare him for a meaningful, productive role in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the People of the Town of Clifton Park, the entire Town Board does hereby congratulate and salute William Adams Jr. on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout and we are proud to have him as a member of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 290 of 2021, a resolution supporting the Safe Water Infrastructure Action Plan of 2022.

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

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2016, Supervisor Barrett submitted a resolution, passed by the Town Board as Resolution No. 24 of 2016, which articulated a policy proposal to address a clear and manifest need for assistance to municipalities with the financial burdens associated with the ongoing required maintenance, repairs and upgrades to the widespread networks of infrastructure necessary to maintain clean water and sanitation throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the initiative was modeled after the successful Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) which offers a consistent funding stream providing assistance to local communities, to support the upkeep of thousands of miles of highway throughout the state and serves as a successful model for the fair and equitable distribution of funds throughout the state, helping local governments of all sizes and levels, and

WHEREAS, clean water infrastructure, which is essential to public health and safety, is owned and maintained at various levels of government and through special districts and public authorities of any size, often constructed decades ago, which all require consistent maintenance, monitoring and capital upgrades, and

WHEREAS, the legislative policy proposal known as the Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program (SWAP), and based on the CHIPS concept, was initially introduced in the New York State Senate in 2016, and passed by that body by a unanimous 61-0 vote in 2018, but did not proceed further at that time, was reintroduced in 2019, and again in the current legislative session as S224, which is currently in the NY Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, and

WHEREAS, this legislative initiative now presents a common-sense solution to a structural imbalance affecting the public health needs of all the people of New York State, and is supported by the New York State Association of Towns, Association of Counties, and Association of Mayors and the Rural Water Association, representing virtually all municipalities throughout the state that own and maintain these critical infrastructure systems, and

WHEREAS, public health and safety depend upon clean water, and efficient sanitation and storm water systems, and the legislative proposal now contained in S224 provides an effective solution to a recognized structural imbalance between the need for maintenance and upgrades to these systems and the funding sources available to meet these needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park reiterates our strong support for the SWAP legislation currently introduced in the New York State Senate as S224, to create and fund a New York State annual infrastructure program to offer a fair and equitable formula to distribute funds to municipalities to ensure the integrity and reliability of critical infrastructure, maintained by municipalities throughout the state.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 291 of 2021, a resolution adopting application criteria for eligible candidates wishing to apply for funding grants for non-profits under the town's appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for pandemic relief.

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

WHEREAS, the federal legislation known as the American Rescue Plan of 2021, distributed federal funds to states and localities, and was intended to provide relief to those adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and related federal and state policies, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 192 of 2021, the Town Board accepted the funds which are to be used toward specific categories of spending, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 239 of 2021, the Town Board designated up to \$200,000 of federal ARPA funds received by the town to local non-profit organizations, as authorized by the statute, and

WHEREAS, Town Board members have developed an overview document and application form for qualifying non-profit organizations to utilize in applying for local funds as designated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the attached 2022 overview and application criteria for the distribution of up to \$200,000 ARPA fund pursuant to §603(b) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated non-profits over the past few years, because of the pandemic, have not been able to fundraise and have been hard hit. The board is making funds, through the ARPA program, available to the non-profits as well as the county which will be offering the same program. The county program will not be finalized till first quarter of next year and the non-profits could apply to each program.

Supervisor Barrett recommended the Town Board invite applicants to attend a separate public meeting from the Town Board meeting, for the board to discuss their application.

Resolution No. 292 of 2021, a resolution appointing Heather Fariello as a Member of the Planning Board.

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a member of the Planning Board with the resignation of Ram Lalukota from the position, and

WHEREAS, Heather Fariello, 20 Eldorado Drive, Clifton Park, is recommended by Councilwoman Standaert to fill the vacant position, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fariello has the background, education, training and experience necessary to be an effective member of the town Planning Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Heather Fariello is hereby appointed Planning Board Member, effective January 1, 2022, for a 7-year term, term to expire December 31, 2028.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 293 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the transfer of Vincent Murcurio to the Buildings and Grounds main shop as Motor Equipment Operator (MEO), per Civil Service certification.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists in the Buildings and Grounds Department in the main shop, and

WHEREAS, Vincent Murcurio has been employed as an MEO in the Transfer Station Tuesday – Saturday since 2016, and has requested a transfer to the main shop Monday – Friday, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing Mr. Murcurio, and reviewing his qualifications, Supervisor Barrett has recommended that Vincent Murcurio, 890 Main Street, Clifton Park, fill the position of MEO at the Buildings & Grounds main shop; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby authorizes the lateral transfer of Vincent Murcurio, to fill the position of MEO at Grade 5, Step 4, Year 1, \$54,517, per the current CSEA matrix, to be paid with a transfer of \$54,517 from A-8160-E0460 (Convenience Transfer Station – Employee) to A-7100-E0460 (Buildings & Grounds – Employee), effective January 3, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 294 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to hire Nelson Bonesteel as a Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent, wishes to hire a new Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) for the Highway Department to fill an opening in the department, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Highways Dahn Bull, has recommended the hiring of the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Address</u>
Nelson Bonesteel	Class A	1A Woodridge Circle, Halfmoon

Now, therefore, be it

RESOVLED, that the Town Board authorize the hiring of Nelson Bonesteel as Motor Equipment Operator, at Grade 5, Step 1, at a Salary of \$50,091, at a rate of \$23.99/hr., effective at a start date after December 20, 2021; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller transfer \$2,000 from DA-0551-E0840 (Highway Fund – Snow Removal – C. Schumacher) to DA-5124-Exxxx (Highway Fund – Snow Removal – N. Bonesteel) to be allocated, based on the attached schedule.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 295 of 2021, a resolution authorizing budget transfers for calendar year 2021, as specified in Exhibit A.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, 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 transfers 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. 296 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the purchase of sewer pumps and parts from Fluid Kinetics, Inc. for the Sewer Department.

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

WHEREAS, Michael O'Brien, Collection Systems Manager, has requested authorization to purchase a 7.5 HP sewage pump for the Settlers Lane pump station, and

WHEREAS, repair of the existing pump is not economically feasible, and sole distributor Fluid Kinetics' acquisition price for a new unit is below repair estimates for the existing pump, and

WHEREAS, an additional pump unit, at the same location, requires a new pump cap also supplied by Fluid Kinetics as sole distributor for the existing pump units, at a cost of \$1,865; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the purchase of a new 7.5 HP sewage pump and pump cap parts for the Settlers Lane pump station, at a cost of \$7,470 and \$1,865 respectively, along with up to \$100 for parts installation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$2,010 from G5-8111-21 (Dutch Meadows Sewer Dist. #1 – Sewer Contractual – Emergency Repairs), and \$1,770 from G5-8111-24 (Dutch Meadows Sewer Dist. #1 – Sewer Contractual – General Maintenance) both to G5-8111-200 (Dutch Meadows Sewer Dist. #1 – Sewer Contractual – Equipment) to pay the total amount not to exceed \$9,435.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 297 of 2021, a resolution authorizing the sale of equipment declared surplus by the Town Board and authorizing departments to sell the surplus equipment at public auction.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks, & Recreation, has identified the items listed below as surplus property:

- (1) Decatur Electronics, Inc. Galaxy radar trailer
 - (1) 2005 Tarco Highlander Jr. salt spreader SN-BS1623H8990B063 w/ gas pony motor
 - (1) 2004 Tarco Highlander Jr. salt spreader SN-BS168H8651B061 w/ gas pony motor
- and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of Mr. Clemens, the Town Board declares one radar trailer and two salt spreaders, listed above, as surplus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Buildings & Grounds Department to sell the surplus equipment, as is, through an upcoming online public auction.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Lou Pasquarell, Director of Safety & Security explained at the last meeting the Town Board approved by Resolution No. 278 of 2021 to purchase 2 radar signs. He made contact with the sales representative and was told it will now be \$3,000 more per unit if the town wants the additional options. The salesman said he forgot to send the link for the GIS system for the federal government.

Supervisor Barrett stated now that the prices are much higher than the board approved, are there other options to check to compare prices.

Director Pasquarell stated yes, there are other companies to compare prices.

Supervisor Barrett stated it would be best to go out for prices again.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 8:07 PM

Darlene McGraw, Halfmoon, suggested changing the traffic light at Kinns and Plank Roads to not have them on sensor for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. She offered her services/options as a person with disabilities, to help with roads etc. for the safety of the residents.

No one else wished to be heard. Public Privilege closed at 8:10 PM.

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 8:11 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk