

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

December 4, 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
Town Clerk Brobston

Absent: Councilwoman Reid

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Norah Hoefler, Communications and Technology Coordinator

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to approve the November 13 and 20, 2023 Town Board Minutes, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilman O'Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Reid

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Councilman Morelli, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the September 18, 2023 Town Board Minutes, as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Abstain: Councilman O'Hara

Absent: Councilwoman Reid

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked the parents, scouts, and leadership of Troop 4246B, for their participation in the reconstruction of the trail bridge at Veteran's Park. The Troop cleared a great deal of brush and enlarged the bridge to make a great addition to the park.

Supervisor Barrett thanked the Jonesville Fire Department for their successful annual family event, Sundays with Santa.

Supervisor Barrett thanked St. Edwards Church along with the Knights of Columbus for the breakfast with Santa event.

Supervisor Barrett supported a breakfast held at the American Legion.

Councilman Morelli thanked the tree decorating team from the Buildings & Grounds Department for the beautiful light displays throughout Town.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced the Highways Superintendent will not be in attendance for this meeting. Supervisor stated he is pleased that money is being spent on infrastructure that has been previously allocated, however, he does have questions about the last resolution on the agenda tonight, which includes a sizable amount of funds, and would like to pull it from the agenda for tonight's consideration for further review. Unanimously agreed.

Resolution No. 271 of 2023, a resolution authorizing payment for unanticipated expenses to certified professional archaeologist Dave Moyer.

Introduced by Councilman O'Hara, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, the Town sponsored four days of public archaeology digs at the site of the Blacksmith Shop, adjacent to the Historic Grooms Tavern in July of 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town Historian, the Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission, and the Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern, requested and received the voluntary expertise and assistance of Dave Moyer of Birchwood Archaeology, Gilbertsville, NY, to help organize and lead the digs according to established professional standards, and

WHEREAS, the archaeology digs at the Blacksmith Shop were successful in unearthing lost objects of potential value to the Town's historical record, and were also well attended and enthusiastically enjoyed by many members of the community, as well as the Auringer-Seelye Chapter of the New York State Archaeology Association, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moyer volunteered considerable personal time and resources to ensure the success of the digs by leading operations all four days and by providing support materials and many tools essential for the considerable size of this operation, and

WHEREAS, the personal expenses Mr. Moyer incurred over eight trips to and from the Cobleskill area and Clifton Park to plan the event, direct the digs, and attend subsequent meetings to clean, interpret, and catalog artifacts, were unanticipated in scope and well above those which are typically incurred under similar circumstances for town-sponsored events; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes a partial reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$250 for professional archaeologist Dave Moyer in recognition of the value and benefit the Town has received as a result of his above and beyond leadership and professional efforts to enable the archaeological digs conducted at the Historic Grooms Tavern cultural site in July 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilman O'Hara, Councilwoman Walowit,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Reid

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 272 of 2023, a resolution accepting an offer of dedication of Pickett Lane and related infrastructure within the Pickett Estate subdivision.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Highway Law 171, and Section 179-23 of the Town Code, the Town Board has the discretion to accept the dedication of roads and real property for public use, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the approved plans for the Pickett Estate Subdivision, ANW Holdings, Inc., has offered to dedicate the parcel of land described as Pickett Lane, as well as stormwater management area and easements for future multi-use pathways along Vischer Ferry Road, as shown on Attachments A, B, C and D enclosed, and

WHEREAS, Prime Engineering has completed inspections and reports that all punch list items have been completed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the offer of dedication of Pickett Lane, as depicted on the approved subdivision map, and as more particularly described in the relevant deed, as listed in the attached deed and descriptions, subject to the final approval of the Town Attorney of all real estate transfer documents, review of title and confirmation of the payment of appropriate taxes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 273 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Millermatic welder from Airgas USA, LLC, for the Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, the Highways Superintendent requested authorization to purchase a replacement welding machine for maintenance of Town-owned vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Airgas USA, LLC, 170 Freemans Bridge Road, Scotia, NY, provided the lowest responsive quote for the equipment, per the attached quote, at a total cost not to exceed \$4,244, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department recommended the equipment be purchased from Airgas as lowest responsive bidder; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highways Superintendent to purchase an Millermatic welder from Airgas USA, LLC, Scotia, NY, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,244; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$4,244 from DA-05020-00135 (Highway Fund- Highway Engineering-Engineering) to DA-05130-00229 (Highway Fund- Machinery- Small Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Reid

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Darlene McGraw, Halfmoon, recognized the Shenendehowa student who spoke up about a weapon brought into the school and wished the Town to recognize them. A poem “The Dash” by Linda Ellis was read. A poem that highlighted the importance of living a good loving life. Ms. McGraw questioned the site philbarrett.org.

Supervisor Barrett stated the questioned format on the website is useful for getting information out quickly to the residents of Town and will continue.

Sam Avagyan, Reed Lane, requested a crosswalk at the intersection of Arnold or George Drive and Route 146 intersection, there is no sidewalk on the north side of the road.

Supervisor Barrett stated Route 146 is a state road and will check with planning if a crosswalk would work in one of those locations. He announced the Town and State are working on the planning of a sidewalk on the north side of Route 146 currently. Supervisor requested contact information from the resident for additional conversation.

Christine Dunohue, Hubbs Road, questioned the status of water being brought to the Hubbs Road area.

Supervisor Barrett explained surveys have been sent out to the residents of the Hubbs Road area for prospective water to be installed and to see if there is any interest. He explained, results showed, there was not enough support necessary to move forward with the process. Supervisor explained the ultimate decision would be with the residents that would receive the service and would be paying for the benefit. He stated the Town will, over time, question the residents in the future for their interest in the benefit again.

No one else wished to be heard.

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

Motion carried at 7:36 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk