

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

November 18, 2024

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilman Morelli
Councilwoman Reid
Councilwoman Walowit
Councilman Manir
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney Pelagalli
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Director of Parks, Buildings & Recreation
Norah Hoefler, Communications and Technology Coordinator

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilwoman Reid, seconded by Councilman Manir, to approve the Town Board minutes of the November 4, 2024, and November 7, 2024 Budget Public Hearing, as presented

ROLL CALL VOTE for November 4, 2024 Minutes

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL VOTE for November 7, 2024 Budget Public Hearing Minutes

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Walowit

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Morelli thanked the G.R.E.E.N. Committee and all the volunteers for the recently held Repair Café. The Repair Café is a free community event with the goals of repairing broken objects to extend their life, keeping things out of landfills, and fostering an appreciation for the art of repairing things.

Councilwoman Reid reminded residents of the December 1, 2024 Historic Preserve Photo Contest entry deadline. Over 100 submissions so far. Will be a great showcase for the Preserve. The first round of voting will take place on the Town’s Facebook page in the form of likes received by each picture and the top five photographs will be printed and enter the final round of voting which will be held in person at the Clifton Park Winterfest event to be held on February 1, 2025 at the Clifton Park Center Mall. Prizes include gift cards for the Vischer Ferry General Store, Boscov’s, Bass Pro Shop and Ace Robinson’s Hardware donated an AI birdfeeder.

Supervisor Barrett stated the Town recently held a Veteran's Day event in October and thanked everyone for their involvement. Supervisor thanked Veteran Earl St. Onge, who is 104 years young, for his service in the Army. A veteran's banner was presented to Mr. Onge. Veteran's banner program or memorial walkway information is available on the Town's website or by calling the Supervisor's Office. Supervisor thanked Jack O'Toole who donated a total of eleven banners on behalf of Veteran's.

Supervisor Barrett announced he sent a letter to the Town's Congressman on behalf of Saratoga County, involving information received from Fire Departments in Saratoga County pertaining to pending new OSHA regulations that could severely hamper the Town. FASNYS, the group representing the fire departments are testifying to the concerns of the new regulations if put in place. He requested all fire departments receive this information. Opposition to these new regulations need to be voiced.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 262 of 2024, a resolution adopting the 2025 Budget for the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the Preliminary Budget on November 7, 2024 to obtain comment from the public regarding the proposed Budget for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the comments of the public have been incorporated into the proposed budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Town of Clifton Park Budget is hereby adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett explained there were minor changes that resulted in an addition of \$18,681 being added to the Ambulance District levy. He stated the tax cap continues to be a challenge for Town's like Clifton Park because of our very low tax levy which equates to very low taxes for Clifton Park taxpayers. Supervisor stated the Town will remain without a general fund Town tax. Overall, a solid budget to maintain and continue services and to invest in our Parks & Recreational Facilities as well as infrastructure, EMS, to continue to generate sales tax and everything else involved in operation of Town government.

Councilman Morelli agreed the proposed is a solid budget which also invests in public safety, equipment and vehicle upgrades, including a significant IT investment and continues to invest in the Town's employees and the increase of health care and dental costs.

Resolution No. 263 of 2024, a resolution awarding a contract for the removal and replacement of a boardwalk and railing on a trail in the Brookhaven neighborhood.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 261 of 2024 allowed for the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Saratoga County towards improvements to the Town-owned trail, and

WHEREAS, the project involves and crosses regulated wetlands adjacent to the DwaasKill stream and shall not impact the wetlands or stream, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, requested bids for the replacement of the 162' long x 7' wide boardwalk with railing, for the trail between Chillmark Turn and Oakhurst Court in the Brookhaven neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, three (3) sealed bids were received and opened on October 15, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the lowest conforming bid was received from American Custom Decks & More, Saratoga Springs, NY, in the amount of \$83,280, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens recommends accepting the quote from American Custom Decks & More, for the replacement of the boardwalk with railing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board awards the contract for the removal and replacement of 162-foot-long by 7-foot-wide pressure-treated lumber boardwalk with railing on the path between Chillmark Turn and Oakhurst Court to American Custom Decks & More; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of \$83,280 is to be paid with an increase in revenues to County Grants (A-01289) for \$10,000, and from Unassigned Fund Balance (A-00914) in the amount of \$73,280 and an increase in expenditures of \$83,280 to A-07629-00200 (General Fund-Trails Contractual-Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 264 of 2024, a resolution authorizing the replacement of a spray pump for the cooling tower at the Clifton Common Ice Arena.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks, and Recreation, requested quotes for the replacement of a Baltimore Air Coil (BAC) spray pump for the cooling tower within the arena, which ensures the ice chiller will work and the ice will be maintained, and

WHEREAS, the current BAC spray pump had to be repaired recently and is unreliable, and

WHEREAS, Postler & Jaeckle, Corp., Rensselaer, NY, has submitted the sole responsive quote, at a total cost not to exceed \$5,533, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens has recommended the equipment be supplied and installed by Postler & Jaeckle, Corp; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Director of Buildings, Parks, and Recreation to engage Postler & Jaeckle, Corp. to supply the Baltimore Air Coil (BAC) spray pump for the cooling tower in the Clifton Common Ice Arena, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,533, to be paid from A-7112-200-700 (General Fund – Clifton Common – Equipment-Arena).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Morelli thanked Starpoint Church for providing lunches to the Town employees recently and all their involvement in the Community.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 7:23 PM

John Perry, 30 Berkshire Dr. West, explained water issues involving his property. He stated the Town has come out every year for the past ten years and repaired the stormwater drainage, catch basin and sink holes in front of his property. He stated in 2023, after a heavy rainstorm, the catch basin was gone, in about a third of the road. The Town came out and repaired it. This incident resulted in his basement flooding with substantial water damage. At this point he did not submit any claims to the Town. He communicated this information to the Town for them to be aware of. Fast forward to January 2024, there was no rain event, Precision Trenchless was in front of his house working on repairing the drainage professionally. The basement was flooded again, they lost the heating system, water tank, gym equipment and had other substantial water damage. He contacted the Town and sent photos. Concrete floor and block in his home is also cracked now in addition to black mold being present. He requests the Town to help with these issues and a sink hole in his back yard and is collapsing.

Supervisor Barrett questioned if this sink hole in the back yard is a new problem. He explained he has been out to view the property and will come out and take another look.

Sean Crall, 28 Berkshire Dr. West, supported his neighbor John Perry involving water issues on both 28 and 30 Berkshire Dr. West properties. He requests help from the Town in resolving this issue.

No one else wished to be heard. Public Privilege closed at 7:35 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 7:36 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk