TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

October 20, 2025

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:02 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also Present: Neil Weiner, Counsel
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation
John Scavo, Director of Planning & Zoning
Susan Leonard, Director of Clifton Park Senior Community Center

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to approve the Town Board minutes of October 6, 2025, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Morelli – Discussed several community updates: The successful Repair Café at the Senior Center, restoration work at Garnsey Cemetery by Historic Preservation and Open Space volunteers, planning for upgrades at the Mary Jane Row Dog Park with public input encouraged, and the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on Friday from 4-6 p.m. at The Common, sponsored by Starpoint Church.

Supervisor Barrett – Highlighted the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on the Common, expected to attract many families. Updates included ongoing planning for Mary Jane Row dog park improvements, with public feedback encouraged and potential scout involvement, and scheduled renovations at Longkill Park in 2026 to upgrade its recreational facilities.

PRESENTATIONS

Giving More through Adoption – Katy Mejia

Katy representing her organization invites the community to a fundraiser on Saturday October 25th from 12 noon – 5pm at Wicked Eatery located on Rt 9, Clifton Park. The celebration will feature music, games, and contests. She described the organization's work supporting adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive families through retreats and support groups, emphasizing positive language and awareness around adoption.

Vischer Ferry Historic Nature Preserve Photo Contest Winners

Councilwoman Reid – Announced the winners of the Vischer Ferry Historic Nature Preserve Photo Contest, following the second round of voting held during the Canal Fest event. Councilman Morelli assisted in presenting awards and photos, with prizes donated by Bass Pro Shops and the Vischer Ferry General Store for the top six photographers.

Supervisor Barrett – Acknowledged and thanked Bass Pro Shops for their generous donation of a $50 gift certificated, hats, and shirts as prizes for the Vischer Ferry Photo Contest. No Bass Pro representatives were present.

Winners are as follows:
6th Place, Junior Category – Katelyn Osso
5th Place, Professional Category – Nthony Rescigno
4th Place, Junior Category – Maria Francescotti
3rd Place, Amateur Category – Rose Spraker
2nd Place, Professional Category – Daniel Garland
1st Place, Amateur Category – Janice Prichett

Community Action Fund Grant Awards
Resolution No. 226 of 2025 was read and approved.

Supervisor Barrett – Resolution No. 226 of 2025 was approved awarding $12,200 in Community Action Fund grants to local organizations. The funds came from bottles, cans, and clothing recycling efforts. Though it is slightly less than past years due to transfer station construction, the program continues to support community initiatives. The board thanked the committee and recipients for their contributions.

The following grant awards were given:

APPLICANT: Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern
DESIGNEE: Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern
AWARD: $500.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to restore Heritage Square.

APPLICANT: Knights of Columbus #702
DESIGNEE: Knights of Columbus #702
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to purchase a Ceremonial Sword package.

APPLICANT: Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York
DESIGNEE: Sophie Cottrell
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for Gold Award project.

APPLICANT: Shen Neighbors Connecting Inc.
DESIGNEE: Shen Neighbors Connecting Inc.
AWARD: $600.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for senior programming.

APPLICANT: Scouting America
DESIGNEE: Cub Scout Pack 4044
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for annual Scouting for Food Event supplies.

APPLICANT: Shen Dollars for Scholars
DESIGNEE: Shen Dollars for Scholars
AWARD: $600.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to help support scholarships for high school seniors.

APPLICANT: Scouting America
DESIGNEE: Troop 4045
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to fund a new cargo trailer for troop.

APPLICANT: Southern Saratoga Art Society, Inc.
DESIGNEE: Southern Saratoga Art Society, Inc.

AWARD: $500.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to support Autumn Jewels Art and Student Art shows.

APPLICANT: Nicole's Hope Inc.
DESIGNEE: Nicole's Hope Inc.
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to adopt two families at Albany Med for Holidays.

APPLICANT: Friends of Shen Crew
DESIGNEE: Friends of Shen Crew
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for tuition assistance and training courses.

APPLICANT: Friends of Music Shenendehowa
DESIGNEE: Friends of Music Shenendehowa
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for guest artists, scholarships, festivals.

APPLICANT: Scouting America
DESIGNEE: Troop 4030
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for patrol boxes camping equipment.

APPLICANT: St. Edward the Confessor
DESIGNEE: Scouting America- Troop 62G
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to assist in purchasing gear and recruitment.

APPLICANT: Rebuilding Together Saratoga County
DESIGNEE: Rebuilding Together Saratoga County
AWARD: $500.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to assist in home repairs for destitute families.

APPLICANT: Saratoga Center for the Family
DESIGNEE: Saratoga Center for the Family
AWARD: $875.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to support Student Empowerment Services.

APPLICANT: Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York
DESIGNEE: Girl Scout Troop 2037
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for Camping Gear.

APPLICANT: Shen Boys Lacrosse Booster Club
DESIGNEE: Shen Boys Lacrosse Booster Club
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to purchase helmets and gloves.

APPLICANT: Knights of Columbus #10869
DESIGNEE: Knights of Columbus #10869
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to distribute dinners, breakfast with Santa, Egg Hunts, pantry.

APPLICANT: Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry
DESIGNEE: Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry
AWARD: $875.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to purchase gift cards for meat for Holiday meals.

APPLICANT: Band Boosters of Shenendehowa
DESIGNEE: Band Boosters of Shenendehowa
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to support student participation in band trips.

APPLICANT: Hi-5 Sports Inc.
DESIGNEE: Hi-5 Sports Inc.
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to pay for Bowling fees at Uncle Sam's.

APPLICANT: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
DESIGNEE: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
AWARD: $875.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for pantry items and gift cards for perishables.

APPLICANT: The Mooncatcher Project
DESIGNEE: Amanda Beicke
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to create menstrual kits for shelters.

APPLICANT: St. Edward the Confessor Church
DESIGNEE: St. Edward the Confessor Church
AWARD: $875.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to purchase kitchen appliances for church.

APPLICANT: The Skating School of NY Corp.
DESIGNEE: The Skating School of NY Corp.
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for tuition aid for children.

APPLICANT: Shen High School PTSA
DESIGNEE: Shen High School PTSA
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to support a mental health field day event.

APPLICANT: Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York
DESIGNEE: Girl Scout Troop 2076
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used to go on a camping trip.

APPLICANT: St. George's Episcopal Church
DESIGNEE: SA Troop 4043B
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for STEM activities and community service.

APPLICANT: Christ Community Reformed Church
DESIGNEE: Art of Mindfulness Center
AWARD: $300.00
DESCRIPTION: Funds will be used for course materials and presentations.

RECAP OF CANAL FEST

Supervisor Barrett – Reflecting on the success of the recent Canal Fest celebration, thanking Councilwoman Reid, the Committee, Buildings and Grounds staff, and all participants for their efforts. The event marked a meaningful return of a town tradition, especially significant for the Vischer Ferry community. Appreciation was expressed to John Scherer, Chief Kimball, the Vischer Ferry Fire Department, George Donohue, and all volunteers for their hard work and collaboration in making Canal Fest a success. The community came together, the weather cooperated, and the event was celebrated as a true team effort.

Councilwoman Reid – Canal Fest was extraordinarily successful, featuring strong community turnout, smooth operations, and positive feedback. The event highlighted local history with a ceremony honoring Revolutionary War soldiers at Amity Cemetery and celebrated community spirit. Appreciation was extended to town staff, volunteers, the organizing committee, Town Historian John Scherer, and committee chair George Donohue for their efforts.

George Donohue – Co-chair of the Canal Fest Committee, reported that the event was a major success, drawing over 1,000 attendees and coming in under budget. Funded through a Canal Corporation grant, town matching funds, and local sponsorships, the celebration featured activities across Vischer Ferry and strong community involvement. Thanking the Town Board, Canal Corporation, town departments, local businesses, volunteers, and committee members for their efforts, highlighting Councilwoman Reid and Town Historian John Scherer for their leadership and coordination.

Councilwoman Reid – Again expressed appreciation for the collaboration that made Canal Fest a success, highlighting the partnership and support of the New York State Canal Corporation, whose grant and assistance were instrumental in sponsoring the event.

Supervisor Barrett – Brian Stratton and the Canal Corporation team toured the Vischer Ferry Preserve to view recent maintenance and safety improvements, including trail and bridge work. The 700-acre preserve, maintained by Buildings and Grounds, continues to see heavy year-round use, and the town remains committed to its upkeep and enhancement.

John Scherer – The restored river view at the end of Ferry Drive recalls the area's historic appearance and was highlighted during the *Seneca Chief* visit, when a cannon salute celebrated the occasion and the community's ongoing improvements.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 226 of 2025, a resolution approving award recommendations from the Community Action Fund.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 46 of 2019, the Town Board established the Community Action Fund Committee to offer opportunities to back non-profit community programs and organizations that support people of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 92 of 2019, the Town Board approved the criteria for selecting and granting awards, which may range from a minimum of $250 to a maximum of $1,000, and funding is generated by the donation of bottles and cans redeemed for a deposit, and

WHEREAS, applications for Community Action Fund grants were received by September 30, 2025 and on October 14, 2025, the Community Action Fund Committee, consisting of Supervisor Barrett, Councilwoman Walowit, and Community Members met to review all applications and make recommendations to award the funds totaling $12,200; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase A-2706 (General Fund - Community Action Fund Contributions) in the amount of $12,200 and to issue checks totaling $12,200, per the attached memorandum, to be paid with increasing A-7309-76 (General Fund - Community Programs - Community Action Fund).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 227 of 2025, a resolution authorizing payment to Precision Trenchless LLC for emergency stormwater repairs.

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

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Dahn Bull, notified the Town Board in a memorandum dated July 14, 2025, of emergency work needing to be completed at the Bass Pro Shops, 400 Clifton Park Center Road, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board relayed no concerns with the emergency work being performed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section §103(4), this incident was an emergency due to the fact that "the life, health, safety, or property of the inhabitants of a political subdivision or district therein, require immediate action

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull submitted a voucher for the amount of $32,503 to be paid to Precision Trenchless LLC for emergency pipe repair before the grand opening of the store; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the payment to Precision Trenchless, as detailed in the voucher attached, to be paid from DA-5110-037 (Highway – Paving – Sliplining).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 228 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to hire Robert Razzano, Jr. as a Motor Equipment Operators (MEO) in the Highway Department.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS, after the resignation of Charles Roney, an opening exists in the Highway Department for an MEO, and

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

Name	License Type	Address
Robert Razzano, Jr.	Class B	Troy, NY

and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Razzano has a Class B Driver's License, with two years of experience driving large commercial vehicles, as well as showing knowledge of many operations of a Highway Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the hiring of Robert Razzano, Jr.as a Motor Equipment Operator at Grade 5, Step 1, at a yearly salary of $58,318 at a rate of $27.93/hr., and effective at a start date no earlier than Tuesday, October 21, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer funds as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 229 of 2025, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to obtain comment regarding the 2026 Preliminary Budget, and

WHEREAS, salaries of the town's elected officials as proposed are attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to consider the 2026 Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish appropriate notice of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 230 of 2025, a resolution accepting a quote from Graybar for five (5) new streetlights, with five (5) new arms for the lights, to be installed at five (5) Town intersections.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, has received quotes for new streetlights at the following five (5) Town intersections:

- Tanner Road & Vista Court
- Clifton Park Center Road & Emerald Terrace
- Main Street & Prospect Point Lane
- Grooms Road & Penfield Drive
- Longkill Road & Placid Pines Court

and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §103(16), municipalities are authorized to purchase materials, equipment, supplies and services through publicly bid contracts of another political state of political subdivision thereof, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, MO, has entered into a master agreement #EV2370, through a competitively bid RFP process undertaken by Omnia Partners', a purchasing cooperative accessed through their technology platform Opus, and

WHEREAS, Graybar, 2 Werner Road, Halfmoon, NY has submitted the lowest quote for the streetlight installation project, under Omnia Contract #EV2370, at a cost not to exceed $6,830, as detailed in the attached proposal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached proposal from Graybar, Halfmoon, NY, for five (5) new streetlights and five (5) arms for the lights, at a cost not

to exceed $6,830, to be paid from account SL-5182-200 (Lighting District – Lighting – Equipment) to be transferred from SL-5182-5 (Lighting District – Lighting District – Utilities).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – Clifton Park purchased and converted about 6,000 streetlights to LED, reducing energy used by 60% and saving money. While the program has been remarkably effective, getting utility approval for new lights has been slow. John Scavo has worked to improve that process, and Dan's team now monitors and fixes outages quickly through a tablet system, making maintenance faster and more efficient.

Resolution No. 231 of 2025, a resolution authorizing conversion work on one (1) Buildings & Ground Vehicle to install a dump body, side, and tail gates, etc. per the quotation.

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Buildings & Grounds requested quotations for conversion work on the department's F-550 diesel truck, and

WHEREAS, T&T Body/King Inc. submitted the low quote for the conversion work on the vehicle, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, recommends that T&T Body/King Inc., 411 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, N.Y. 12110 be authorized to do the conversion work as low bidder, for the amount not to exceed $16,318; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that T&T Body/King Inc., 411 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, N.Y. 12110 is authorized to do the conversion work on one (1) Buildings & Grounds vehicle, as outlined in the attached, in an amount not to exceed $16,318, to be paid from A-7110-200 (General Fund – Buildings & Grounds – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Daniel Clemens – The Town will replace the rusted dump body on its 2017 F-550 salt truck with a durable stainless-steel one from T&T, the lowest bidder. The new body can be reused on another truck in the future, saving costs, and installation is planned before winter.

Resolution No. 232 of 2025 a resolution authorizing the hiring of a Laborer for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a Laborer in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, has advised that Arietta Williams, Hagaman, NY, is qualified and recommended that she be hired to fill the full-time position as advertised; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Arietta Williams as a Laborer for Buildings and Grounds at Grade 3, Step 1, $47,272 annually, effective November 3, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED that Comptroller is authorized to transfer $7,800 from A-07110-E6045, (General Fund – Buildings & Grounds – Z. DiRenzo) to A-07110-Exxx, (General Fund – Buildings & Grounds – Employee), as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – Arietta has been a seasonal employee in Buildings and Grounds, a program that successfully trains and prepares workers for potential full-time positions.

Daniel Clemens – Arietta has worked for the town as a seasonal employee. She started with us through Saratoga County Youth, a program that effectively prepares employees for full-time roles. Looking forward to welcoming her to our department.

Resolution No. 233 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the installation of new carpeting in the Town Court courtroom and NY State Police locker rooms of the Public Safety Building.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks, and Recreation, advises that the carpet tiles and cove base in the Town Court courtroom and in the NY State Police men's and women's locker rooms, both at the Public Safety Building, are in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens recommends that Northeast Commercial Interiors, Watervliet, NY, be authorized to supply and install the flooring in the Town Court courtroom and NY State Police locker rooms, for an amount not to exceed $5,872 and $7,799, respectively, both under state contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the replacement of existing carpet tiles and cove base in the Town Court courtroom and NY State Police locker rooms of the Public Safety Building, is awarded to Northeast Commercial Interiors, Watervliet, NY, at a cost not to exceed $5,872 and $7,799, respectively, under NYS Contracts #PC70142 and #PC69412, to be paid from A-1621-200 (General Fund - Public Safety Building – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – The State Police requested assistance from the Town. Clifton Park has long provided space for the New York State Police at the Public Safety Building on Maxwell Dr., where about 25-30 troopers are stationed.

Daniel Clemens – The last section of the State Police barracks at the Public Safety Building is

getting new carpet to replace the original flooring from 1999. The update is overdue and is being done through a state contract by firm that has completed similar work for the Town.

Supervisor Barrett – Because of the project's location, there will be some short-term inconvenience, but the work area is small and should be completed quickly. The State Police will be given two to three weeks' notice to prepare for minor disruptions once materials are ready.

Resolution No. 234 of 2025, a resolution awarding the Clifton Park Tree Inventory and Community Forestry Management Plan project to Davey Resource Group.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Manir.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 9 of 2025, the Supervisor was authorized to execute the master grant contract through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Urban and Community Forestry grant program, for a grant budget in the amount of $65,000, with no local match required, and

WHEREAS, the Town conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a professional forestry consultant to conduct a Town Tree Inventory and Community Forestry Management Plan, and a selection committee rated Davey Resource Group as the top candidate of the four (4) RFP's received, and

WHEREAS, the proposal is an estimate based on the number of trees to be counted. The current proposal is $63,512 based on a counting of 7,800 trees, and

WHEREAS, the grant is in excess of the proposal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement with Davey Resource Group, attached, to conduct a Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan for the Town, to be paid with funds received from the NYS DEC Urban and Community Forestry Grant previously awarded to the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase revenues from NYS- A-3089 by $65,000 and increase by $65,000 in A-08510-00015 (General Fund – Community Beautification – Other Contractual); and be it further

RESOLVED, that if the cost of the report based on the tree count is in excess of the grant, that a resolution will be prepared by the Town Board to cover any additional costs.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Morelli – The Town received a DEC grant to hire a forestry consultant. After reviewing four bids, Davie Resource Group was chosen for its experience, qualification, and value. The will help advance the Tree Committee's work and the Town's tree management plan.

Resolution No. 235 of 2025, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to execute a NY SWIMS 2026 Grant Application and Local Match for the Barney Road Pool Liner replacement project.

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

WHEREAS, the Town acquired the Barney Road Pool and Community Center in December 1999 from a private entity, for operating and maintaining the outdoor swimming main pool, a diving pool, and a splash pool since that time, open annually, during the swimming season, and

WHEREAS, the Town conducted a Town-Wide Recreation public planning process, and adopted the Recreation Plan in 2008, that showed that the Town has approximately 6,900 square feet of public pool space compared to 27,515 square feet as recommended by the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, has determined that the condition of the Barney Road Pool facility warrants replacement pool liners and any applicable restoration, and

WHEREAS, the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming Initiative (NY SWIMS) 2026 Grant Program is accepting applications until October 30, 2025, for an 80% state grant funding to be matched with 20% local funding, which the town is eligible to apply for towards these capital improvements. The Town, if awarded, would be required to pay-in-the-first-instance, for what is a reimbursement-based grant program, and

WHEREAS, the Town planned for and requested the professional engineering firm of Barton & Loguidice to provide the Town with an Opinion of Probable Construction Cost of $775,000 in August 2025 for replacing the pool liners and restoring the concrete pools as needed, and

WHEREAS, the Town has financial resources to be able to support a future grant contract award with a local match, based on the Town's Annual Financial Report; and

WHEREAS, if the Town is awarded said state grant, the net local match for the grant budget would be $155,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute the grant application materials and Town Staff to prepare the NY SWIMS 2026 grant application and all necessary documentation required for submission by the grant deadline.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett – The Town plans to replace the final aging pool liner at Barney Road, following previous replacements at Locust Lane and Country Knolls. A New York SWIMS grant was submitted to help offset the high cost, and the project is expected to be completed within the next few years. The pools remain valuable recreational assets for thousands of residents and visitors. Thanks to Dan Clemens and our Engineers.

Resolution No. 236 of 2025, a resolution authorizing alcoholic beverages to be served at a gathering to be held at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center on November 1, 2025.

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

WHEREAS, the Pokingbrook Dance Team is hosting an event on Saturday, November 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a request has been received from Larry Syzdek, a representative for the Pokingbrook Dance Team, for permission to serve alcohol in the form of beer and/or wine at the event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Larry Syzdek and the Pokingbrook Dance Team are hereby authorized to serve beer and/or wine at a gathering at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center on November 1, 2025, from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. consistent with the terms of the permit application received in the office of the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Reid – Registration is still open for the Car Care Basics for Adults program taking place on Saturday, October 25th. Interested participants can register on the Town's website. No further business was brought before the board.

Councilman Manir - Expressed appreciation to the entire team that worked on the Canal Fest for their excellent planning, organization, and participation in making the event a success, including those who worked behind the scenes.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Chad Gregory – Thanked the Town Board for supporting CAPTAIN Human Services and outlined efforts to improve coordination between CAPTAIN's and the Town's senior transportation programs. He identified communication gaps and proposed adopting RideScheduler, an affordable, user-friendly software to streamline ride scheduling and coordination. He asked the Town to consider funding the system, emphasizing its significant benefits for seniors' independence and well-being.

Supervisor Barrett – The Town's senior transportation program uses both buses and a smaller van to provide cost-effective rides, reducing wear on larger vehicles. It operates smoothly through coordination between dispatchers and drivers. CAPTAIN's volunteer program, started by Carolyn, complement these efforts, providing about 55,000 miles of rides for seniors through community volunteers. We could coordinate between the town programs to avoid duplicated scheduling and increase efficiency, possibly be using RideScheduler. Training on the App, GPS, planning would be needed. This would be a cost-effective solution and possibly pulling Halfmoon into the loop could further reduce scheduling conflicts.

Councilman Manir – Asked if there was a formal proposal be prepared outlining the details of the recommended software. Emphasizing the importance of ensuring data security and privacy, given the sensitive personal information involved in senior transportation services. Noting that any new system must comply with government standards and legal requirements for handling personal data. The proposal should address these concerns and explain how the software integrates securely within the Town's operations before any implementation proceeds.

Supervisor Barrett – Stated we would need a detailed town-specific proposal outlining how the software would integrate with existing technology and comply with all data privacy and security requirements. Noting the project is still in initial stages and thanking Chad for the update and commitment to developing the plan.

Councilman Morelli – agrees that investing in technology like RideScheduler could improve efficiency and service for seniors, similar to past successful upgrades in Parks and Recreation. Emphasizing ensuring security and compliance but viewed the proposal as timely and promising, especially with budget discussions underway.

Janet Byrne – Raised safety concerns about the Wall Street and Clifton Country Road crosswalk, citing speeding traffic, poor visibility of crosswalk signals from overgrown trees, and confusing signal lights that face drivers instead of pedestrians. Stating the area remains unsafe despite prior upgrades and urged the Town to improve visibility, signage, and enforcement of speed to protect pedestrians, especially seniors.

Supervisor Barrett and John Scavo – discussed possible improvements to the Wall Street and Clifton Country Road crosswalk following Janet Byrne's concerns. Explaining that the blinking beacon timing is se according to New York State DOT standards based on roadway length and vehicle speed, so altering it would require a new traffic engineering study. Suggestion was made

to explore whether an additional visual or audible module could be attached to the existing beacon such as a side-facing or sound-based indicator to help pedestrians know when the light is active. Worth researching as a potential enhancement while maintaining compliance with state safety standards. Suggestion was also made to have Dan Clemens look at cutting back the trees so beacons would be seen, if necessary, the removal of the tree(s) and lower plantings placed for better view.

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 8:42 PM

Stephanie Ranze
Town Clerk