TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD
August 18, 2026

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
Councilwoman Bellamy
Councilman Fantini
Councilman Manir
Councilwoman Reid
Town Clerk Fantini

Also Present: Town Attorney Dailey
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Director of Parks, Buildings & Recreation
Norah Hoefer, Communications and Technology Coordinator
John Scavo, Planning & Zoning Director
Dahn Bull, Superintendent of Highways
Walter Smead Town Assessor
Wade Schoenborn Director of Building & Development
Megan Babendreier Director of Parks & Recreation

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilwoman Reid seconded by Councilman Manir to approve the Town Board minutes of the July 21, 2026 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Abstain: None

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Bellamy shared highlights from the annual report of the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway Coalition. She described the byway's connection to the Mohawk River, the region's Native American history and traditions, and the importance of peace and cooperation. She noted that the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway is celebrating its 21st anniversary and has received numerous national awards, serving as an example to other scenic byways. Councilwoman Bellamy said she appreciated the report and the reflection on the byway's history, significance, and hopes for the future.

Councilwoman Reid announced that the 2026–2027 Fall/Winter Recreation Booklet has been mailed to Town residents and is also available at the Parks and Recreation office. She highlighted several new programs, including an adult kickball league, adult trail walking programs, Adventure Challenge Family Climb evenings, martial arts for teens and adults, and the new Harvest Hustle event scheduled for September 26 at Town Center Park. Councilwoman Reid also noted that the summer Performing Arts program at Clifton Common is winding down. The next performance will be the family-friendly Mr. Twisty show on August 19 at 7:00 p.m., followed by the final concert of the season, featuring Skeeter Creek on August 27 at 7:00 p.m. She encouraged residents to attend the remaining events.

Councilman Fantini noted that the previous Town Board meeting was canceled due to National Night Out. He said the event was a success and provided an opportunity for residents to meet and recognize the Town's first responders and others who serve the community.

Supervisor Barrett reported that the Town's camp and pool season is winding down, while the golf course will remain open, weather permitting. He commended the lifeguards and counselors for their work throughout the season and praised the Parks and Recreation Department for successfully managing the programs and addressing the various challenges that arose. He thanked the staff for their efforts and dedication throughout the summer.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 7:08 p.m.

Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive addressed Resolution 20, which would transfer the Town's only remaining tenured Deputy Town Clerk to another department. She urged the Board to carefully consider the impact of the transfer on the Town Clerk's Office and residents, noting the importance of continuity, institutional knowledge, and experienced staff in carrying out the office's responsibilities. She expressed concern that the transfer would leave the office with three inexperienced employees and asked what safeguards or plans are in place to address the loss of experience and maintain the level of service to residents. Ms. Hugg emphasized that her comments were not intended to criticize any individual employee but to raise concerns about staffing and continuity. She also questioned the difference between the position's posted salary of approximately $66,740 and the starting salary of $72,897 identified in Resolution 20. She urged the Board to consider these issues before approving the resolution.

Supervisor Barrett acknowledged the concerns raised regarding the proposed employee transfer and agreed that such decisions require careful consideration. He stated that when an employee moves from one department to another, the Town should evaluate the impact on the employee's current department, as well as the potential benefits to the receiving department. He emphasized the importance of considering what may be lost and gained through the transfer and agreed that these factors should be carefully evaluated.

Damara Fredette of Usher Road addressed Resolution 13 concerning the proposed banning of Flock cameras. She noted that a public hearing on the matter is scheduled for September 15 but stated that she would be unable to attend. She encouraged the Board to carefully consider all aspects of the proposal, particularly concerning where camera data is sent, with whom it is shared, and where the information is stored. She emphasized that these privacy and data-management concerns are significant and should not be overlooked or considered solely for financial reasons.

Councilwoman Reid thanked Ms. Fredette and noted that, even if she is unable to attend the public informational meeting, she may submit written comments to the Town Clerk's Office to be read into the record.

Paul Wiger of Route 146A addressed the Board regarding New York State legislation providing property and school tax exemptions for certain 100% disabled Veterans. He acknowledged that the issue may be controversial due to the potential impact on tax revenue but expressed his support for the exemption, noting that he believes the Town has a strong tax base and that residents would support assisting Veterans. Mr. Wiger spoke on behalf of Veterans generally and emphasized the significance of military service. He shared that he is a Marine Corps Veteran who served in Vietnam, was wounded in service, and received a Purple Heart. He noted his understanding that another Town Board meeting on the matter would be scheduled.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he had introduced a resolution to schedule a public hearing regarding the New York State Veterans' tax exemption program. He explained that the public hearing is the first step in the process and that the program's eligibility requirements are established by New York State. He expressed his hope that the Town Board would approve the measure following the public hearing. Supervisor Barrett also noted that, in his capacity as Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, he introduced a similar resolution at the County level, where a public hearing will also be held. He explained that each taxing jurisdiction must independently opt into the program in order to provide the exemption to eligible Veterans. He noted that the Town-level tax savings may be limited due to the Town's low tax rate, while eligible Veterans could realize additional savings through the County exemption.

Mr. Wiger acknowledged that the legislation initially proposed a mandatory exemption but was subsequently made discretionary for local taxing jurisdictions. He noted that some municipalities have expressed concern about the loss of tax revenue but stated that, in his view, the financial impact would be relatively small when considered on a per-resident basis.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the maximum estimated impact on County tax revenue would be approximately 0.2%, noting that the actual impact could ultimately be lower.

Mr. Wiger asked whether there was optimism that the matter might move forward.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the matter is expected to move forward at the county level, noting that it has widespread support among his colleagues. He expressed hope that the Town Board would also support it.

Mr. Wiger expressed his support, stating that Veterans, particularly those who are 100% disabled, deserve all the benefits available to them. He also spoke positively about the Veterans Administration hospital in Albany and the quality of health care he receives there.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Mr. Wiger for his military service and acknowledged that, although he also served, he did not experience the same extent of service or lasting issues. He expressed his appreciation and offered his blessings to Mr. Wiger.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane thanked Supervisor Barrett for the Veterans' exemption resolution and noted that several Clifton Park residents, including disabled Veteran homeowners, had asked whether the Town would consider the option. She then asked about notary services available through the Town Clerk's Office and whether the Deputy Town Clerk would be replaced.

Town Clerk Fantini confirmed that there are other notaries available in the Clerk's Office. She also stated that the Clerk's office plans to replace the departing staff member, noting that she will be difficult to replace due to her strong performance, while expressing support for her as she moves on to a new opportunity.

Supervisor Barrett encouraged residents to be aware that the County will also be holding a public hearing on the Veterans' exemption. He invited anyone wishing to provide comments to send him an email or note, which he would share with his colleagues. He added that he does not anticipate significant opposition at the County level.

No one else wished to heard.

Public Privilege closed at 7:20 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Matt Liponis, Esq., related to a request for relief from solar moratorium

Supervisor Barrett introduced Matt Liponis of Hudson Ross, who was present to discuss relief from the solar moratorium for a submitted project. He noted that he did not recall the date the project was submitted.

Matt Liponis stated that he believed the project was submitted sometime in July and then prepared to begin his presentation.

Olivia Sprontro identified herself as being with Nexamp and clarified that Matt Liponis was representing the company.

Supervisor Barrett asked for confirmation that Ms. Sprontro was with the solar company.

Olivia Sprontro confirmed that was correct.

Olivia Sprontro, Development Manager with Nexamp, provided background on the company and presented a proposed 4-megawatt AC community solar project at 234 Sugar Hill Road. She

explained that the project would occupy approximately 19 acres of a 40-acre parcel and connect to National Grid's overhead lines, with the electricity sold at a discount to local low- and moderate-income customers. Ms. Sprontro requested relief from the solar moratorium enacted in June, stating that Nexamp had been actively developing the project for several months before the moratorium. She noted that the project had undergone engineering and utility studies with National Grid and that Nexamp had invested approximately $130,000 in transformer equipment to preserve eligibility for federal tax credits. She explained that the project must be placed in service by the end of 2030 to retain those tax credits and expressed concern that the moratorium, permitting process, construction schedule, and potential utility interconnection delays could prevent the project from meeting that deadline. She therefore asked the Town Board to consider granting relief from the moratorium.

Matt Liponis thanked the Town Board and provided an overview of the public utility variance standard as it applies to variances and moratoria. He discussed the legal history of the standard, including the *Consolidated Edison v. Hoffman* case, and explained that New York courts have subsequently applied the standard to public utilities. Mr. Liponis referenced a 2024 Third Department decision, *Freepoint*, which he stated established that solar facilities qualify as public utilities and are therefore subject to a less restrictive zoning review standard. He noted that the application of this standard to moratoria is still being litigated and that no appellate decision has yet been issued on that issue. He outlined three factors for the Town Board to consider: whether the facility is a public necessity required to provide safe and adequate service; whether the project would have minimal impacts on the surrounding community; and whether constructing the project at the proposed location with the requested relief is more feasible than constructing it without the relief. Mr. Liponis noted that the applicant had submitted a detailed application of approximately 235 pages and offered to provide additional information to assist the Board in its deliberations.

Supervisor Barrett questioned whether the application had been submitted after the solar moratorium was enacted.

Matt Liponis confirmed that the application was submitted after the solar moratorium was enacted and noted that the moratorium contains a provision allowing for a hardship waiver.

Supervisor Barrett clarified that even if an applicant is subject to the moratorium, they may still appear before the Planning Board and continue the review process.

Matt Liponis clarified that the current moratorium does not allow the project to proceed before the Planning Board. He explained that, if a moratorium waiver is granted, the applicant could then move forward with the Planning Board review based on the current plan.

Supervisor Barrett stated that, in his view, the applicant would be able to proceed before the Planning Board at their own risk, with the understanding that the moratorium could still affect the application.

Matt Liponis said that the applicant would be willing to proceed before the Planning Board, but that, after seeing the moratorium enacted, they wanted to formally submit a hardship waiver and proceed through that process. He indicated that the goal was to move the project forward while addressing the moratorium's requirements. Matt Liponis emphasized that the applicant would prefer to proceed through the proper process rather than risk going before the Planning Board only to be told that the moratorium prevents the project from moving forward. He reiterated that they therefore wanted to submit a hardship waiver to the Town Board first.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the applicant could continue making progress before the Planning Board during the moratorium but cautioned that any changes to the rules could affect the application and that proceeding during the moratorium would be at the applicant's own risk. He indicated that continuing the Planning Board process would not guarantee that the project could ultimately proceed under the current regulations.

Matt Liponis noted that, under New York State law, regulations can change during the course of a project. He contrasted New York with Texas, where he stated that an interconnection agreement generally subjects a project to the laws in effect when the agreement was executed.

He emphasized that, in New York, obtaining an interconnection agreement does not necessarily protect a project from subsequent changes in applicable laws or regulations.

Supervisor Barrett stated that he was familiar with the latest New York State Court of Appeals decision and the current state of New York law regarding where renewable energy projects may be sited and the requirements governing their siting.

Matt Liponis concluded that the applicant wanted to make a formal presentation and place its position on the record. He stated that they were available to answer any additional questions and were willing to return at the following month's meeting if necessary. He acknowledged that the Town Board would need to make its determination on the record during a public session.

Supervisor Barrett advised the applicant that, in his view, the best course would be to pursue the process necessary to eliminate the moratorium's applicability to the project. He encouraged the applicant to seek relief so that the project would no longer be subject to the moratorium. New York State guidance recognizes that moratorium laws may include a process for property owners to seek waivers or other relief.

Councilwoman Reid asked whether the portion of the property outlined in red is currently being actively farmed, noting that the image provided was too small to clearly determine the land's current use.

Olivia Sprontro explained that the property contains two cleared areas. The larger, approximately five-acre area is not currently being farmed, and the landowner has unsuccessfully sought farmers to lease the property for nearly a decade. The smaller, approximately three-acre area is currently leased and used to grow corn, although previous attempts to grow other crops have had limited success. She stated that the landowner had also pursued various state programs and tax-relief options related to maintaining the property as farmland but had been denied several forms of assistance, leading her to view the proposed solar facility as one of the few viable options for continuing to own the property. Ms. Sprontro also described measures included in the application to address the agricultural character of the property and the Town's open-space goals. These included maintaining existing tree-line screening within the property boundaries, complying with New York State Department of Agriculture development guidelines, protecting and retaining topsoil, and implementing required erosion and stormwater controls. She further proposed planting pollinator-friendly and nitrogen-fixing vegetation beneath the solar modules, avoiding herbicides and pesticides, and using sheep for vegetation management. She stated that the project would also comply with applicable stormwater and erosion-control requirements.

Matt Liponis emphasized the agrivoltaics approach proposed for the project, explaining that the solar panels would be elevated above the ground while sheep would graze throughout the property for vegetation management. He noted that, over time, this approach can improve soil health through grazing and the use of a pollinator seed mix containing flowering plants, which can also support bees and other pollinators. He added that, based on his experience with solar development projects throughout New York State, this type of proposal is not standard and represents an effort to go above and beyond typical practices. He characterized the project as maintaining the property's agricultural character by combining sheep grazing with solar generation.

Councilwoman Bellamy asked whether the applicant has a plan to ensure that the trees planted for screening survive and remain healthy, noting that she has observed other solar farms where closely planted screening trees have died.

Matt Liponis explained that the project would retain the existing natural vegetation around the property, rather than relying solely on newly planted screening trees. He noted that there may be a few limited areas where additional work or vegetation could be necessary.

Olivia Sprontro explained that the applicant intends to maintain the existing natural screening around the solar facility and noted that she had already requested a correction to the screening line shown on a future plan. She stated that additional screening may not be necessary given the existing vegetation and the proposed access arrangement. Ms. Sprontro added that, if the Town requires additional screening, the applicant would work with the Town on the appropriate species, spacing, and watering plan, taking into account the season in which the plantings occur.

She noted that newly planted mature trees can sometimes die when planted during inappropriate conditions, particularly in the summer.

Supervisor Barrett stated that screening and related site-design matters are under the purview of the Planning Board, and therefore the Town Board did not need to address those issues at this time.

Councilwoman Reid asked whether the applicant currently owns sheep for the proposed operation or whether maintaining sheep on the property would be a requirement or stipulation of the project.

Olivia Sprontro clarified that the applicant does not currently own sheep. She explained that they generally work with local sheep herders for vegetation management and have used this approach on other projects. She indicated that they believe sheep grazing would be a suitable option for this site and that the scope of the sheep-grazing program could be expanded as appropriate.

Attorney Dailey asked what the applicant expected from the Town in terms of a response or action following the presentation.

Matt Liponis stated that he did not necessarily expect the Town Board to make a decision that evening. He noted that any determination would need to be made in a public forum and suggested that the Board could defer its decision until the following month, depending on how the Board wished to proceed. He acknowledged that the Board could vote that evening if it chose to do so, but emphasized that the applicant was not pressuring the Board to make an immediate decision.

Supervisor Barrett summarized that, while the applicant would prefer a decision as soon as possible, he cautioned that the process should not be unnecessarily delayed.

Councilwoman Reid noted that the Town Board had recently approved the formation of a Solar Moratorium Steering Committee, with its first meeting scheduled for the following day. She stated that the proposed project would likely be discussed with that committee, as well as the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Committee, because the property is located within a prime agricultural district in Clifton Park. She added that both committees include volunteers and subject-matter experts whose input would likely be valuable to the Board in considering the application.

Matt Liponis stated that the applicant would be happy to participate in discussions with the Town's committees. He noted that representatives from Nexamp have extensive experience with solar projects, including approximately 1,500 megawatts of projects, and offered their expertise to assist the Town with its consideration of solar development issues.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 243 of 2026, a resolution awarding the contract for the replacement of the roof at the Country Knolls (Burning Bush) Clubhouse and authorize a transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance.

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

WHEREAS, sealed bids for the Country Knolls Clubhouse were opened on July 7, 2026, and

WHEREAS, James A. Edgar Co., Inc. of Scotia, NY, submitted the lowest conforming bid of $151,300, and

WHEREAS, KB Engineering, P.C. has reviewed the submitted sealed bids and has determined that James A. Edgar Co. Inc. is qualified to do the work for which they submitted a bid, and finds the price to be reasonable and justified for the work involved, and therefore recommends awarding the contract to James A. Edgar Co. Inc., and

WHEREAS, the available amount in A-01626-00200, (General Fund – Burning Bush Clubhouse – Equipment) is $98,800, leaving a shortfall of $52,500; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the contract for the replacement of the roof at the Country Knolls (Burning Bush) Clubhouse to James A. Edgar Co. Inc., as per the attached documents, in an amount not to exceed $151,300, to be paid from A-1626-200 (General Fund – Burning Bush Clubhouse – Equipment), with a transfer of $52,500 from A-00914 (General Fund – Unassigned Fund Balance) to A-1626-200 (General Fund – Highway Garage – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett reported that the roof has reached, or possibly slightly exceeded, its useful life. Although repairs were made the previous year, he stated that the roof should now be replaced. He emphasized the importance of maintaining the building, noting that it is an important public facility and community space.

Resolution No. 244 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) enclosed equipment trailers for use by the Buildings & Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, solicited quotes for the purchase of three (3) 8.5-foot by 20-foot enclosed trailers for use by property maintenance crew in the Buildings & Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, quotes were received from three sources for the trailers, and Trailer King of Poughkeepsie, NY submitted the lowest quote for the three (3) trailers, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens has advised that the three (3) 8.5-foot by 20-foot V-nose enclosed trailers, with 10,000 Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) 7-foot interior height, will meet the needs of the Buildings & Grounds department and are available from Trailer King, Poughkeepsie, NY; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to purchase three (3) enclosed equipment trailers, as detailed in the attached quote sheet and quote, from Trailer King, Poughkeepsie, NY, in an amount not to exceed $29,463, to be paid from A-7110-200 (General Fund – Buildings & Grounds – Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 245 of 2026, a resolution declaring a public emergency pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(4) for the replacement of the inbound gate assembly at the Clifton Park Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2026, a tractor trailer entering the Transfer Station hit the entry gate resulting in the need for the entire inbound gate to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Police were called to the accident and Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation, has the NYS Police Collision Information Exchange Form, attached, to submit to Selective Insurance Company of America, and

WHEREAS, Section 103(4) of the NYS General Municipal Law provides that in cases of an emergency situation arising from unforeseen circumstances affecting public property or the health or safety of the public, the Town Board may authorize the purchase of service, material and equipment without competitive bids, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens contacted AFSCO Fence Supply Co., Inc. for the replacement entry gate unit, pursuant to an invoice for $15,600.00 dated July 22, 2026, attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that the resulting damage to the Clifton Park Transfer Station entry gate unit, as determined on July 17, 2026, constitutes an emergency for procurement purposes under Section 103(4) of General Municipal Law, and be it further

RESOLVED that Mr. Clemens is authorized to engage AFSCO Fence Supply Co., Inc, Queensbury, NY, for the supply and installation of the new entry gate unit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to pay the amount of $15,600.00 to AFSCO Fence Supply Co., Inc., from A-8160-200 (General Fund – Solid Waste Management – CTS Equipment), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase revenues, A-02680 (Insurance Recoveries) and increase expenditures A-8160-200 by $15,600.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett explained that a waste company truck entered the Town's transfer station even though it was apparently intended for another facility near Route 9 and Usher's Road. He stated that the truck was a large trailer used for the company's transfer station and had apparently missed its intended turn. Supervisor Barrett noted that there are two waste companies in the Route 9/Usher's Road area but did not identify the company involved.

Resolution No. 246 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the replacement of the pool liner at the Barney Road Pool.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 220 of 2025, the Town Board authorized Barton & Loguidice to prepare job specifications and bid documents for the project, and to advertise for sealed bids, which were opened on July 9, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Main Line Commercial Pools, Inc. submitted the lowest conforming bid in the amount of $405,807 for the project, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice has recommended that Main Line Commercial Pools, Inc. be authorized to replace the pool liner, for an amount not to exceed $405,807; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the pool liner replacement of the Barney Road Pool is awarded to Main Line Commercial Pools, Inc., King of Prussia, PA, at a cost not to exceed $405,807, with a transfer from Unassigned Balance of the General Fund to A-7150-200 (General Fund – Barney Road Pool – Equipment); and be it, further

RESOLVED, that Barton & Loguidice is authorized to issue a notice to proceed to Main Line Commercial Pools, Inc. for the acquisition of materials and supplies necessary for the project, which will begin after the close of the 2026 pool season.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett explained that the Barney Road Pool was scheduled to be the next pool to receive a new liner, following recent relining projects at the Burning Bush and Locust pools. Based on prior assessments, the Barney Road liner was approaching the end of its useful life, and the Town had planned ahead to avoid an unexpected failure that could result in the pool being unusable. Supervisor Barrett stated that engineering and bid preparations began the previous year, and the Town has now received a bid for the work. He noted that only a limited number of companies perform this specialized work, making the bidding pool relatively small. He emphasized that the timing is important, as materials must be ordered and work should begin as soon as possible after the current pool season, with additional work completed in the spring to meet the targeted late-May opening. Although the liner has performed well during the current season, Supervisor Barrett said the Town does not want to extend its useful life too far. Starting the process now should allow sufficient time to complete the relining, fill and prepare the pool, and have Barney Road Pool ready for opening day next season.

Resolution No. 247 of 2026, a resolution approving renewal of an agreement for GPS software for Town Vehicles from State Contract.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 212 of 2025, the Town Board authorized a contract with Samsara Inc. for GPS services for Town vehicles in Buildings and Grounds, Security, and Highway, pursuant to an existing state contract, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, recommends renewing the agreement with Samsara Inc., pursuant to NYS Contract PM69845, at a total cost not to exceed $14,472; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached one-year contract with Samsara Inc. for GPS services, at an annual cost of $14,472, pursuant to NYS Contract PM69845, to be paid from the following accounts: $6,432 from A-7110-004 (General Fund – Buildings & Grounds - Computers), $1,005 from A-3120-004 from (General Fund – Law Enforcement – Computers) and $7,035 from A-5132-004 (General Fund – Highway Garage – Computers).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that the proposal would continue the Town's GPS service with Samsara. He noted that the Town switched to the service provider approximately one year ago and that the service has been better than the previous provider while also being offered at an attractive price. Barrett recommended continuing the service.

Resolution No. 248 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement for professional land surveying services for the 32-acre Riverview Field acquisition, partially funded by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Environmental Protection Fund (OPRHP/EPF) Grant program.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 274 of 2025, authorized the Supervisor to enter into a contract for the purchase of 32.31 acres of land on Riverview Road, Clifton Park, New York, and to allocate $15,000 for professional land surveying services related to the land purchase, and

WHEREAS, a Request for Quotes (RFQ) was issued and responses returned by July 10, 2026, and

WHEREAS, John Scavo, Director of Planning & Zoning, recommends Stratton Surveying P.L.L.C., New Hartford, NY, as lowest conforming quote, in an amount not to exceed $10,837; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement with Stratton Surveying P.L.L.C., New Hartford, NY, for professional land surveying services, in an amount not to exceed $10,837, to be paid from A-01940-00015, (General Fund – Other Town Payments – Other Contractual).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett discussed the Town's acquisition of approximately 32 acres on Riverview Road as an important open-space preservation effort. He noted that the Town has permanently preserved approximately 2,000 acres over the past several decades, although competition for land has increased in recent years, including from solar development. Supervisor Barrett explained that preserving open space through acquisition requires significant time and commitment from property owners who work with the Town toward having the land eventually become public property. He said the Riverview Road property represents a successful acquisition that has been discussed at several prior Town Board meetings. He stated that moving forward with the proposed measure would allow the Town to ensure it is comfortable with the property boundaries and other related details.

Resolution No. 249 of 2026, a bond resolution dated August 18, 2026, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed $337,000 serial bonds, to finance the cost of certain water system improvements in the Eastside Drive and Route 146A area of the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park on April 15, 2024 adopted Resolution 102 of 2024, a Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed $3,370,000

in serial bonds (the "Original Bond Resolution") to undertake the design, construction, and interconnection of certain pipes, valves, fire hydrants and related infrastructure for the distribution of public water for properties located in the Eastside Drive and Route 146A area of the Town (the "Project"), as described in the Preliminary Engineering Report, last revised August 2023, prepared by Prime AE Group, Engineers which is on file in the Town Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated maximum cost of the Project has increased to $3,707,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board now desires to authorize the expenditure and appropriation of additional funds in connection with the Project, and the issuance of additional serials bonds of the Town to finance such additional appropriations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park, Saratoga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Clifton Park, New York (the "Town") is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition, construction and installation of a water supply and distribution system for the distribution of public water for properties located in the Eastside Drive and Route 146A area of the Town, including but not limited to, the design, construction, and interconnection of certain pipes, valves, fire hydrants and related infrastructure, and the acquisition of machinery, equipment or apparatus required in connection therewith, at an estimated maximum cost of $3,707,000, constituting an increase of $337,000 over the estimated maximum cost authorized in the Original Bond Resolution.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is $3,707,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefore, and the plan for the financing thereof shall be as follows:

a) by the issuance of not to exceed $3,370,000 in serial bonds of the Town heretofore authorized to be issued pursuant to the Original Bond Resolution;

b) by the issuance of an additional not to exceed $337,000 in serial bonds (the "Bonds") of the Town which are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution and the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and

c) PROVIDED, HOWEVER, all Federal or State grant funds received for such objects or purposes shall be applied to reduce the amount borrowed for such purposes or to pay principal of, and interest on the serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds (the "Notes").

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty (40) years pursuant to subparagraph 1 of Section 11.00(a) of the Local Finance Law. The proposed maturity of the Bonds will be in excess of five years.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 107.00(d)(3)(a) of the Local Finance Law, current funds are not required to be provided prior to issuance of the Bonds or Notes.

Section 5. The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165:10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution.

Section 6. The Bonds and Notes shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the Bonds and Notes shall be general obligations of the Town payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Town without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be apportioned and assessed upon the several lots and parcels of land within a water district (the "District") to be formed by the Town, which District shall include all properties that the Town Board shall determine to be especially benefited by the capital purpose described in Section 1 of this resolution. Such assessment shall be in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and Notes, as the same becomes due and payable, but if not paid from such source, all the taxable real property in the Town

shall be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00 inclusive of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell Notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such Notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and Notes, and the power to sell and deliver the Bonds and Notes, and the power to sell and deliver the Bonds and Notes providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 8. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the Town's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the Bonds and Notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Department Regulation 1.150-2.

Section 9. The Bonds and Notes authorized to be issued by this resolution are hereby authorized to be consolidated, at the option of the Town Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer, with the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by other bond resolutions adopted by the Town Board for purposes of sale in one or more bond or note issues aggregating an amount not to exceed the amount authorized in such resolutions. All matters regarding the sale of the Bonds, including the dated date of the Bonds, the consolidation of the Bonds and Notes with other issues of the Town, and the serial maturities of the Bonds, are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 10. The Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, is further authorized to sell all or a portion of the Bonds and Notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC") and/or the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development ("Rural Development"), in the form prescribed in one or more financing, grant or similar agreements (the "Financing Agreements") between the Town and EFC and/or Rural Development; to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town one or more Financing Agreements with EFC and/or Rural Development, and to execute such other documents, and take such other actions, as are necessary or appropriate to obtain financing from the EFC and/or Rural Development for all- or a portion of the costs of the expenditures authorized by this Bond Resolution, and perform the Town's obligations under its Bonds and Notes delivered to EFC and/or Rural Development and under the Financing Agreements. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to seek grant funding from such New York State or federal grant programs deemed appropriate and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town one or more Financing Agreements with the appropriate entities/agencies and to execute such other documents, and take -such other actions, as are necessary or appropriate to obtain financing for all or a portion of the costs of the expenditures authorized by this Bond Resolution.

Section 11. The validity of the Bonds and Notes authorized by this resolution may be contested only if:

a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or

b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

c) (c) such obligations- are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 12. This resolution, or a summary thereof, shall be published in the official newspapers of the Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Town in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 13. The Town Supervisor, as chief fiscal officer of the Town, is hereby authorized to enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and Notes,

requiring the Town to provide secondary market disclosure as required by Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.

Section 14. The Town Board hereby determines that the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this resolution.

Section 15. This resolution is not subject to permissive referendum in accordance with Section 35.00(b)(2) of the Local Finance Law.

Section 16. This resolution shall take effect immediately; provided, however, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Bonds, Notes or other obligations of the Town shall be issued pursuant to this resolution until (I) the District has been duly established pursuant to all requirements of the New York State Town Law including, but not limited to, New York State Comptroller's approval of the District formation, if required under the Town Law, and (2) after the District has been duly established in accordance with the Town Law, the Town Board shall adopt an additional bond resolution that amends, restates and replaces the Original Bond Resolution and this resolution, to unconditionally authorize the issuance of the Town's Bonds and Notes for the objects or purposes described herein.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that the Board has been working for several months on the East Side Drive water project, including pursuing grant funding and completing the necessary financial steps required by the grant. He explained that these steps would ensure the Town has the financial elements in place to proceed if the grant is awarded.

Supervisor Barrett then entertained a motion to dispense with the remainder of the reading of the resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

All Ayes None opposed. Motion carried.

No one wished to heard.

Resolution No. 250 of 2026, a resolution to approve an engineering agreement for design, bid assistance, construction and inspection phases of the Highway Department’s Salt Shed roof replacement project.

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

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull, Highway Superintendent, wishes to engage K.B. Engineering, P.C. engineering services for the roof replacement project, and

WHEREAS, K.B. Engineering, P.C. submitted a proposal, attached, offering to provide comprehensive engineering design and construction management services in an amount of $46,540.00, and

WHEREAS, K.B. Engineering, P.C. has provided similar engineering services on numerous projects that have been successfully completed within the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached proposal submitted by K.B. Engineering, P.C. for the design, bid assistance, construction and inspection services for the Highway Department’s Salt Shed roof replacement project; and

be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer $46,540 from A-914 (Unassigned Fund Balance) to A-05132-00135 (General Fund – Highway Garage – Engineering).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that the proposal would retain engineering firm KB to assess the condition of the salt shed roof and determine the appropriate course of action, including repairs or replacement, as necessary.

Resolution No. 251 of 2026, a resolution authorizing Matthew Charles to serve alcoholic beverages at a gathering to be held at Collins Park on August 27, 2026.

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

WHEREAS, Matthew Charles, Clifton Park, NY, is hosting a gathering at Collins Park and has requested permission to serve alcohol in the form of beer and wine at the event, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles submitted a permit application for use of Town facilities at Collins Park on August 27, 2026, from 12:30pm -5:30pm; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Matthew Charles, Clifton Park, NY, is hereby authorized to serve beer and wine at a gathering to be held at Collins Park on August 27, 2026, from 12:30pm-5:30pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 252 of 2026, a resolution hiring a returning part-time Golf Course Attendant for the Barney Road Golf Course for the 2026 Season.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire seasonal staff for the 2026 season at the Barney Road Golf Course, and

WHEREAS, Megan Babendreier, Director of Parks and Recreation, has recommended that Linda Balenski be rehired to fill the position of Barney Road Golf Course Attendant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Linda Balenski, as a part-time attendant for the Barney Road Golf Course, effective August 19, 2026, through the end of the 2026 season, to be paid $16.25/hour from A-7190-E7195 (General Fund – Barney Road Golf Course – Golf Course Starters).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 253 of 2026, a resolution authorizing Town Historian John Scherer and Deputy Town Historian Sue Thompson to attend the Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) 2026 Annual Conference.

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

WHEREAS, Procurement Policy #10 states that all requests to attend classes, seminars or professional conferences involving overnight stays must be approved by the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, Megan Babendreier, Director of Parks & Recreation, recommends that Town Historian John Scherer and Deputy Town Historian Sue Thompson be authorized to attend the APHNYS 2026 Conference in Utica, NY, September 28-30, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $600, with an additional $400 to cover mileage and tolls, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scherer's and Ms. Thompson's attendance at the APHNYS Conference would confer a benefit to the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that John Scherer and Sue Thompson are authorized to attend the Association of Public Historians Conference in Utica, NY, September 28-30, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed $1,000 including registration, meals, lodging and transportation, to be paid from A- 7510-001 (General Fund – Historian - Training/Conferences).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 254 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the Town Assessor and Valuation Assistant to attend the New York State Assessors Association (NYSAA) Fall Conference.

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

WHEREAS, Walter Smead, Town Assessor, and Kelly Miller, Valuation Assistant, have requested permission to attend the NYSAA Fall Conference to be held at the Windrose on Hudson hotel, Ossining, NY, September 29- October 1, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $2,481, and

WHEREAS, the amount has been budgeted for 2026 in budget line-item A-1355-001 and

WHEREAS, attendance at the Conference would confer a benefit to the Town's citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Walter Smead and Kelly Miller are hereby authorized to attend the NYSAA Fall Conference in Ossining, NY from September 29-October 1, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $2,481, which includes registration fee, lodging and meals, to be vouchered appropriately, and to be paid from budget line-item A-1355-001 (General Fund- Assessor – Travel & Conferences).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 255 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the solicitation of engineering and design services for the replacement of a footbridge in the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve (VFNHP).

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

WHEREAS, in the VFNHP there is a broken pedestrian footbridge, which presents a danger to the citizens of Clifton Park, and is a hazard to pedestrians and is a concern in terms of liability to the Town Government, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to replace this footbridge at an early opportunity and to take the necessary steps to put a plan for replacement in place; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Planning Department is authorized to solicit engineering and design services to design and price a replacement footbridge and to cause a plan for the replacement of the derelict footbridge to be put in place.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 256 of 2026, a resolution scheduling a public informational meeting to discuss the impact of Flock cameras on the community and a proposed course of action concerning same.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park, desires to set a public informational meeting to gather information concerning the impact on the community of Flock cameras, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board members are desirous of hearing from the residents of the Town concerning such matters as the impact on the community of Flock cameras and a proposed course of action concerning same, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires a free exchange of information and opinions and wishes to conduct the meeting as an open forum for the free exchange of information, ideas and conversation, and as a result, encourage Town residents to attend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public informational meeting be held to consider a future course concerning the deployment of Flock cameras in the Town of Clifton Park on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7:11pm in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall, Plaza, Clifton Park, New York; and be it further

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 257 of 2026, a resolution to accept and execute a settlement agreement and accept payment of $11,603.00 as full settlement of the revenue share due from Vertical Bridge.

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

WHEREAS, the Dish Network, a provider of satellite TV services has gone out of business and previously paid to Vertical Bridge a fee for the use of cell towers, and

WHEREAS, a monetary settlement for the discontinuation of this service was reached between Dish Network and Vertical Bridge, and

WHEREAS, per agreement with the Town of Clifton Park, Vertical Bridge pays a portion of its receipts as a revenue share to the Town and in this particular matter has received a settlement with the Dish Network, a portion of which is due to the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached settlement agreement from Vertical Bridge; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a sum total of $11,603 shall be accepted as full settlement of the revenue share due from Vertical Bridge for the now terminated account of the Dish Network, with an accounting of the amount due as calculated by Woodie Williams, dated August 4, 2026, attached hereto.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 258 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the retainment of MJ Engineering for professional services related to the planned additional parking spaces at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park has previously adopted Resolution No. 175 of 2026, relative to the solicitation of professional engineering and design services for the construction of additional parking spaces at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Department has solicited proposals, with the lowest proposal being submitted by MJ Engineering, in an amount not to exceed $8,500.00, per the attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MJ Engineering is hereby retained to provide engineering and design services in regard to the provision of additional parking spaces at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, at a cost not to exceed $8,500, to be paid from A-01440-00135, (General Fund – Engineering – Engineering).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Manir explained that the proposal is for engineering input and design services. He stated that John Scavo, Daniel Clemens, and Attorney Dailey worked with various consulting firms to obtain proposals, with the lowest bid being $8,500. The selected firm would assist the Town with developing the necessary plan.

Resolution No. 259 of 2026, a resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7:08pm related to the proposed consideration of an initial franchise agreement with Verizon, New York, Inc. for cable television service in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, an application for the grant of a franchise agreement for cable television service in the Town of Clifton Park has been received from Verizon, New York, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park desires that a Public Hearing be held for the purpose of considering a proposed initial franchise agreement for cable television service in the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7:08pm, in the Wood Memorial Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, for the purpose of considering an initial franchise agreement for cable television service in the Town of Clifton Park with Verizon, New York, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of said Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Town and take any other actions necessary to provide proper notice to the public pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett expressed support for Verizon moving forward with an agreement with the Town of Clifton Park to provide cable television services. He stated that increased competition would benefit consumers and welcomed the addition of another provider. Supervisor Barrett said he looked forward to the public hearing and advancing the agreement so Verizon could offer the service in the Town.

Resolution No. 260 of 2026, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider a local law to make additions to the Town Code, to provide for enhanced Real Property tax exemptions for seriously disabled veterans residing in the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law, Section 458-a(11) provides for certain Real Property tax exemptions for seriously disabled veterans, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires that a public hearing be held to consider a proposed local law implementing such exemptions authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a(11) for qualifying seriously disabled veterans residing within the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 7:05pm, in the Wood Memorial Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, on a proposal to make additions to the Town Code authorizing the real property tax exemptions to seriously disabled veterans, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a(11); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of said Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Town and take any other actions necessary to provide proper notice to the public pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett announced that a public hearing would be held on September 1 regarding an opportunity available to the Town under new state legislation. He noted that a second public hearing would be held at the County the following week to consider advancing the matter. Supervisor Barrett expressed strong support for the initiative, emphasizing the importance of supporting veterans, particularly those experiencing lasting effects from their military service. He noted that the financial impact to the Town and County would be minimal.

Resolution No. 261 of 2026, a resolution approving the provisional appointment of Aaron Cote as Fire Code Enforcement Officer in the Building and Development department.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 219 of 2026, the Town Board authorized the addition of a Fire Code Enforcement Officer position for the Building and Development department, and

WHEREAS, a job posting for this position was advertised on July 8, 2026, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing Mr. Cote, Wade Schoenborn, Director of Building and Development, has recommended that Mr. Cote fill the position of Fire Code Enforcement Officer, and

WHEREAS, the appointment is provisional pending the next sitting for the civil service testing for this position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, hereby authorizes the provisional hiring of Aaron Cote, pending civil service examination, to fill the position of Fire Code Enforcement Officer, Grade 7, Step 1, Year 1 ($40.09/hour - $73,244/year), effective August 31, 2026, as per the attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett welcomed Aaron to the Town team and noted the importance of his fire service experience. He explained that the Building Department conducts numerous fire code inspections each year in addition to its other responsibilities. Barrett stated that Aaron's background will help the department complete inspections efficiently and respond appropriately to issues that arise. He expressed confidence that the Town had found a candidate with the necessary experience and qualifications.

Resolution No. 262 of 2026, a resolution authorizing the transfer and appointment of Raina Munafo from the Deputy Town Clerk position to the Principal Typist position in the Building and Development department, and to make a transfer from Contingency.

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

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of Cristi Shuhart, an opening exists for the position of Principal Typist in the Building and Development department, and

WHEREAS, a job posting for this position was advertised on July 9, 2026, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing Raina Munafo, and reviewing her qualifications, Wade Schoenborn, Director of Building and Development, has recommended that Ms. Munafo be hired to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, this position is included on the NYS Civil Service HELPS Program list (Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide), which allows agencies to fill critical positions without requiring civil service examinations, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer from the Town Clerk's Office and the appointment of Raina Munafo, Clifton Park, NY, to fill the position of Principal Typist in the Building and Development department, moving from the non-union salary matrix to the CSEA union salary matrix, at Grade 6, Step 5, Year 1, $39.90 per hour, $72,897 annually, per attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Bellamy, Councilman Fantini, Councilman Manir, Councilwoman Reid, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 8:26 P.M.

Anthony Morelli of Gloucester Street congratulated Aaron and Raina on the adoption of the resolutions and thanked the Board for advancing the public hearing regarding the disabled Veterans exemption. He noted that the state recently authorized municipalities and counties to opt into the exemption and expressed support for the Town and County taking the opportunity to assist disabled Veterans. Mr. Morelli stated that he had heard from two disabled Veterans who supported the measure and emphasized that the exemption could provide meaningful financial assistance to veterans whose disabilities limit their ability to work. He also noted the Town and County's longstanding history of supporting and recognizing Veterans and expressed hope that the Board would ultimately approve the exemption unanimously.

Supervisor Barrett spoke in support of the disabled Veteran's exemption, noting the many ways military service can result in physical injury or long-term health impacts. He referenced combat-related injuries as well as the physical demands of military training and service, including repetitive activities, physical fitness requirements, and the wear and tear associated with years of service, even for those who do not serve in combat. Supervisor Barrett emphasized that veterans can sustain significant physical impacts through both combat and training and stated that the proposed exemption would be a small but meaningful gesture of appreciation and support for those who have served the country.

Caryl Hugg of Jonathan Drive followed up on a prior resident's question and asked Town Clerk Fantini whether she had obtained her notary commission.

Town Clerk Fantini stated that she is still in the process of obtaining her notary commission.

Caryl Hugg addressed the Town Board regarding resident communication and ongoing uncertainty surrounding the Ethics Board. She questioned the status of the Ethics Board and pending ethics complaints, expressing concern about uncertainty regarding its membership, voting authority, and ability to conduct business. Ms. Hugg also raised concerns about an interaction during a prior meeting in which she believed the Town Clerk directed a Councilman regarding how to vote on a resolution. She requested greater transparency and accountability in the handling of ethics complaints. Ms. Hugg further stated that she had emailed Councilman Fantini with specific questions and had not received an acknowledgment or response within the requested timeframe. She expressed concern that residents and department heads were having difficulty receiving responses and questioned how residents should communicate with the Councilman if neither public meetings nor email provide an effective means of obtaining answers. Ms. Hugg also questioned the timing of meeting agenda materials and asked whether draft materials could be made available on Fridays.

Supervisor Barrett stated that the Town's Ethics Board and ethics law have been problematic since the beginning of the year. He expressed hope that the ongoing issues would be resolved soon.

Ann Connolly of Valdepenas Lane stated that she was seeking clarification regarding the solar company's presentation to the Town Board, noting that such presentations require approval by a Town Board member. She asked who authorized the presentation and received confirmation that it had been approved by a Board member. Ms. Connolly expressed concern that granting relief to one solar farm could establish a precedent for other solar projects seeking similar relief. She referenced the Town's 180-day moratorium, adopted on May 19, 2026, to allow the Town to conduct due diligence. She questioned whether granting relief to the company would effectively override the moratorium and expressed concern about the precedent and public perception that could result.

Councilwoman Bellamy clarified that the moratorium was not overridden.

Ann Connolly clarified that she was referring to the potential granting of relief from the moratorium, rather than stating that it had already been overridden. She expressed concern that granting such relief could be confusing to residents and reiterated that she found the solar company's presentation to the Town Board unusual.

No one else wished to be heard.

Public Privilege closed at 8:38 P.M.

Councilwoman Bellamy announced that the Tree Committee is conducting a special Trees of Distinction nomination program. Nominations are due by October 1, 2026. Eligible trees should be at least 50 years old; approximate age and height, species, ecological value, and any special history or story associated with the tree should be included in the nomination. Bellamy noted that nomination forms and instructions are available through the Clifton Park Tree Committee and that flyers were available for interested residents.

MOTION BY Councilman Fantini, seconded by Councilwomen Reid to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 8:39 P.M.

Caitlin Fantini
Town Clerk