

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

October 12, 2021

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

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

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent
Matt Andrus, Information Specialist
Scott Reese, Storm Water Management Technician
Jennifer Viggiani, Open Space Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett announced the event “Things that Go Bump in the Night”, Saturday, October 16, 5:30-7:30pm at Veterans Memorial Park. Register online at cliftonpark.org.

Councilwoman Flood thanked Historian John Scherer for the recent Historic Bike Ride. She stated Grooms Tavern roof is being completed along with WI-FI added. Upcoming events include Thursday, October 14, 6-8pm Pumpkin Decorating Contest, with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House put on by the Twin Bridges Rotary. Also “Saratoga County Stories” book launch to meet the authors night, November 7, 2-4pm. For more information visit cliftonpark.org.

CPMAC PRESENTATION

Open Space Coordinator Jennifer Viggini introduced members of the CPMAC group Teresa Rodrigues and Anvita Nagarkar. They are part of the walkability sub-committee for the town. She explained this project was helped funded by the Capital Co-Exist Grant and support by Councilman Morelli, and the entire Town Board, CDTC and the Open Space Trails Committee.

Teresa and Anvita explained they are youth advocates trying to make the community safer for cyclist and pedestrians. CPMAC stands for Cycles and Pedestrians Mobility Advocacy Club. They encourage to make sidewalks, parks, trails and roads safer for cyclists and pedestrians and promote people to walk and bike more. They explained the “CP-35” project. Each location with QR code signs were created and installed. A map was created to easily visualize. 35 different pages were created on their website for each QR code. Every code has history facts, helpful tips, a fun game with instructions that encourages exercise and a verification form so they can track how many QR codes have been scanned and give prizes accordingly. Procedures for the game and prize system visuals were shown. They went to meetings with CDTC and found out about a grant opportunity in the Capital District to support small projects that emphasize transportation and pedestrian safety education. With the help of the town, a proposal was created and presented to CDTC and was awarded the grant. The CDTC grant increased their proposal to the entire Capital District. The goal is to inspire people outside of Clifton Park to create a project into their communities. Visuals of signs installed were viewed. Sponsors from the forms were collected. As of October 11 there have been 820 unique visitors on the website and 166 unique player advocates logged. Visitor data graphs were viewed.

Supervisor Barrett stated for a new program they have had quite a bit of engagement over a short period of time. Supervisor questioned what the next step is for the project.

Teresa and Anvita would like to try and make a similar project for next summer.

Councilman Morelli stated part of this project is on the trails near his home and has encouraged his family to get outside and walk and keep up with new technology. He encouraged marketing in the future.

Supervisor Barrett encouraged the members to let the town know if there is anything else they can do to help with their project. He suggested promoting the project with their classmates.

ARPA FUNDING DISCUSSION

Supervisor Barrett explained some prior suggestions were on the non-profit application.

Councilwoman Standaert stated she and Councilman Morelli are currently working on updating the non-profit application. The completed application will be presented to the Town Board for continued input.

Supervisor Barrett explained the application and information was sent to the Town Board back in July encouraging non-profits to be involved. He suggested a definition of a non-profit be added to the application.

Councilwoman Standaert handed out a sheet with funding considerations that has been discussed so far. Sewer, highway, software, stormwater and non-profits were considered. She questioned if the costs are estimates.

Supervisor Barrett stated Tallowood Drive sliplining would decrease to \$40,000.

Highways Superintendent Bull stated half the Tallowood Drive project has been done already. He stated after the September 22 Town Board meeting, he sent out a listing of what the Highway Department would like to focus on for the ARPA funding.

Supervisor Barrett stated Willow Brook Drive has been doubled to \$101,000.

Highways Superintendent Bull stated Willow Brook Drive was going to be done under the road, but in the time the list was sent out in the new area, there now are sinkhole in residents' yards. Culverts from years ago are starting to fail. The department sliplining contract reflects new prices that have increased through Onondaga County.

Supervisor Barrett stated Eldorado Drive sliplining has increased \$3,000, Silver Maple Drive was increased to \$71,000, Ashdown Road increased \$3,500, Huntington Parkway increased to \$155,000.

Councilwoman Standaert questioned if any of the Highway projects are being partially funded through the town budget?

Comptroller Heggen answered no.

Highways Superintendent Bull stated \$200,000 was in the budget that they have been working off this year. \$60,000 remains for 2021.

Councilwoman Standaert questioned the notice of receiving the Riverview Landing sewer district grant. She would like to keep that project under consideration.

Supervisor Barrett answered hopefully the grant is awarded this winter. No exact date was given. Reports were completed earlier this year before the bond resolution.

Councilwoman Standaert stated she saw an article stating the Town of Ballston will be using ARPA funds for the Ballston Lake Sewer project. She would like the board to consider helping those residents.

Supervisor Barrett stated he mentioned last week that the Ballston Lake Sewer project in reference to the tax cap. Town of Ballston was apparently going to break the tax cap.

Councilwoman Standaert questioned if any of the sewer district projects are ready to be considered.

Supervisor Barrett stated the 6 generators are a priority for the sewer district before winter.

Supervisor Barrett stated the \$450,000 for sewer was in the resolution that was tabled last meeting.

Councilwoman Standaert stated details were needed to vote. A resolution was not presented prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Barrett stated \$200,000 for the non-profit program, \$350,000 for stormwater, \$450,000 for sewer and \$60,000 for gas pumps engineering. The projects can be combined using ARPA funds and or bonding.

Councilwoman Standaert would like to move forward with awarding funds with the projects the Town Board agrees on.

Councilman Morelli stated he would like to move forward sooner than later.

Councilwoman Standaert questioned if the engineering is a critical need?

Highway Superintendent Bull answered the gas pumps can wait. He would like more time to research the project.

Supervisor Barrett stated we can take what was tabled at the last meeting, list out details around those proposed projects, and present it for a vote at the next Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Walowit questioned if it is overloaded on the sewer end and need more for sliplining. She suggested that more than 2 departments need software and would like to consider the other departments software needs. While interviewing departments heads, equipment needs would like to be considered. She questioned the cost for the ponds.

Highway Superintendent Bull stated the issues the Sewer Department has is critical, and an emergency when a situation occurs.

Supervisor Barrett stated this is only 1/4th of the total funds to be received. The software committee is moving forward and starting to request interviews. He stated he believes the pond money is the town's share and will need to be submitted.

Councilwoman Standaert stated she would like to see a resolution with details of the 4 items, sewer, sliplining, engineering and non-profit to be considered at the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 233 of 2021, a resolution scheduling a public hearing on a proposal to adopt a town tree ordinance.

Introduced by Councilwoman Flood, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Councilwoman Standaert.

WHEREAS, since 2007, the volunteer-based Government Re-Thinking Energy & Environment Now (G.R.E.E.N.) Committee has been assisting and advising the Town Board on energy and environmental impacts and issues, and

WHEREAS, the town, through the G.R.E.E.N. Committee, has been working towards official designation as a Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation and National Association of State Foresters, and

WHEREAS, official designation as a Tree City USA will provide environmental, societal, and financial benefits to the town, and

WHEREAS, to achieve Tree City USA designation, the town must meet four separate standards, and the town has met the first three standards, and

WHEREAS, the final standard would involve the adoption of a tree ordinance to preserve, protect, and enhance the town's natural environment through tree protection and sustainable tree planting, for the benefit of current residents and those of the generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled to take place on November 1, 2021, at 7:05 pm in the Wood Memorial Room, 1 Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to receive public comment regarding the proposed Tree Ordinance, and the Town Clerk is directed to publish appropriate notice of the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 234 of 2021, a resolution scheduling a public hearing on a proposal to authorize the Receiver of Taxes to include general payment information, methods of payment, and sources of real property tax information, as an insert with the annual real property tax bills.

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

WHEREAS, Section 922 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, prescribes the information that municipal Receivers of Taxes may include within the tax bill mailings each year, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, the Town Board may, by local law, authorize the inclusion of public information concerning payments, methods of payment and pertinent details directly related to the payment of such taxes for general informational purposes, and

WHEREAS, Receiver of Taxes Rose Savallo, has requested Town Board authority to include such general information, relative to the payment of Real Property Tax, methods of payment, and information on the town website for tax related information on a timely basis for the benefit of the taxpayers of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is scheduled to take place on November 1, 2021, at 7:07 PM in the Wood Memorial Room, on a proposal to authorize the Receiver of Taxes to include an insert providing general information directly related to the payment and methods of payment, and town website information regarding same, as an insert within all real property tax bill mailings on an annual basis.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 235 of 2021, a resolution altering the boundary description of the water supply district known as Clifton Park Consolidated Hydrant District No. 1, as adopted by Resolution No. 248 of 1992, and as amended by Resolutions No's. 176 of 1995, 299 of 2003, and 297 of 2014.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 248 of 1992, the Town Board consolidated several pre-existing fire hydrant zones in the Jonesville Fire District, Vischer Ferry Fire District, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire District and the West Crescent Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of the four hydrant zones into a water supply district is authorized by New York State Town Law 198(8) and 8(a), and

WHEREAS, the supply district was subsequently termed a consolidated hydrant district by Resolution No. 176 of 1995, and

WHEREAS, the district supplies water from the Clifton Park Water Authority through fire hydrants at various locations throughout the town for the purpose of fire protection and suppression, and benefits homes and businesses within 500 feet of each hydrant, and

WHEREAS, the supply district has been expanded from time to time as water supply has expanded to existing homes and neighborhoods, and as the town has grown, and

WHEREAS, at the consolidation of the hydrant zones, certain engineer's plans, reports and legal descriptions, were adopted establishing the district, with illustrative maps, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Water Authority (CPWA) contracted with CT Male Engineering to prepare an additional map, plan and report with legal descriptions sufficient to expand the existing boundaries of the district, and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, a public hearing was held on a proposed expansion of the district based on the most recent report from CT Male, and

WHEREAS, the public was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed alteration of the boundaries of the consolidated district and no comments were received, and

WHEREAS, the creation and expansion of the district is authorized by NYSTL 198(8); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Consolidated Hydrant District No. 1 is hereby extended, and properties described in Exhibit "A" are included in the water supply district.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 236 of 2021, a resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign three Youth Service Project Agreements with the County of Saratoga to accept grant funding for town sponsored programs that are facilitated by CAPTAIN and the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library.

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

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors has approved an agreement with the town, offering grant funding for youth development projects in Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to continue to sponsor the CAPteens and Job Assist programs conducted by CAPTAIN Community Human Services, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to continue to sponsor summer youth programs conducted by the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library, and

WHEREAS, both the county and the town desire to formalize the continued agreement for services provided during the year 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign three attached agreements with Saratoga County for the year 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the town accepts grant funding from Saratoga County for sponsorship of youth services programs per the agreements in the following amounts:

CAPTAIN	CAPTeens Youth CPR	\$3,099
CAPTAIN	Job Assist	\$4,882
CPH Library	Summer Youth Enrichment	\$3,794

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

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 8:00 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk