

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

November 4, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also Present: Town Attorney Pelagalli
 Mark Heggen, Comptroller
 Daniel Clemens, Director of Parks, Buildings & Recreation
 Walter Smead, Town Assessor
 Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilwoman Reid, seconded by Councilman Morelli, to approve the Town Board minutes of the October 21, 2024, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Walowit

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION-Girl Scout Gold Award to Erin Fariello

Supervisor Barrett introduced Girl Scout Erin Fariello and announced she has initiated and partnered with the Town on the Veterans and Military Hometown Heroes Banners Project. The project has been very successful and anticipates it growing over time. Erin in attaining her Girl Scout Gold Award.

PRESENTATION-Retiring Deputy Attorney Robert Wilcox

Supervisor Barrett introduced and recognized Deputy Attorney Robert Wilcox on his retirement. Attorney Wilcox has worked for many years in multiple capacities for the Town and will be missed. The Town Board thanks him for his service and wish him well in retirement.

PRESENTATION-2024 Community Action Fund Grants Awards

Supervisor Barrett announced the Town has raised a total of around \$76,000 with this program over the years. 2024 raised \$13,284 by the residents' support generated by the donation of bottles and cans that can be redeemed for a deposit. No Town funds are used to support this program. The Town Board thanks those residents for this effort in supporting the community organizations and strengthening the Town's social infrastructure. Supervisor thanked Christ Reformed Church and the owner of the Clifton Park Center Mall Faraz Khan, for their financial donations, and the Community Action Fund Grant Committee. Total of thirty-one organizations were awarded funds. List posted on the Town website cliftonpark.org.

PUBLIC HEARING-amending Chapter 208-6 of the Town Code relating to adequate buffering of adjoining properties between agricultural and residential uses. 7:25 PM

Town Clerk Brobston read the legal public hearing notice included in the October 25, 2024 Daily Gazette.

David Miller, Chairman of the Clifton Park Open Space, Trails & Riverfront Committee, commended the Town Board on and fully supports the proposed amendment to the Town's CR Zoning to include a 250' buffer from end of any proposed development lot to the adjacent agricultural lands of said proposed development. The amendments will further provide the Planning Board with additional tools to enact protections already in the Code. The Committee believes this amendment is clearly within the intent of current CR Zoning in agricultural lands. Farms in western part of Clifton Park need said protection to ensure their Right to Farm rights are maintained. The Open Space Committee, in its 2024 Land Preservation and Acquisition Strategy Report, provided to the Town Board this fall recommended a numerical standard for buffer lands be added to current CR Zoning and said buffer lands development rights should be held in public trust as outlined in the program. The Town is undertaking a NYS grant funded Farmland Preservation Planning Process over the next year. Should this comprehensive planning effort have findings in anyway raise this buffer number, we would hope the Town Board would take those recommendations into future consideration.

Isabel Prescott, Riverview Orchard, spoke in favor of the amendment and strengthening our Town Code to ensure farming exists into the future for western Clifton Park. The amendments provide the Planning Board with tools for the future by determining setbacks for residential housing when siding next to an existing farm to avoid conflicting uses and reduce complaints from either side.

Kurt Swartz, Maple Hill Farm, spoke in support of the 250' setback/buffer requirement. The setback substance will certainly occupy attention in the developing farmland protection plan, which the Town has already begun work to construct. This amendment promotes effort within the Town to further protect sustainability of important resources. He stated the proposed setback provides additional endorsement benefitting existing cropped lands and the developing farmland protection planning process.

Frank Berlin, Main St., spoke in support of the amendment for a buffer. He distributed photos of existing buffering areas where buffering has not been maintained and cut down too many trees. Suggested having control and enforcement for the buffering areas.

Barb Desem-Zimins-Sugarhill Rd. questioned whether 250' is enough buffering to eliminate noise pollution.

Supervisor Barrett stated the Town does have Right To Farm Laws as well.

Public Hearing closed at 7:47PM.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 246 of 2024, a resolution adopting a local law to amend Chapter 208-16 of the Town Code relating to adequate buffering of adjoining properties between agricultural and residential uses.

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

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2024, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to amend Town Code Chapter 208-16, regarding the determination of adequate agricultural buffers with the intent to mitigate potential negative impacts of non-farm uses and activities on agricultural lands, and

WHEREAS, agricultural buffers are also desired to mitigate potential odors, noise and other nuisances from agricultural and farming operations on the non-farm uses, including residential uses, and

WHEREAS, the public was given the opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed changes to the Local Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend the Town Code to adequately protect agricultural operations, which are in proximity to proposed residential subdivisions, with a minimum required buffer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts a Local Law, LL No. 9 of 2024, attached, to amend Chapter 208-16 of the Town Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Town Attorney Pelagalli stated that currently Chapter 208-16 of the Town Code has provisions to ensure the concern of enforcement of the buffering. Chapter 208-16G lays out four different ways in which a buffer/open space is to be configured. One way with a HOA, another way would be donated to a land trust or municipal entity. If Chapter 208-16G is followed note that we have an objective minimum buffer with deed restrictions and an entity that would enforce them, this amendment gives the Planning Board a mechanism to create an open space buffer that should be enforceable.

Supervisor Barrett explained that the Town Code can be amended in the future.

Councilman Morelli stated after recently reviewing the current legislation, as it stands, is vague and the proposed legislation is necessary. Some specificity is necessary. After reviewing, the thought was 250' buffer was the right distance to start with. This legislation can be altered in the future. The amendment protects new inhabitants. He stated there are multiple ways to enforce the buffer.

Attorney Pelagalli stated the proposed amendment was drafted with considerable input from the Planning and Zoning Director and Administrator and the Open Space Coordinator. He stated that is why the last sentence of the amendments state, "Approved agricultural buffers may be included in any required open space designation." This sentence adds "teeth" to the open space buffer.

Councilwoman Reid spoke in favor of the proposed amendments. He stated this is an opportunity, as a Town Board, to demonstrate a strong support of local farmers, as well as the safety and quality of life of our residents and supports the 250' minimum buffer. Councilwoman Reid encouraged residents to view the Farmland Protection Plan on www.CliftonParkFarms.com and take the survey in supporting the local agricultural community in the future.

Supervisor Barrett stated the Town currently has preserved four farms working with partners and appreciates those partnerships and are happy to with the progress with the agricultural community to date.

Resolution No. 247 of 2024, a resolution adopting a local law to amend Chapter 157 of the Town Code regarding panhandling.

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

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to amend Town Code Chapter 157 relating to aggressive panhandling and panhandling along roadways, and

WHEREAS, the public was given the opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed changes to the Local Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to address the safety concerns that panhandling by individuals standing alongside roadways and soliciting from occupants of motor vehicles can be disruptive and impede the free flow of traffic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts a Local Law, LL No. 10 of 2024, attached, to amend Chapter 157 of the Town Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Morelli supports this proposed legislation for the awareness of the public safety issues.

Councilwoman Reid agrees to support the proposed legislation, it has been witnessed the issue of it being a traffic hazard.

Resolution No. 248 of 2024, a resolution adopting a local law to amend Chapter 182-14, Article IV, of the Town Code relating to tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers.

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

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to amend Town Code Chapter 182 regarding the tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers, specifically relating to the location of their service, and

WHEREAS, the public was given the opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed changes to the Local Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend the Town Code to extend the real property tax exemption to Town residents who provide such volunteer services to a neighboring city, village, town, county or school district, effective the next calendar year for the assessment roll; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts a Local Law, LL No. 11 of 2024, attached, to amend Chapter 182-14, Article IV, of the Town Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated that this is an amendment made possible through the State Legislature. The initial legislation was adopted and due to the wording, it created some gaps. This proposed amendment will clarify the language to ensure all eligible volunteers with Fire and EMS will be able to take advantage of this tax exemption.

Councilman Morelli supports this legislation and suggested to be used as a recruitment incentive for the Departments in the future.

Supervisor Barrett stated this legislation supports a tax exemption regardless of where you live and regardless of where you serve and are deemed eligible.

Councilwoman Reid supports the amendments and thanked Assessor Walter Smead for his hard work on helping to create this amendment.

Resolution No. 249 of 2024, a resolution adopting a local law to amend Chapter 208-7 of the Town Code relating to the definition of a community residence.

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

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to amend Town Code Chapter 208-7 regarding the definition of a community residence, specifically relating to the location of such residences, and

WHEREAS, the public was given the opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed changes to the Local Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend the Town Code Community Residence definition to include location restrictions for such residences; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts a Local Law, LL No. 12 of 2024, attached, to amend Chapter 208-7 of the Town Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 250 of 2024, a resolution authorizing the transfer of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for storm water pipe sliplining at 7 Fox Glen Drive.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park has received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and

WHEREAS, Precision Trenchless, LLC has submitted a proposal for an amount not to exceed \$83,127, for cleaning, sliplining and inspection of 250 linear feet of 30-inch stormwater pipe at 7 Fox Glen Drive that failed on August 9, 2024, and resulted in a sink hole, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to approve the slip lining costs for the location listed above; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the October 16, 2024, storm water sliplining estimate from Precision Trenchless, LLC, attached, is approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$83,127 from the General Fund of the ARPA funds received to the Highway Fund to account DA-05110-00037 (Highway Fund – Highway Construction – Paving/Sliplining), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Highway budget will increase by \$83,127 in account DA-04090 (Highway Fund – Federal Revenues); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to pay Precision Trenchless, LLC, \$83,127 from the above accounts.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 251 of 2024, a resolution authorizing Wiring Concepts, LLC to complete emergency utility work at 7 Fox Glen Drive.

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

WHEREAS, due to the pipe failure that occurred on August 9, 2024, at 7 Fox Glen Drive, the electric cable at the residence needed to be disconnected and then reconnected, coordinating with National Grid to complete the connection, and

WHEREAS, Wiring Concepts, LLC, has submitted a proposal for an amount not to exceed \$3,100, to install a new 200-amp electric meter and a single-phase underground cable at the residence, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to approve the utility work for the location listed above; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the October 10, 2024, electric cable work estimate from Wiring Concepts, LLC, attached, is approved, to be paid from DA-05110-00024 (Highway Fund – Highway Construction – General Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 252 of 2024, a resolution authorizing the transfer of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for engineering for a pavilion at the Clifton Common.

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

WHEREAS, the Town currently has available funds under the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), and

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering has submitted a proposal for an amount not to exceed \$16,000, to design and propose product specifications for the installation of a pavilion for the Clifton Common, in conjunction with Ms. Shen Softball, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to approve the engineering costs for a pavilion at the Clifton Common; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the October 9, 2024, engineering estimate from MJ Engineering is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase revenues by \$16,000, A-04090 (General Fund – Federal Revenues) and increase expenditures by \$16,000 to A-07112-00135 (General Fund – Clifton Common – Engineering).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett explained this meaningful project is in honor of Deanna Rivers.

Resolution No. 253 for 2024, a resolution authorizing the Deputy Supervisor to execute an agreement with independent counsel to investigate work performed by the Highway Department at Arnold Drive and the complaint by Dahn S. Bull to the Town Ethics Board dated October 3, 2024.

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

WHEREAS, residents of Arnold Drive, in the Woodland Hills subdivision in Clifton Park have expressed concerns regarding work performed by the Highway Department along Arnold Drive, and

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull, the Highways Superintendent, has filed a complaint with the Town of Clifton Park Ethics Board regarding a letter sent to residents of the Woodland Hills neighborhood regarding work performed by the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by the residents of Woodland Hills and the Highway Superintendent’s complaint to the Ethics Board cannot be resolved without an investigation, and

WHEREAS, as an investigation by the Town Attorney would be inappropriate due to his representation of members of the Town Board and the Town departments, retaining independent counsel is necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Deputy Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the retainer agreement with Hacker Murphy LLP, 28 Second Street, Troy, New York, to investigate the work performed by the Town of Clifton Park Highway Department at Arnold Drive and Dahn S. Bull’s October 3, 2024, complaint, at an hourly rate as indicated in the attached letter of engagement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the results of the investigation will be utilized to address the concerns of residents of the Woodland Hills neighborhood concerning the work performed by the Highway Department at Arnold Drive and the complaint filed by the Highways Superintendent with the Ethics Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of the investigation be charged to A-01420-00025 (General Fund – Legal – Other Legal Fees).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Abstained: Supervisor Barrett

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Morelli stated a letter was received by the Town Board in early October from the Highways Superintendent relating to the Woodland Hills Subdivision, where there have been complaints from the residents, as well as stated in the letter, a concern about correspondence with the residents. The Town Board, collectively, seeked guidance from the Town Attorney as to

next steps. Councilman Morelli stated, Town Attorney Pelagalli suggested, because it does involve two elected officials in the Town, his guidance would be to seek an external independent counsel. Based on Town Attorney Pelagalli's recommendation, Councilman Manir and himself met with the suggested counsel and believe the counsel understands the scope of the work as necessary. He stated the Town Board does not have a choice based on the letter received and based on advice of counsel and recommends moving forward with the suggestion.

Councilman Morelli stated that his main concern was a conflict of interest and recommends hiring outside counsel. Councilman stated it would be inappropriate for Attorney Pelagalli to conduct the investigation.

Attorney Pelagalli explained that he has allegiance to the Town Board as the Town Attorney, but he also deals with the Town Department Heads on a regular basis, and he felt it would be inappropriate for him to conduct the investigation. He stated he is the Attorney for the Town Board and the Ethics Board and just made sense to seek outside counsel. He suggested the firm of Hacker Murphy, who he has worked closely with in other areas of Town business and feel they are very capable in their ability. He explained it would be inappropriate for him to conduct the investigation.

Councilwoman Reid supports hiring the outside counsel, but feels it is important to have a financial cap on the agreement.

Attorney Pelagalli stated the proposed firm indicated at the discussions that have already been held, with the parameters they really couldn't put a cap on the cost but in speaking with them and the efforts that they will have to spend, he thinks this will be a relatively short duration investigation.

Councilman Manir supports the financial cap.

Attorney Pelagalli stated the invoices will come through him and with his experience of working with them on other cases, they have been quite efficient and fair in their efforts.

Resolution No. 254 of 2024, a resolution accepting funds from the Blake Michael Hagner Memorial Bench Fund and authorizing the Department of Buildings & Grounds to purchase two (2) 8-foot contour, in-ground mount benches with engraving.

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

WHEREAS, the Blake Michael Hagner Memorial Bench Fund has offered a donation for the installation of two (2) 8-foot contour, in-ground mount benches at Hayes Park, and

WHEREAS, Hayes Park is located in the Stony Creek I Park District, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, operating as Commissioners of the Stony Creek I Park District, wishes to accept the donation from the Bench Fund to offset the cost of the new benches, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, advises that Jamestown Advanced Products, Jamestown, NY, submitted the lowest responsive quote for the two (2) benches, at a cost not to exceed \$3,106; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase revenues to SP9-02705-200 (Stony Creek I Park District - Gifts & Donations) by \$3,106, and increase expenditures in SP9-07149-00200 (Stony Creek I Park District - Hayes Park – Equipment) by \$3,106; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation is authorized to accept the quote of Jamestown Advanced Products, as lowest responsive quote, for the purchase of two (2) 8-foot contour, in-ground mount benches, to be installed at Hayes Park, at a cost not to exceed \$3,106.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 255 of 2024, a resolution accepting funds from Meghan A. Usmani and authorizing the Department of Buildings & Grounds to purchase one (1) 8-foot contour, in-ground mount bench with engraving.

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

WHEREAS, Meghan A. Usmani has offered a donation for the installation of one (1) 8-foot contour, in-ground mount bench at the Vischer Ferry Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as Stewards of the Vischer Ferry Preserve, wishes to accept the donation from Ms. Usmani to offset the cost of the new bench, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, advises that Jamestown Advanced Products, Jamestown, NY, submitted the lowest responsive quote for the bench, at a cost not to exceed \$1,499; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase revenues to A-02705-200 (General Fund-Gifts & Donations) by \$1,499, and increase expenditures in A-07114-00200 (General Fund-Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve-Equipment) by \$1,499; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation is authorized to accept the quote of Jamestown Advanced Products, as lowest responsive quote, for the purchase of one (1) 8-foot contour, in-ground mount bench, to be installed at the Vischer Ferry Preserve, at a cost not to exceed \$1,499.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 256 of 2024, a resolution changing the model number for the purchase of a Toro mower for the Buildings & Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 6 of 2024, the purchase of a Toro 4000-D mower from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation was approved, at a cost not to exceed \$91,941, under NYS Contract #PC69682, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Buildings, Parks and Recreation Daniel Clemens, has still not received this mower from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens was presented with an opportunity to purchase a Toro model 4110-D mower that is valued at \$143,230 and is available immediately, from the same vendor, under the same NYS Contract for the same price as the Toro 4000-D mower, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens recommends purchasing this Toro 4110-D from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation is authorized to purchase a Toro 4110-D mower from Grassland Equipment & Irrigation, in a total amount not to exceed \$91,941, to be paid with funds from a municipal lease.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 257 of 2024, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent sewer charges on the 2025 property tax bills.

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

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 has reported unpaid sewer bills, per the attached schedule, for the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, the Sewer District requests that the Assessor re-levy the unpaid Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 charges to ensure payment of the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the reported delinquent sewer charges for the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1, per the attached schedule, and authorizes the Assessor to re-levy that amount on the property owners' 2025 Town and County Tax bills; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all proceeds be returned in February 2025 to the Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 258 of 2024, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy delinquent water charges on the 2025 property tax bills.

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

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Water Authority (CPWA) has reported unpaid Clifton Park Water Authority water bills for Town of Clifton Park users, per the attached, and

WHEREAS, the Water Authority requests that the Assessor re-levy the unpaid CPWA bills to ensure payment of the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the reported delinquent water charges for the Clifton Park Water Authority, per the attached, and authorizes the Assessor to re-levy that amount on the property owners' 2025 Town and County Tax bills; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all proceeds be returned in February 2025 to the Clifton Park Water Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 259 of 2024, a resolution authorizing the Assessor to re-levy the expense of repairs or maintenance against the land on which such building is located, as provided for in Section 77-12 of the Town Code.

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

WHEREAS, in February of 2012, the Town Board adopted Resolution No. 40 of 2012 to respond to isolated incidents where the abandonment of properties or extended foreclosure process results in neglect to real property, and

WHEREAS, Section 77-12, of the Town Code, as amended, requires that records of costs and expenses incurred in providing such maintenance be reported to the Town Board no later than November 1st of each year, and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has reported the identification of (10) vacant, abandoned, or foreclosure properties meeting criteria outlined in Section 77-10, and

WHEREAS, maintenance performed and contracted by the Buildings and Grounds Department, pursuant to Section 77 of the Town Code, has been completed by the Department of Buildings and Grounds and the Department of Building and Zoning Code Enforcement on all (10) properties at a cost of \$2,095, per the attached exhibit, and

WHEREAS, the Code requires that the Town Board authorize the Assessor to re-levy the unpaid bills on affected properties for the next tax roll to ensure re-payment to the Town consistent with Resolution No. 40 of 2012; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Assessor to re-levy the unpaid bills on the respective properties, as delineated on the attached schedule to this resolution, for the 2025 Town and County Tax bills; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all proceeds be returned in February 2025 to the Town of Clifton Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 260 of 2024, a resolution authorizing alcoholic beverages to be served at a gathering to be held at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center on November 15, 2024.

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

WHEREAS, the Schenectady Wintersports Club is hosting a holiday celebration on November 15, 2024, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady Wintersports Club is hereby authorized to serve beer and/or wine at a gathering at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center on November 15, 2024, from 6:00 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, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman Manir,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 261 of 2024, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a Saratoga County Trails Program Grant Award Contract for supporting the restoration of a pedestrian boardwalk section of the trail route between Brookhaven and Park Lane Estates.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has submitted a grant application to the Saratoga County Trails Grant Program, for funding assistance to advance a project to repair and restore the seventeen-year-old pedestrian boardwalk section of the existing trail route that traverses wetlands on the south side of a steel bridge that expands the Dwaas Kill, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 211 of 2024, the County Board of Supervisors awarded \$10,000 to the Town, on a 100% matching basis, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the project and is supportive of the local match portion of this project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached Grant Funding Contract with the County of Saratoga.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 8:28 PM

No one wished to be heard.

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

Motion carried at 8:28 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk