

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD
2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

November 7, 2024

The meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:05 p.m. Supervisor Barrett presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Barrett
Councilman Morelli
Councilwoman Reid
Town Clerk Brobston

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit
Councilman Manir

Also Present: Town Attorney Pelagalli
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation

Town Clerk Brobston read the public hearing notice as advertised in the Gazette on October 24, 2024.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Supervisor Barrett reviewed suggested proposals following the Budge Workshops.

- 1 Creation of a mechanics position in the Buildings & Grounds Dept. Suggested based on spending amounts this year and the savings that would incur. Someone has come forward who would be qualified for the position. Savings on parts & oil, buying from State or County contract. Savings in other Departments as well. Years ago, a mechanics position was in the Buildings & Grounds Dept. but when we provided more resources to the Highway Department and moved the function to the Highway Department, we eliminated that position in the Buildings & Grounds Dept. Since then, due to the loss of employees in the Highway Department in the last couple of years the current way of doing things has been advantageous, In creating the position again in the Buildings & Grounds Dept. it would be even more advantageous as far as workflow with the maintenance in-house and the savings. The Buildings & Grounds have a lift and other equipment and resources already in place.
- 2 Support for administrative support for Scott Reese, Zoning Administrator and Stormwater Program Coordinator. He has taken on additional responsibilities in the last couple of years. Discussion was held to use Melinda Acker, current administrator in the Planning Department, to take on the role with an additional \$7,800 stipend to be level in similar positions in the Town.
- 3 Support to replace a Highway Vac Truck.
- 4 Additional software Programs for Planning & Zoning. One program to provide additional functionality the Town is looking for. Suggestion of the Granicus Software which would provide the efficiencies to Planning as well as Zoning along with changes for the website. There is an opportunity to offset the cost of this program. Set-up charge would be for the first year. This program would offer project-based information on ongoing projects. An interactive program with the residents. Grants are available to offset cost.
- 5 Propose an increase of \$1,000 support to the Mohawk By-Ways program to be consistent with other municipalities.
- 6 2025 planning of an additional event-Canal Days Celebration/Fest. \$3,000 Grant opportunity available.
- 7 Support the purchase of an additional Security vehicle and purchase/replacement of updated AED machines. There is an option to purchase with the County for a lower cost. Buy annually so they do not all go out of date at the same time.

Councilwoman Reid suggested support for a 2 step pay increase for the Assistant Highway Maintenance Supervisor Stan Rusinovich. Has had many years of dedication and additional responsibility for the Town.

Councilman Morelli supports the proposed amendments to the budget.

Supervisor Barrett suggested a broad-based training course in using the AEDs with the athletics leagues and coaches.

No public present.

MOTION BY Councilman Morelli moved to include the proposed amendments to the 2025 Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Reid. All in favor. Noes none. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY Councilman Morelli to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Reid. All in favor. Noes none. MOTION CARRIED.
No one else 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 7:30 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk