

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

February 13, 2023

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
Councilman Morelli
Councilwoman Walowit
Councilman O'Hara
Councilwoman Reid
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Wade Schoenborn, Director of Building & Development
Michael Woerner, Director of Parks & Recreation
Daniel Clemens, Buildings, Parks & Recreation Director

RECOGNITIONS

Town Clerk Brobston read resolutions recognizing Eagle Scouts Ryan Gersey, Joseph Hess and Brandon Ross.

Supervisor Barrett presented each Eagle Scout with a proclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett thanked the Parks & Recreation Department and the Buildings & Grounds Department for their efforts in the recent events. First time event "Park in the Dark", located at the new Town Center Park, and Annual Winterfest, located throughout Town, were very successful. The Soup Contest winner was Powers Pub in first place, followed by The Flats and Ravenswood.

Councilman Morelli noted, as requested, the Town Attorney has completed and issued a report surrounding the joint resignations of two Town Board members on November 7, 2022. He stated the Town operations continued during this time, as a testament to how well the operations of the Town continue to be. The report was requested simply to provide the residents with transparency and understanding of what occurred over the last 1 1/2-2 years. As public officials it is imperative. The report will be reviewed by the Town Board in detail. He also requested the report to include the Highways Superintendent actions and the report/investigation he requested. The report also includes the amount of cost related to taxpayers/residents.

Discussion was held on key points of the submitted Executive Summary presented by Town Attorney McCarthy and report from Bond, Schoeneck & King.

Supervisor Barrett stated the conclusion of the Executive Summary will be released to the public.

Supervisor Barrett read an appreciation letter from the Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Corp. for funds granted by the Community Action Fund. The funds were used to purchase two lock-box security systems for buildings in Clifton Park.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 31 of 2023, a resolution recognizing Ryan Gersey on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption and seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the People of the Town of Clifton Park, New York, take immense pride in the accomplishments of our residents and recognize the valuable contributions of the Boy Scouts of America to our community and to our nation, and

WHEREAS, Ryan Gersey has proven himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn and to achieve this rank, Ryan Gersey demonstrated leadership and completed his Eagle Scout project which benefited the community, and

WHEREAS, Ryan's Eagle Scout Project was to build a pollinator garden and brick pathway in the Orenda Elementary school courtyard, and

WHEREAS, Ryan funded his project through a partnership with the Orenda PTA to acquire the bricks through a PTA fundraiser sale and then created a U-shaped berm for the garden, and

WHEREAS, Ryan also built and installed a kiosk for the school to post ongoing information about the garden to ensure an educational component to his project, and

WHEREAS, Ryan's dedication to the Boy Scout Oath, while using his time and energy to give back to his community, will serve to prepare him for a meaningful, productive role in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the People of the Town of Clifton Park, the entire Town Board does hereby congratulate and salute Ryan Gersey on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, and we are proud to have him as a member of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O'Hara, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 32 of 2023, a resolution recognizing Joseph Hess on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption and seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the People of the Town of Clifton Park, New York, take immense pride in the accomplishments of its residents and recognize the valuable contributions of the Boy Scouts of America to our community and to our nation, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Hess has proven himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn and to achieve this rank, Joseph demonstrated leadership and completed his Eagle Scout project which benefited the community, and

WHEREAS, Joseph's Eagle Scout Project was to preserve the history of the Vischer Ferry Cemetery, where many of the Town's founding families such as the Vischers, Clutes and VanVrankens have been laid to rest, and

WHEREAS, Joseph led a team to compare paper records from the cemetery, Town records, gravestone information, and other sources and compiled his findings along with pictures of every stone, to record the information into on-line sites including Find-a Grave and BillionGraves, and

WHEREAS, Joseph's project has already helped over 2,200 people in their ancestry research according to BillionGraves and will allow many more people access to information in order to locate the burial sites of past relatives at the Vischer Ferry Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, Joseph's dedication to the Boy Scout Oath, while using his time and energy to give back to his community will serve to prepare him for a meaningful, productive role in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the People of the Town of Clifton Park, the entire Town Board does hereby congratulate and salute Joseph Hess on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, and we are proud to have him as a member of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O'Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 33 of 2023, a resolution recognizing Brandon Ross on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption and seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the People of the Town of Clifton Park, New York, take immense pride in the accomplishments of its residents and recognize the valuable contributions of the Boy Scouts of America to our community and to our nation, and

WHEREAS, Brandon Ross has proven himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America and has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Boy Scout can earn and to achieve this rank, Brandon demonstrated leadership and completed his Eagle Scout project which benefited the community, and

WHEREAS, Brandon's Eagle Scout Project was to focus on children with disabilities having the opportunity to enjoy the playground by fundraising, researching and installing an adaptive swing set at the Barney Road Park, with a completion date of June 2022, and

WHEREAS, Brandon saw a deficiency for children with special needs to be able to enjoy the soothing experience of swinging safely and worked to solve it with this project, and

WHEREAS, Brandon's dedication to the Boy Scout Oath, while using his time and energy to give back to his community, will serve to prepare him for a meaningful, productive role in society, and

WHEREAS, Brandon has also excelled in other pursuits, and plans to continue his education in the field of Biomedical Engineering in college; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the People of the Town of Clifton Park, the entire Town Board does hereby congratulate and salute Brandon Ross on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, and we are proud to have him as a member of our community.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 34 of 2023, a resolution accepting the quote of Backyard Sheds and authorizing the Comptroller to transfer funds for purchase and installation of a new starter shed/office at the Town-operated golf course on Barney Road.

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

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation has identified a need for a replacement of the starter shed and office for the Town operated golf course at Barney Road, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department issued a request for quotes on January 5, 2023, and

WHEREAS, three quotes were received on or before January 12, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation identified Backyard Sheds, 1208 US Route 9W, Selkirk, NY, as the lowest conforming quote, at a price not to exceed \$5,903; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to accept the quote of Backyard Sheds, Selkirk, NY, not to exceed \$5,903, to be charged to A-7190-200 (General Fund-Barney Road Golf Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 35 of 2023, a resolution authorizing expenditure for new carpet in the Department of Parks & Recreation office of Town Hall.

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to replace carpet in their office, and

WHEREAS, materials and installation services for commercial carpets are available from Northeast Commercial Interiors, pursuant to New York State Contract PC6778, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, recommends accepting the proposal of Northeast Commercial Interiors, 76 Crabapple Lane, Watervliet, NY, in the amount of \$5,462, pursuant to the New York State Contract, and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes new carpet with installation and removal of existing carpet; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Northeast Commercial Interiors to proceed with the proposal, attached, in an amount not to exceed \$5,462 from A-1620-200 (Town Hall-equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 36 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford F-150 vehicle with plow from Metro Ford, 3601 State St., Schenectady, NY, for use by the Buildings & Grounds Department.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O’Hara.

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, has requested authority to purchase a new vehicle for use by the Buildings & Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, the new vehicle will replace a 2009 Ford Ranger that will stay in use with Buildings and Grounds, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens has recommended that the 2022 Ford F-150, available from Metro Ford, 3601 State St., Schenectady, NY, be purchased under New York State Minibid 1379, OGS Solicitation 23166 at a cost of \$58,156.60; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford F-150 vehicle with plow from Metro Ford, as described in the attached documents, at a total cost not to exceed \$58,156.60, under State Minibid #1379, OGS Solicitation 23166, to be paid for by a municipal lease.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 37 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Bobcat Compact Wheel Loader vehicle from Bobcat of Saratoga, LLC, for use by the Buildings & Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, has requested authorization for the purchase of a Compact Wheel Loader vehicle for the Buildings and Grounds Department, per the attached, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens has recommended that the compact wheel loader utility vehicle be purchased to best meet the needs of the Department, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens has also recommended that the Bobcat Compact Wheel Loader, available from Bobcat of Saratoga, LLC, 1279 Route 9, Gansevoort, NY, be purchased at a cost of \$87,417; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) Bobcat Compact Wheel Loader from Bobcat of Saratoga, as described in the attached documents, at a total cost not to exceed \$87,417, to be paid for by a municipal lease.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 38 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the replacement of four (4) stainless steel handrails for the diving boards at the Country Knolls Pool.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, wishes to replace the diving board handrails at the Country Knolls Pool, and

WHEREAS, three quotes were submitted, per the job specifications, and CBM Fabrications, Inc., submitted the lowest conforming quote in the amount of \$6,835, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemens has recommended that CBM Fabrications, Inc., be authorized to replace the diving board handrails, for an amount not to exceed \$6,835; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the replacement of the stainless-steel diving board handrails of the Country Knolls Pool is awarded to CBM Fabrications, Inc., of Ballston Lake, NY, at a cost not to exceed \$6,835, with a transfer from A-914 (Unassigned Fund Balance) to A-7151-200 (Country Knolls Pool – Equipment); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that CBM Fabrication, Inc., is authorized to proceed with the acquisition of materials and supplies necessary for the project, which will be completed before the start of the 2023 pool season.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 39 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the hiring of a part-time seasonal laborer for the Transfer Station.

Introduced by Councilman O’Hara, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, an opening exists for part-time seasonal help at the Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, has recommended that Timothy Riley of Clifton Park, be hired to fill the seasonal position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Timothy Riley be hired as a part-time seasonal laborer for the Transfer Station for the summer of 2023, at \$16.50 per hour, effective immediately, to be budgeted from A8160-E4000 (Transfer Station – Part-time Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 40 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the allocation of grant funds for up to \$5,000 for a Home Weatherization Education Program, to be available free to Town of Clifton Park residents and to be administered by the Town’s G.R.E.E.N. Committee.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O’Hara.

WHEREAS, the New York State NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Leadership Program has determined that the Town of Clifton Park and its G.R.E.E.N. Committee has completed specific actions and milestones since 2021, which qualify the Town for grant funds under the program, and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the Town of Clifton Park and G.R.E.E.N. Committee received notification of achieving its community campaign goal for Clean Heating and Cooling and Energy Efficiency; and are eligible for a \$5,000 action grant towards Residential Weatherization (Heating and Cooling) and Energy Efficiency Education, with remaining funds to be considered for planting trees on Town property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to accept the \$5,000 grant offered by NYSERDA, to enable the Town’s G.R.E.E.N. Committee to develop its educational weatherization program to be offered free to Town residents in February and March 2023,

WHEREAS, this weatherization program will deliver to the public a basic home “do-it-yourself” weatherization priorities program, which will include the distribution of weatherization materials and supplies, and

WHEREAS, the Town’s G.R.E.E.N. Committee is securing cost estimates for the these weatherization materials and supplies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase the A-3089 (General Fund – NYS Revenues) by \$5,000, and also, to increase A-08055-00024 (G.R.E.E.N. Committee – Expenditures) by \$5,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid explained, the first presentation of the program was held at the Senior Center and was highly successful. Two additional upcoming presentations will be at CAPTAIN, February 27 and the Grooms Tavern, March 3. Pre-registration is required.

Resolution No. 41 of 2023, a resolution to retain Prime AE Group of NY, for professional engineering services related to the Mohawk Valley Grange building, Rexford, NY.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O'Hara.

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as Commissioners of the Mohawk Valley Grange building, wishes to retain the professional engineering services of Prime AE Group, Albany, NY, to obtain a general assessment of the building's current condition, and

WHEREAS, the scope of the project is to determine what interior and exterior improvements are necessary to reinstate the Mohawk Valley Grange building as a public meeting space, and

WHEREAS, the Prime AE Group proposes that the cost estimate and engineering services for the project will not exceed \$14,250; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barrett recommends that the quote of Prime AE Group be accepted; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with Prime AE Group of NY, for professional engineering fees related to improvements deemed necessary for the Mohawk Valley Grange building, Rexford, NY, at a cost not to exceed \$14,250, to be paid from a transfer from A-914 (Unassigned Fund Balance) to A-1628-00135 (Engineering Mohawk Valley Grange Building).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O'Hara, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 42 of 2023, a resolution adopting a local law amending Chapter 99 of the Town Code, relative to the installation of lock box entry systems for emergency services in multiple dwelling residential buildings without 24/7 access.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O'Hara.

WHEREAS, Chapter 99 of the Town Code provides for key lock box systems for the use of the Town's various fire companies to access multiple family residential apartments in emergency circumstances, in cases where there is no 24-hour staffing to provide such access, and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to update the Chapter by requiring the installation of Supra Max lock box entry systems in these same multiple dwelling residential buildings, for the use of emergency medical service companies throughout the Town, for the same purposes, and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes an effective date of June 30, 2023, for the installation of these lock box entry systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of 2023, a local law amending Chapter 99 of the Town Code, as attached, is hereby adopted, effective June 30, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O'Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one else wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE 8:19PM

Darlene McGraw, Halfmoon, thanked the Town Board for going forward with the lock-box law. Reminded residents of the FOIL law.

Dylan Mirarchi, Malta, explained the waterfowl hunting community wish to be able to freely access and recreate on the Vischer Ferry Preserve and navigable waters of NYS without limitations or fear of prosecution from the Town and would like to formally request that the Town abolishes its regulations on the waterfowl hunting season duration, and firearms discharge for this property.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE CLOSED 8:37PM

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

Motion carried at 8:38 PM

Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk