

UNAPPROVED

At the REGULAR MEETING of the Town Board, Town of Clay, Onondaga County, held at the Town Hall, Clay, New York on the November 5, 2025, at 7:30 P.M., there were:

PRESENT:

Joseph Bick	Deputy Supervisor/Councilor
Eugene Young	Councilor
Ryan Pleskach	Councilor
Deborah Magaro-Dolan	Councilor
David Capria	Councilor
Edward Wisnowski	Councilor
Jill Hageman-Clark	Town Clerk
Robert Germain	Town Attorney
Brian Bender	Commissioner of Plan & Development

ABSENT:

Damian Ulatowski	Supervisor
Ron DeTota	Town Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russ Mitchell, Planning Board Chairman; Hal Henty, Planning Board Member.
Paula Caron, Comptroller.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Bick at 7:30 P.M. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Councilor Pleskach made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Supervisor Bick said the following applicants have requested adjournments.
Town Board Case #1234: Northern Credit Union
Town Board Case # 1235: Rich Family Subdivision
Item 15 on the Agenda: Local Law #2 of the Year 2025 (F/K/A Local Law #3 of 2025)
Item 20 on the Agenda will not be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Deputy Supervisor Bick said, regarding the Hinderwel's property, 6 notifications were sent to residents on Wally Road that were within the 200' buffer.

REGULAR MEETING:

Deputy Supervisor opened the public hearings for the 2026 Budget together.

TOWN of CLAY SPECIAL DISTRICTS BUDGET 2026 (PH):

A public hearing to consider the adoption of the proposed 2026 Special Districts Budget for the Town of Clay and

TOWN of CLAY FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET 2026 (PH):

A public hearing to consider the adoption of the proposed 2026 Fire Protection Budget for the Town of Clay and

TOWN of CLAY UNIFORM WATER BUDGET 2026 (PH):

A public hearing to consider the adoption of the proposed 2026 Uniform Water Budget for the Town of Clay and

TOWN of CLAY PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2026 as the ADOPTED BUDGET (PH):

A public hearing to consider the adoption of the proposed 2026 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Clay as the Adopted Budget, were all opened by the Deputy Supervisor.

Paula Caron, Town Comptroller, spoke briefly about each budget and provided a power point (see attached). The Special Districts Budget encompasses trash, sewer, water (OCWA) and other miscellaneous charges and the adjusted total is \$9,280,421.00.

The Fire Districts have an increase of \$.93 per \$1,000.

The Water Budget covers 5,900 residents in the Clay water district. There has not been a rate increase since 2022, despite the fact OCWA raises the cost to the Town annually.

The Preliminary Budget reflects an increase of 1.5%; increases in contractual expenses are reflected in the increase. This is the first year in several where there will be any increase to town taxes and still falls below the 2% imposed Tax Cap. Deputy Supervisor Bick **closed** all the public hearings.

SPECIAL PERMIT (PH/Adj.) – Town Board Case # 1234 – NORTHERN CREDIT UNION:

Councilor Pleskach moved the adoption of a resolution **adjourning** the public hearing to **December 1, 2025 at 7:35 PM**. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

SPECIAL PERMIT (PH/Adj.) – Town Board Case # 1238 – NORTHERN CREDIT UNION:

A public hearing to consider the application of **NORTHERN CREDIT UNION**, for a Special Permit pursuant to Section 230-16 C.(2)(e)[2] – Uses Allowed: Drive-In Service, to allow for a bank with drive-in services on land located at 3584 State Route 31, Baldwinsville, Tax Map No. 052.-02-11.3, consisting of +/- 1.3 acres of land. The property is located in the RC-1 Regional Commercial District. (Adjourned from the 10/20/2025 Town Board meeting) was opened by the Deputy Supervisor.

Nolan Kokkoris of Bond, Schoeneck and King was present on behalf of the applicant, and began by explaining the applicant is proposing a drive-thru service for the proposed 3,100 sf Credit Union to be constructed on the 1.3-acre parcel. There are 31 parking spaces. They received a positive recommendation from the Planning Board.

Councilor Young asked if they would require any variances. Mr. Kokkoris said they have received a variance for the set back from Route 31 (adjusting the setback from 165' to 129') and also for an additional sign. Councilor Young asked how many vehicles they are calculating? They expect 25-26 vehicles per hour and 27-29 per hour on the weekend.

Councilor Magaro-Dolan asked how many employees; there will be 5 on site. Business will mainly be ATM/Drive-thru. There will be no direct access from Route 31, traffic will enter from the plaza access road.

Councilor Young asked who will construct it, the applicant will bid it out for general contact.

All questions and comments having been heard; Deputy Supervisor Bick **closed** the public hearing.

ZONE CHANGE (PH/Adj.) – Town Board Case # 1235 – RICH FAMILY SUBDIVISION:

Councilor Pleskach moved the adoption of a resolution **adjourning** the public hearing to **December 1, 2025 at 7:38 PM**. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

LOCAL LAW No.1 of the YEAR 2025(PH)(f/k/a Local Law # 2) – Chapter 211-Traffic and Vehicles (PH):

A public hearing to consider **LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2025** (f/k/a Local Law #2) to amend Chapter 211 entitled “Traffic and Vehicles,” Section 5 entitled “Speed Limits” of the Town of Clay Municipal Code, for the reduction of the present 55 MPH speed limit to 45 MPH on the west end of Mud Mill Road, from Caughdenoy Road, extending to the Town of Cicero line and authorization to install the necessary signs therefor. (Adjourned from the 10/20/2025 Town Board meeting) was opened by the Deputy Supervisor.

Deputy Supervisor Bick began by explaining the Highway Superintendent gave this a positive recommendation. Councilor Young asked if it was the Highway Superintendent that made this request. Councilor Magaro-Dolan said that he did and met with the Town Board in a work session to discuss this request. She added she trusts his judgment. Councilor Capria said this is a great idea.

All questions and comments having been heard; Deputy Supervisor Bick **closed** the public hearing.

LOCAL LAW #2 of the YEAR 2025(PH))(f/k/a Local Law # 3) – Section 230-16B (2) (e) :

Councilor Young moved the adoption of a resolution **adjourning** the public hearing to **November 17, 2025 at 8:05 PM**. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

TOWN of CLAY SPECIAL DISTRICTS BUDGET 2026 (A):

Councilor Pleskach moved the adoption of a resolution approving and adopting the proposed 2026 Special Districts Budget for the Town of Clay. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

TOWN of CLAY FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET 2026 (A):

Councilor Pleskach moved the adoption of a resolution approving and adopting the proposed 2026 Fire Protection Budget for the Town of Clay. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

TOWN of CLAY UNIFORM WATER BUDGET 2026 (A):

Councilor Pleskach moved the adoption of a resolution approving and adopting the proposed 2026 Uniform Water Budget for the Town of Clay. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

TOWN of CLAY PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2026 as the ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET (PH):

Councilor Pleskach moved the adoption of a resolution approving and adopting the **PRELIMINARY BUDGET** as (proposed or modified), as the **TOWN OF CLAY ANNUAL BUDGET** for the fiscal year commencing **January 1, 2026**. Motion was seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

ZONE CHANGE (CPH) – Town Board Case #1239 – LANDS OF NICHOLS LD, LLC:

NO ACTION

AGREEMENT - JANITORIAL/CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF CLAY TOWN HALL BUILDING:

Councilor Capria moved the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to renew an existing agreement with NYSID/Oswego Industries, Inc. under the same terms and conditions for JANITORIAL/CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF CLAY TOWN HALL BUILDING for one (1) year, commencing November 3, 2025, and terminating November 3, 2026. The original agreement allows for two additional one-year renewal periods under the same terms and conditions. Motion was seconded by Councilor Young.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

AGREEMENT – ABJ FIRE PROTECTION COMPANY:

Councilor Wisnowski moved the adoption of a resolution approving and authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with ABJ Fire Protection Company to perform the required five-year obstruction testing of the sprinkler system (per NFPA 25 standards) for the Clay Town Hall facilities at a cost not to exceed \$1,650.00, in accordance with the Town's Procurement Policy; and be it further resolved that said vendor was selected following the solicitation of written quotes and a determination of best value to the Town of Clay. Motion was seconded by Councilor Capria.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M. upon motion by Councilor Young and seconded by Councilor Magaro-Dolan.

Ayes – 6 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

Jill Hageman-Clark RMC / Town Clerk

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TOWN OF CLAY 2026 SPECIAL DISTRICTS BUDGET							
DISTRICT	TRASH (06)	SEWER (11)	DRAINAGE (12)	WATER (13)	LIGHTING (14)	HYDRANT (15)	TOTAL
EXPENSE							
DEBT SERVICE							
Serial Bond Principal	\$0	\$65,300	\$0	\$86,200	\$0	\$0	\$151,500
Serial Bond Interest	\$0	\$11,289	\$0	\$7,052	\$0	\$0	\$18,341
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$0	\$76,589	\$0	\$93,252	\$0	\$0	\$169,841
OTHER EXPENSES							
Trash Hauler Contracts	\$4,110,819	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,110,819
Other Charges (Salina Sewer)	\$0	\$6,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,100
OCWA Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,435	\$0	\$138,415	\$150,850
National Grid Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,139,622	\$0	\$1,139,622
Administrative Charge	\$205,541	\$357,217	\$287,823	\$2,781	\$56,981	\$6,921	\$917,264
Repair Charge	\$0	\$297,681	\$2,638,378	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,936,058
InterFund Transfer (Exp)	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
Payments to Other Districts	\$0	\$199	\$0	\$3,723	\$0	\$0	\$3,922
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$4,316,360	\$696,197	\$2,926,201	\$18,939	\$1,196,603	\$145,336	\$9,299,635
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$4,316,360	\$772,785	\$2,926,201	\$112,191	\$1,196,603	\$145,336	\$9,469,476
TOTAL REVENUE REQUIRED	\$4,316,360	\$772,785	\$2,926,201	\$112,191	\$1,196,603	\$145,336	\$9,469,476
LESS Revenue from Other Districts	\$0	(\$199)	\$0	(\$3,723)	\$0	\$0	(\$3,922)
LESS InterfundTransfer - Revenue	\$0	(\$48,133)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$48,133)
FUNDS REQUIRED	\$4,316,360	\$724,454	\$2,926,201	\$108,468	\$1,196,603	\$145,336	\$9,417,421
ADD Deficit / LESS Surplus	(\$70,000)	(\$2,500)	\$0	(\$9,500)	(\$50,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$137,000)
AMOUNT TO BE TAXED	\$4,246,360	\$721,954	\$2,926,201	\$98,968	\$1,146,603	\$140,336	\$9,280,421
Districts	14	5	1	4	2	1	27



**TOWN OF CLAY
2026 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET
ADOPTED**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Budget % Inc/Dec</u>	<u>LOSAP</u>	<u>LOSAP % Inc/Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total % Inc/Dec</u>
Brewerton	\$124,248	5.00%	\$40,000	8.11%	\$164,248	5.74%
Caughdenoy	\$70,404	5.00%	NA		\$70,404	5.00%
Clay	\$1,030,367	5.00%	\$150,000	0.00%	\$1,180,367	4.34%
Moyers Corners	\$2,196,699	5.00%	\$325,000	8.33%	\$2,521,699	5.42%
North Syracuse (1)	<u>\$325,531</u>	<u>5.00%</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>7.69%</u>	<u>\$395,531</u>	<u>5.47%</u>
SUB-TOTALS	\$3,747,249	5.00%	\$585,000	5.98%	\$4,332,249	5.13%
Estimated Workers' Comp (Moyers Corners & Clay)					\$100,000	
LOSAP Audit / Admin Expense					<u>\$30,000</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					\$4,462,249	\$196,440 4.60%
Appropriated Fund Balance					(\$25,000)	
FIRE PROTECTION TAX					\$4,437,249	
Taxable Assessed Value					166,496,302	
2026 TAX RATE					\$26.65 /M	
2025 Tax Rate:			\$25.72	3.61%	\$0.93	Increase
2025 Tax Levy:			\$4,265,809	4.02%	\$171,440	Increase
2025 Taxable Value:			165,843,475	0.39%	652,827	Increase

(1) The Total North Syracuse Fire Budget is based on a one third split with the Town of Cicero and the Village.

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2026 UNIFORM WATER BUDGET ADOPTED

Account #	Account Name	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 as of 10/21/2025	2026 Proposed Budget
07-8310-101	WATER ADMIN - SALARY & WAGES	\$312,197	\$339,239	\$256,423	\$328,717
07-8310-102	WATER ADMIN - OVERTIME PAY	\$3,893	\$5,000	\$4,142	\$5,000
07-8310-401	WATER ADMIN - OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$21,738	\$22,500	\$18,512	\$22,500
07-8310-403	WATER ADMIN - TRAINING & CONFERENCE	\$435	\$500	\$0	\$500
07-8310-409	WATER ADMIN - INSURANCE	\$6,988	\$7,500	\$8,856	\$10,000
07-8310-414	WATER ADMIN - TELEPHONE	\$2,142	\$2,500	\$2,244	\$3,000
07-8310-415	WATER ADMIN - ELECTRIC	\$268	\$500	\$214	\$500
07-8310-426	WATER ADMIN - ADMIN CHARGES	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$75,000
07-8310-434	WATER ADMIN - COMPUTER PROGRAMMING	\$27,188	\$50,000	\$25,718	\$50,000
	8310 - SUBTOTAL	\$432,848	\$485,739	\$374,110	\$495,217
07-8320-205	WATER SUPPLY - AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT	\$56,868	\$162,000	\$152,117	\$165,000
07-8320-210	WATER SUPPLY - EQUIPMENT	\$20,493	\$50,000	\$28,063	\$50,000
07-8320-400	WATER SUPPLY - CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES	\$1,905,897	\$2,000,000	\$1,360,989	\$2,100,000
07-8320-405	WATER SUPPLY - HIGHWAY BACKCHARGES	\$6,111	\$10,000	\$2,341	\$5,000
07-8320-406	WATER SUPPLY - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$350,916	\$125,000	\$156,222	\$175,000
07-8320-412	WATER SUPPLY - ENGINEERING FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
07-8320-413	WATER SUPPLY - PARTS TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$30,370	\$6,000	\$62,179	\$50,000
07-8320-419	WATER SUPPLY - GASOLINE	\$14,284	\$15,000	\$7,511	\$15,000
07-8320-447	WATER SUPPLY - GROUND WATER MONITORING	\$14,395	\$25,000	\$10,248	\$15,000
	8320 - SUBTOTAL	\$2,399,334	\$2,393,000	\$1,779,670	\$2,575,000
07-9010-801	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - NYS RETIREMENT	\$33,756	\$40,000	\$48,429	\$50,000
07-9010-802	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - SOCIAL SECURITY	\$21,240	\$22,500	\$19,110	\$25,000
07-9010-803	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - WORKERS COMP	\$3,933	\$7,500	\$4,437	\$7,500
07-9010-804	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - UNEMPLOYMENT	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
07-9010-805	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - HEALTH INSURANCE	\$134,970	\$150,000	\$106,615	\$150,000
	9010 - SUBTOTAL	\$193,898	\$221,000	\$178,591	\$233,500
	EXPENSE TOTAL	\$3,026,080	\$3,099,739	\$2,332,371	\$3,303,717
07-1900-2140	GENERAL GOVT. - METERED WATER SALES	\$2,698,272	\$2,650,000	\$2,183,037	\$2,800,000
07-1900-2402	GENERAL GOVT. - M&T MM INTEREST	\$50,503	\$50,000	\$27,163	\$30,000
07-1900-2655	GENERAL GOVT. - MINOR SALES	\$1,667	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
07-1950-2831	ARPA - INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$265,921	\$0	\$0	\$0
	1900 - SUBTOTAL	\$3,016,364	\$2,700,000	\$2,220,200	\$2,830,000
	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE		\$399,739		\$473,717
	REVENUE TOTAL	\$3,016,364	\$3,099,739	\$2,220,200	\$3,303,717

