

April 14, 2021: Minutes

Body:

**TOWN OF CLIFTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2021
6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Town of Clifton was called to order at 6:32pm by Supervisor C Hooven.

Board Member	Present	Absent		Town Officials	Present	Absent
Supervisor Charles Hooven	X			Town Clerk, Karen Soltau	X	
Councilman Julie Lanphear	X			Deputy Clerk, Cynthia Whitmore	x	
Councilman Cory Perrault	X			Bookkeeper, Nancy Russell	X	
Councilman John Russell	X			Highway Superintendent, Kelly Smith	X	

Councilman Mary Zuhlsdorf	X			Code Enforcement Officer, Herb Snider		X
				Dog Control Officer, Ronda Williams		X

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L. Denesha, B. Griffin, S. Griffin, M. Zimmer

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Board, having received a copy of the minutes for review prior to the meeting, voted to read the minutes and approve the minutes as read with corrections, motion to approve by J. Lanphear a second was made by C. Perrault. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Denesha

- Covid 19- 20 new cases reported today, steady decline is being seen.
- All are encouraged to carry their Covid-19 vaccination cards with them, also take a photo.
- In the Town of Clifton 40% of the population of 65+ have gotten their vaccine. If help is needed to get the rest vaccinated, call the Office of the Aging and they should be able to help.

- DANC Survey will be ending April 30th. All are encouraged to take this survey. As of April 12th, 1500 surveys have been submitted.
- 2021 State Budget, \$100,000,000 in additional CHIPS Funding
- Extreme Winter Recovery money will be restored.
- On April 5th a resolution was passed for the creation of the St. Lawrence Employee Professional Development Tuition Reimbursement Program. Will help people get into a new career path.
- Passed a resolution for a contract with Franklin County for Road Salt for \$75.00 a ton.

M. Zimmer

- Presented a list of events that will be happening this year and requested the use of the Clifton Community Center for these events. All Covid-19 protocols will be adhered to. Motion to grant the use of the Clifton Community Center was made by M. Zuhlsdorf, with a 2nd by C. Perrault. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, Motion carried.
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CORRESPONDENCE:

- A Rabies Clinic will be held on May 20, 2021 at the Town of Fine Highway Garage, pre-registration is required.
- Reviewed Clifton Community Library board minutes and financials
- Reviewed the minutes of the Joint Town Board meeting, held on April 7, 2021. In addition to the Joint Board meeting, the Town of Clifton passed Resolution #4-2021, with the Potsdam Humane Society. Motion was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by J. Lanphear. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- National Grid LED Street Light Conversion, we will be moving forward. A motion to move forward was made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by C. Perrault. Ayes = 4, Noes = 1 (M. Zuhlsdorf), Absent = 0, Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS

- Light Poles in the back parking lot. We will have Blackmer Electric take a look at them. Supervisor Hooven will discuss with him.
- Chips for the playground at the Clifton Community Center. Superintendent Smith will get in contact with a logging company to get a load of chips.
- Roof on the Town Garage – Supervisor Hooven to get ahold of the architect.
- Building on Woodhaven – Supervisor Hooven will talk to our lawyer to see what needs to be done to be able to sell it. Motion to talk to lawyer and sell this property was made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by C. Perrault. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, Motion carried.
- Trees in the back of the Clifton Community Center – Town guys will remove dead trees next week and J. Lanphear will get a price on new trees to plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Insurance on Arena has more than doubled. Appraisal was done on the property and is at \$2.5 million. We need to have a discussion with the Town of Fine about reducing the amount of insurance.
- Second Fee for Property Taxes. Motion to set the Second Fee at \$2.00 was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by C. Perrault. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, Motion carried.
- Repairs to the Clifton Community Center – B. Griffin presented a list of 9 items that need repairs. Of those 9 items he has determined that he could do 3 of them, for the remaining 6, he will coordinate with outside estimates. Along with doing the 3 jobs he has requested a \$5.00/hr pay increase while doing them. His rate of pay for the regular

maintenance duties will remain the same. A motion to raise B. Griffins pay by \$5.00/hr while he is working on the 3 items was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by J. Lanphear. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, Motion carried.

- Tupper Lake Shared Highway Services Contract – motion to accept contract was made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by C. Perrault. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, Motion carried.

- APA Project No. 2020-0217 discussion on the Nature Conservancy selling land to the state.

- H. Wilson from the CLMSC discussed some of the issues they have been having with the SLCSA and how CLMSC is going to be leaving the SLCSA and going out on their own. She informed the board of some of the projects that they intend to be working on and asked the if she could have their support. The members of the town board agreed to support their efforts.

HIGHWAY:

- Superintendent Smith reached out to Central Boiler and the part that needs to be fixed has been ordered. He will see if that is the solution and if not he will have to look for another solution.

- He has not heard anything about replacing the man doors at the Town Garage.

- They are sweeping in Newton Falls right now, all the long roads have been done. He rented a skid steer with a broom on it and says it is working out great.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Supervisor's report** – The board having examined the report had a motion to approve the report by J. Lanphear and seconded by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes all; motion carried.

- **Town Clerk's report** – The board examined the Town Clerk's report. A motion was made by M. Zuhlsdorf, to approve the report and seconded by C. Perrault. Ayes all; motion carried.
- **Audit of the bills:** The board audited the bills for payment. A motion to approve payment of the bills as audited was made by J. Lanphear and seconded J. Russell. Ayes all; carried.

	AMOUNTS
GENERAL	\$74,309.72
HIGHWAY	\$15,692.30
STAR LAKE/WOODHAVEN WATER DISTRICT	\$34,290.00
CF ARENA	\$655.27
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$8,558.50
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$25,741.20

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 8:07pm was made by J. Russell and seconded by J. Lanphear. Ayes all; adjourned.

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on May 12, 2021 in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk