

December 08, 2021: December Minutes

Body:

TOWN OF CLIFTON

REGULAR 2021 MEETING

DECEMBER 08, 2021

6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE

CALL TO ORDER:

The 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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B. Griffin, L. Denesha, M. Leroux, M. Zimmer, J. Burns, D. Sorrell, K. Feuka, H. Wilson

- Deidra Sorrell – Hospital Administrator at Clifton Fine Hospital made a presentation on the upcoming renovations to the hospital and fundraising proposal.
 - Emergency Department & Infrastructure Improvements
 - Goal is to break ground in March 2022 with an end date in 2024

- Kevin Feuka from DANC introduced himself and has taken over for Carrie Tuttle. Carrie is now the Chief Operating Officer for DANC.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Regular Board Meeting of November 10, 2021

The Board, having received a copy of the minutes for review prior to the meeting, voted not to read the minutes and approve the minutes as is with any corrections, motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell, Ayes all, motion carried.

Special Public Hearing Meeting of November 4, 2021

The Board, having received a copy of the minutes for review prior to the meeting, voted not to read the minutes and approve the minutes as is with any corrections, motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell, Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Heather Wilson from the Cranberry Lake Mountaineer Snowmobile Club wanted to give an update of what the club has accomplished.
 - Received grants of \$42,500, which helped pay for ½ a groomer, a pole barn at the American Legion, fix the trail up little blue, fixing of the Manhattan Trail, 2 warming huts, one on Roaring Brook Club and one in the Windfall area, working on southern St. Lawrence County map. They have 3 groomers. Membership is up 21% this year.
- Mark Leroux mentioned that the property next to him on Lone Pine Road had a parking spot cleared on the other side of the road. During the process a spring was hit and now water is running down the road into his garage. The water is also freezing and making an ice hazard for traffic.
- Larry Denesha
 - Covid there were 139 new cases reported, hospitalizations are at 31, positivity rate in St. Lawrence County is at 56% for vaccination rates and the state is at 68%.
 - State of Emergency was declared in St. Lawrence County, raises a level of awareness but opens up potential assistance from the state.
 - 2022 Budget passed unanimously, going to see a 2.08% decrease in county taxes
 - Passed a resolution for the chair to sign a contract with Burnam and Benefit for health care costs.
 - Passed a resolution for mortgage tax, the Town of Clifton should be receiving a check.
 - Office for the Aging, home delivered meals are up 41%.
 - County Route 27 bridge is now open.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Memo from the Library Board regarding S. Griffin's resignation and request to be re-assigned as a library aide.
- Memo from the Library Board of Trustee requesting that Heather Nichols to be made Library Director. Motion to accept Heather Nichols as the Library Director was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell, Ayes all, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Boat behind the community center. Letter was sent out for removal within 10 days of the date of the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution #9-2021 Reconsider the decision to close Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. Motion to sign the resolution was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by J. Lanphear, Ayes all, Motion carried.
- DANC Amendment Letter – Amendment No. 1 DANC Technical Services agreement for the Newton Falls Wastewater Disinfection System Improvement Project. Motion to accept the Amendment was made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes all, motion carried.
- Code Enforcement updated building permit pricing. Motion to accept new building permit pricing pending confirmation of the solar panel permit price was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes all, motion carried.
- Registrar Re-appointment. Motion to re-appoint the current registrar, Karen Soltau and deputy Cynthia Whitmore was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes all, motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

- Employee retiring on December 22, 2021. B. Barstow will fill in as needed until May when they decide what to do.
- Ordering a new truck, put a truck up for bid in 2022 so we have the new truck for 2023

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 J. Russell, to approve the report and seconded by J. Lanphear. 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 by J. Russell. Ayes all; carried.

	AMOUNTS
CF ARENA	\$213.54
GENERAL	\$39,087.72
HIGHWAY	\$78,948.37
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$237.03
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$930.88
CAPITAL PROJECT NFSD DISINFECTING	\$0.00

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 7:58pm was made by J. Russell and seconded by J. Lanphear. Ayes all; adjourned.

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on January 12, 2022, in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk