

July 13, 2022: July Minutes - Approved

Body:

TOWN OF CLIFTON

REGULAR 2022 MEETING

JULY 13, 2022

6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town of Clifton held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department. The meeting 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
Council Member William Griffin	X		Deputy Clerk, Cynthia Whitmore	X	
Council Member Julie Lanphear	X		Bookkeeper, Nancy Russell	X	
Council Member John Russell	X		Highway Superintendent, Kelly Smith	X	
Council Member Mary Zuhlsdorf	X		Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Snyder	X	
			Dog Control Officer, Ronda Williams		X

GUESTS:

S. Griffin, L. Denesha, M. Leroux, N. Nolan, H. Baggs, D. Roberts, T. Ward, S. Ward, P. Redd

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Board, having received a copy of the minutes for review prior to the meeting, voted to forego the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as is, motion to approve was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- H. Baggs: Informed the board that the annual Firecracker Race had 175 entrants. Poker paddle will be July 23.
- T. Ward: Proposed a pickleball court on the existing tennis court, this would not interfere with the tennis court lines. Library would be interested in purchasing paddles and balls for people to use. Motion to approve pickleball court and purchase paint was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell, ayes all, motion carried.
- L. Denesha:
 - 23 positive home tests reported for the first part of July
 - New variant of Covid VA5
 - St. Lawrence County Senior Citizens picnic will be held August 11 at the Gouverneur Community Center, starts at 11am and is \$3.00
 - 34.65 miles of road to be paved, took monies out of fund balance to do all, due to the cost of blacktop
 - Passed a resolution modifying the 2022 budget for the highway department to utilize the fund balance for the capital project of the new highway facility in Potsdam.
 - ARC Transit Star Lake Shuttle, services are scheduled to resume 8/1.
 - DSS brief review, hired a consulting group, policy and procedures that were in place were not clear, conflicting rules within the procedures.
 - August 1st Board Meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on the grandstand.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A Thank You note was sent by Becky Milone for the use of the Clifton Fine Community Center
- A thank you to the highway department for putting tables together at the arena

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cement around the pillars at the Clifton Community Center. Highway Department was unable to get to it yet, it should be done this coming month.
- Clean up of properties, code enforcement has made a few visits. Copies of the proposed laws were given to board members by Eric Gustafson to look over. Work session/meeting

will be set for July 27th at 6:00pm at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department, to go over these proposed laws.

- Newton Falls Parking, same issue as the cleanup of properties, will be discussed at the meeting on July 27th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth Commission:

- Presley Bryant & Samantha Luce, Co-directors and Madison Gooder, and Kylee Todd as playground attendants. Motion to hire was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, ayes all, motion carried.
- Committee to help negotiate the Highway Teamsters Contract
- Committee will be W. Griffin and J. Russell

HIGHWAY:

- Hired a beaver trapper to remove beavers from Benson Mines, no cost to the town this time. For trapping in the future, it would cost \$500-\$1500.
- Currently tearing up River Road and replacing with crusher run, hoping to be able to pave in August.
- Been approached by the American Legion, to help them move concrete holding tanks into the right spot. Asking board approval to help them. Motion to approve helping the American Legion was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by J. Russell.
- Need to borrow the mower from the Community Center. Clean brush up around the arena.
- Electrical work at the Arena – need to find an electrician.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Has issued 13 permits to date
- has been inspecting the area for homeowners building without proper paperwork
- has talked to people about cleaning up their properties
- has 4 more classes to take

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Supervisor's Financial Report: motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by W. Griffin
- **Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.**

- Town Clerk's Report: motion to approve was made by W. Griffin with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf
 - **Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.**
- Audit the Bills: motion to approve was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by W. Griffin.
 - **Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.**
- Pay the Bills: motion to pay the bills was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by W. Griffin.
 - **Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.**

	AMOUNTS
CF ARENA	\$1,227.07
GENERAL	\$54,428.19
HIGHWAY	\$20,859.56
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$194.19
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$4,613.47
NEWTON FALLS DISINFECTING PROJECT	\$212.71

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on August 10, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department, at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Was announced at 7:18pm

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk