

## July 14, 2021: Minutes

### Body:

**TOWN OF CLIFTON  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 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.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>		<b>Town Officials</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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, M. Zimber, N. Nolan, M. Friden, J. Wenzel, B. Blackmer, M. Leroux

**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 J. Russell. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0,

Absent = 0, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**J. Wenzel**

- Risk Manager/Compliance Office for St. Lawrence County explained his roll in St. Lawrence County

**L. Denesha**

- Covid vaccination rate 16-year old's+ 63% have had at least 1 dose. National trends are going up in areas that have low vaccination rates.

- Workers Comp – based on salaries and hazardous position and experience. Town of Clifton has had no new claims.
- 2022 Budget process has started.
- DANC Broadband Survey results will be announced July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Highway facilities in the process for the ones in Russell and Lisbon and negotiating with Town of Potsdam because the county shares the Town of Potsdam site, going to cost \$2 million to build a \$1 million dollar facility. They have found a parcel of land on Route 11, and a resolution was passed to acquire the 47-acre parcel, possibly moving the existing county and highway facilities out of Canton and be closer to the DOT in Potsdam.
- Passed a resolution to financially support major league fishing tournaments in Massena in the amount of \$88 thousand dollars. They will be doing 6 tournaments.
- St. Lawrence County's credit rating has been raised from an A to an A+.
- 4 years ago, a resolution was passed to be a part of a lawsuit against Perdue Farms. The settlement has been reached.
- Full board meeting in August has been at the Gouverneur Fair and it will be at the Grand Stand this year.

M. Friden

- On behalf of the Southwoods Historical Society which will be hosting an event called Benson Mines/Newton Falls which will represent all the people who worked at the mill and the mines and their contributions to the community. This will be a free event on Aug 14-15 at the Clifton Fine Arena. M. Friden asked if the town could give a monetary donation, which we cannot, we cannot give to a 501(c3).

C. Whitmore

- Requesting a child's swing at the playground, there is not one swing for an infant. Town will order an infant swing. Discussion on the Cranberry Lake Beach.

M. Zimmer

- Update on the burned-out house in Newton Falls, it will be taken down by fall.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Cranberry Lake Snowmobile Association requesting we support them with applying for a grant for a groomer. Motion to support their grant application was made by J. Lanphear with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Russell, Ayes all, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Carry In – Carry Out signs for the pavilion area. Kelly will order
- Woodhaven property , Supervisor Hooven has not gotten anything from the lawyer.

### **TABLED ITEMS**

- Light Poles in the back parking lot. Blackmer Electric looked at the lights, he needs to be able to get to the lightbulbs.
- Chips for the playground at the Clifton Community Center. Kelly is working on and as soon as we can get them he will.
- Roof on the Town Garage – Bids are coming in 20-25% higher. We are not interested in a bid at this time. We will wait until the price of materials comes down.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution #6-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the submission of a 2021 Consolidating Funding Application. Motion to give permission to sign was made by J. Russell with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Perrault, Ayes all, motion carried.
- AED for the Clifton-Fine Beach, M. Leroux has spoke with the Boat Club about getting one. In the interim the CLVFD will provide one. The AED at the Clifton Community Center is

not compatible with what the CLVFD is currently using. The Town of Clifton Highway Department does not have access to an AED either. A motion was made to purchase 3 AED's to be placed at the beach, community center and highway department by J. Russell with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Perrault, Ayes all, motion carried.

- Abstract #6 changes, a motion to accept changes was made by J. Lanphear with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Perrault, Ayes all motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY:**

- The highway department did maintenance on the playground.
- The permit for the town pit needs to be renewed.
- Tried to get ahold of Burrville Power to get parts for the outdoor furnace with no luck.

### **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 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 M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes all; carried.

	<b>AMOUNTS</b>
GENERAL	\$41,626.04
HIGHWAY	\$15,583.62
STAR LAKE/WOODHAVEN WATER DISTRICT	\$0.00
CF ARENA	\$187.46
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$3615.56
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$198.71

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 7:32pm was made by J. Lanphear and seconded by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes all; adjourned.

**The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on August 11, 2021 in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk

