

June 08, 2022: June Minutes - Approved

Body:

TOWN OF CLIFTON

REGULAR 2022 MEETING

JUNE 8, 2022

6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE

PUBLIC HEARING: Meeting called to order at 6:16pm by Supervisor C. Hooven

Newton Falls Sewer District

Carrie Tuttle from DANC gave an update of maintenance that needs to be done.

ADJORNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion to close hearing by: M. Zuhlsdorf, second by J. Lanphear 6:46pm

REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town of Clifton held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 6:46pm 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, C. Tuttle, M. Leroux, C. Hayes, K. Provost, D. Provost, M. Peabody, N. Nolan, M. Zimmer, J. Provost, K. Provost, H. Baggs, D. Roberts, H. Peterson, P. Peterson

Resolution #13-2022, Bond Resolution dated June 8th, 2022 authorizing the issuance of serial bonds and notes in anticipation of the issuance thereof and/or statutory installment bonds and notes in anticipation of the issuance thereof, of the Town of Clifton, New York, in the county of St. Lawrence, pursuant to the provision of the local finance law of the state of New York and pursuant to applicable provisions of the town law of the state of New York in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs of the construction of a disinfection system and improvements within the developed site of the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant, the total cost of which is not to exceed the sum of \$550,000.00.

A motion to accept the bond resolution was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by J. Russell, Ayes all, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: C. Hooven = Y, J. Russell = Y, M. Zuhlsdorf = Y, J. Lanphear = Y, W. Griffin = Y

Resolution #14-2022, Notice of public hearing for the purpose of considering the Town of Clifton's construction of a disinfection system and improvements within the developed site limits of the Town's wastewater treatment plant in the Newton Falls Sewer District.

A motion to accept this resolution was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell, Ayes all, motion carried.

Resolution #11-2022, Amendment No.1 Development Authority of the North Country Technical Services Agreement for the Newton Falls Wastewater Disinfection System Improvement Project with the Town of Clifton

A motion to accept the Amendment was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by W. Griffin, Ayes all, motion carried.

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. Lanphear with a 2nd by W. Griffin, Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

· K. Provost

○ wants to know what can be done about the properties that are overrun with junk cars, boats and garbage in Newton Falls and Star Lake. The Town has roughly set aside \$20,000 for cleanup of properties, possible proposal of taking a period where we would have the Highway Department, along with the landowner clean the properties up and take unwanted items to the transfer station. Our code enforcement officer is working to see how we can enforce this. We can move forward from there with a new local law that has some teeth in it. C. Hooven is working with the town lawyer to develop a new local law for property clean up.

○ When will we have a dog census? C Hooven said that we will put the money in the budget for next year. In the meantime, an add will be placed in the Bargain Hunter to have your dogs licensed.

· N. Nolan

○ Concerned about the LaFrance property being in ruins and the barge that is now sitting on the bottom of the lake. Again C. Hooven is working with the town lawyer on an updated law.

· M. Zimmer

○ Door in the basement of the community room is awesome. Friends of the Library will not have a book sale this year due to lack of books. She would like permission from the town to put up tables through the summer in the basement of the community center with books on them for sale by the honor system. The Board had no problem with this.

· L. Denesha

○ Covid 19 – Monday, June 6th totals were 91 new cases, 5 hospitalized. The positivity rate for the county is at 3.6% and 7.12% for the state. Right now, the transmission level is at Low.

○ Tax collections have increased, 2015 it was 88.84%, 2018 – 90.87%, 2021 – 92.6%

○ There has been a 10% increase in the price of asphalt

○ Edwards-Knox now has a School Resource Officer

○ Passed a resolution to do a 6-month feasibility study in St. Lawrence County of the sludge that comes from the wastewater treatment plants. The sludge that goes to the landfill will be dried and turned into Class A fertilizer.

- Superintendent Smith asked how come the Town of Louisville receives more money from the county than anyone else? L. Denesha will investigate it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the Clifton Community Library requesting approval of Arlene Davis, Paul Gerhig and Rachael Graham as Library Trustee's. A motion to approve the suggested trustees was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell, ayes all, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Not going to paint the Arena floor it's too expensive.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cement around the pillars at the community center, in need of repairing, the highway department will take care of repairing.
- Code Enforcer would like mileage reimbursement from office in Newton Falls to site, federal rate .585, A motion to pay mileage was made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, ayes all, motion carried.
- Clean up of properties, write a letter to the landowner within the current local law to have them cleaned up, 2 properties were mentioned, motion to write letters was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell, ayes all, motion carried.
- Updated Dog Report, put ad in bargain hunter with the rules for licensing your dog in the Town of Clifton. A dog census will be budgeted for 2023
- Code Enforcement will produce a report quarterly
- **Resolution 12-2022** Budget Adjustments to the Woodhaven Water District, a motion to make the adjustments was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by W. Griffin, ayes all, motion carried.
- Request from Assessor to go to training for 4 days, we pay for hotel and Town of Constable will pay for the training. A motion to approve was made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by W. Griffin, ayes all, motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

- Replaced chips in the playground, 9 loads of wood chips were used.
- Fixed the flagpole in the front of the Clifton Community Center

- The Clifton Beach Park needs more sand
- No paving until September
- Screening plant motor is in the works

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

	AMOUNTS
CF ARENA	\$160.58
GENERAL	\$8,467.03
HIGHWAY	\$65,003.25
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$189.66
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$10,081.48

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on July 13, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department, at 6:30pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Called to Order: 7:42, personnel issue
- No Action Taken
- Motion for Adjournment: 7:55pm was made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by M Zuhlsdorf, ayes all, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Was announced at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk