

**June 09, 2021: Minutes**

**Body:**

**TOWN OF CLIFTON  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 9, 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, C. Farnsworth, H. Bagg, D. Roberts

**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 M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes = 4, Noes = 0,

Absent = 1, Motion carried.

Tom Manley from Pinnacle Technologies gave board members instruction on the new tablets.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**L. Denesha**

- Covid 19- 5 new cases reported today. As of June 7<sup>th</sup>, in the 18+ age range, 60% of the county's population has been vaccinated. The goal is 70%.
- June is dairy month in the county.

- Bassmaster's will be returning to Waddington this year and funding has been released.
- 2100 responses were received for the broadband survey.
- Tax collection rate for 2020 was 90.65% compared to 2019 which was 90.83%.
- Bids back on the highway storage facilities. One in Lisbon and one in Russell, local contractors will be utilized.
- New St. Lawrence County Risk Prevention Manager, Jody Wentzel
- Resolution authorizing the chair to sign necessary documents for the American Rescue Act funding.

### **C. Farnsworth**

- The pavilion in the back looks good, asked if there is anything the boat club can do maintenance wise.
- The boat club will fund the Memorial Walk in the front yard for maintenance.

### **M. Zimmer**

- Mineral Rights and the site for solar, do they compete for space. L. Denesha answered no.
- In Newton Falls there is a burnt-out house, is there anything that can be done? The supervisor will contact the landowner about demolition. A motion to notify the landowner and move forward on cleaning up the property was made by M. Zuhlsdorf, with a second by J. Russell. Ayes = 4, Noes = 0, Absent = 1, motion carried.

### **N. Nolan**

- Asked if it was ok that the art group gets together once a week in the basement of the Clifton Community Center.

- LaFrance property, citizens are concerned about the high taxes and how bad our town is looking.

### **H. Bagg**

- Boat Club will be having the Firecracker Race on July 4<sup>th</sup> on Columbian Road. They will also be having a Boat Race on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Clifton Community Library will be putting porta-potties near the pavilion behind the Clifton Community Center. The Town of Clifton, the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and the Clifton Community Library will be splitting the cost of the rental. A motion for the Town of Clifton to pay 1 month of rental on the porta-potties was made by J. Lanphear, with a second by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes = 4, Noes = 0, Absent = 1, motion carried.
- K. Smith will order and put-up signage for Carry In, Carry Out around the playground and the pavilion at the Clifton Community Center.
- We have received the deed back from the Woodhaven property. We will need to have our lawyer draw up a quick deed sale and put it out for bid.
- We also have the deeds for 2 properties in Newton Falls in which the board would like to sell.

- Supervisor Hooven talked to Blackmer Electric about the lights in the back parking lot and he would like the paperwork for the lights before he continues.
- K. Smith talked to Mitchell Logging about getting a couple of loads of wood chips for the playground at the Clifton Community Center. They should be able to deliver them soon. C. Whitmore brought up that rubber mulch would be nice for the playground. Discussion on removal of the old chips, cost, and maintenance of putting in rubber chips.
- Supervisor Hooven had no report on the garage roof at the Town Garage.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution #5-2021 Local Government Efficiency Grant Application for a North Country Regional Shared Geographic Information System Project. DANC to do the GIS graphing and our funding share will be \$700.00. A motion to fund the \$700.00 was made by J. Lanphear with a second by J. Russell, roll call vote, Lanphear – Y, Russell = Y, Zuhlsdorf = Y, Hooven = Y, motion carried.
- Workers Compensation for summer youth worker. Never paid it in the past, but it has come up, the county has always paid it. We pay comp based on payroll. They are paid by the One Stop Career center not by us.
- Letters of Interest for the Golf Course Snack Bar contract. Town of Fine would like us to choose one of the two and give Supervisor Thompson the authority to negotiate the contract with the one chosen. J. Russell made a motion to accept Tim Graveline's proposal with a second by J. Lanphear. Ayes = 4, Noes =0, Absent =1, motion carried. J. Russell made a motion to give Supervisor Thompson the authority to negotiate the contract with the one chosen, with a second by J. Lanphear. Ayes = 4, Noes =0, Absent = 1, motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY:**

- No report on the boiler parts.

- Got 2 bids on the garage doors, one from Jenkins and the other from B.R. Johnson. A motion to hire B.R. Johnson was made by J. Lanphear with a second by J. Russell, Ayes = 4, Noes = 0, Absent = 0, motion carried.
- Paving from the Town Garage through Newton Falls to LeRoy Peets house, and the mill hill.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- **Supervisor’s report** – The board having examined the report had a motion to approve the report by J. Lanphear and seconded by J. Russell. 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	\$34,429.01
HIGHWAY	\$19,191.68

STAR LAKE/WOODHAVEN WATER DISTRICT	\$0.00
CF ARENA	\$315.44
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$292.17
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$2,110.92

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 7:42pm was made by J. Lanphear and seconded by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes all; adjourned.

**The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on July 14th in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted.  
Karen Soltau  
Karen Soltau, Town Clerk