

March 08, 2023: March 8, 2023 Board Minutes - Approved

Body:

**TOWN OF CLIFTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2023
6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Town of Clifton was called to order at 6:30pm 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 Bill Griffin	X			Bookkeeper, Nancy Russell	X	
Councilman John Russell	X			Highway Superintendent, Kelly Smith	X	
Councilman Mary Zuhlsdorf	X			Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Snyder	X	
				Dog Control Officer, Ronda Williams		X

GUESTS: L. Denesha, M. Leroux, S. Griffin

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 J. Lanphear a second was made by W. Griffin.

Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Denesha

- Resolution was brought forward: Proposal for exemptions for volunteer fire companies and ambulance services, St. Lawrence County pursuant to Section 466 of the Real Property Tax Law and replace the Local Law #2 of 2005. Volunteer, EMS had an exemption from 2005, maximum \$3,000.00. The new law will allow 10% of assessed value, no cap. Active members and what constitutes them. Should have completion of OSHA training, complete 75% of departmental fire fighters training, attend 50% of departmental meetings are just some of the requirements.
- Article 7 – Tax Delinquent Property Sales. Passed a resolution against putting it in.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the signing of the Roadside Mowing Contract.
- Snow and ice agreement and negotiations, Town of Clifton is getting the short end of the stick because we don't have a lot of mileage. We plow 7 miles of county roads.
- New York State budget – more than Texas and Florida budgets combined.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

- Finished up a conference last week.
- Been taking calls of people starting to build.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- St. Lawrence County Wastewater Infrastructure (ARPA) funding agreement – motion to approve was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Light bulbs have been ordered for the Community Center.
- Post office repairs are still pending.
- North Shore Solutions - Websites are very easy to use, remote training in the initial cost. Motion to switch website developers from Digital Towpath to North Shore Solutions was made by W Griffin with a 2nd by J. Lanphear

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

- Dog Report – We have 15 outstanding dog licenses between 09/2018 – 02/2023
- Dog Control Officer – training at the end of April will need to advance her travel money for mileage and 2 meals. Motion to approve \$50.00 per day for meals, and standard

mileage rate, must submit receipts. Motion to approve was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by W. Griffin

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Res #4-2023 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update for St. Lawrence County. Motion to accept J. Lanphear 2nd J. Russell

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

- Library – The amount of circulation has increased.
 - story walk expansion, to include new signs, and target adult readers along with children.
 - free library box at the campground, take a book, leave a book.
- Second Notice Fee for tax collection. Motion to charge the \$2.00 fee for tax collection was made by J. Lanphear, with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

- Joint Board Meeting in April
 - Julie emailed Hope about grouping things together.
 - Future of the arena needs to be discussed. How to go forward.
 - Discussion needs to happen about the insurance being taken off, talked to agent and it can be taken out of the umbrella.
- Insect Control Position – We need to hire a new person. Fine has hired a person. Tim Nargi will help train. A motion to hire Joe Kennedy and Ed Baxter was made by J. Lanphear, with a 2nd W. Griffin.

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

- New Truck is done at Viking, bring to town garage, take the wing and the plow off, bring to Champlain to put air in the back of the truck.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Supervisor's report** – The board, having examined the report, a motion to approve the report was made by J. Lanphear, with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; 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 with a 2nd by W. Griffin

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; 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 W. Griffin with a 2nd by J. Lanphear

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried.

	AMOUNTS
GENERAL	\$242,072.29
HIGHWAY	\$19,809.89
CAPITAL PROJECT NFSD DISINFECTING	\$1,563.75
CF ARENA	\$611.35
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$2,817.17
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$25,430.87

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 7:28 was made by J. Russell and seconded by M. Zuhlsdorf.

Ayes = 5, No = 0, Absent = 0; Motion carried, Adjourned.

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on April 12, 2023, in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk