

May 10, 2023: May 10, 2023 - Board Meeting Minutes - Approved

Body:

TOWN OF CLIFTON

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAY 10, 2023

6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Town of Clifton was called to order at 6:33pm 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: M. Leroux, L. Denesha, T. Irvine,

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, a motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear, a second was made by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent = 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Denesha

- Highway outpost project – Russell, Lisbon, and Canton/Potsdam are pretty much done.
- Emergency Services, Public Safety complex renovations continuing to work on bid package and get specs.
- ARPA Funds - committed \$2.9 million to St. Lawrence County IDA to distribute for the county Facility Infrastructure improvements, smalls business and nonprofit assistance, work force training and development, CDL Training, childcare training, tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- State budget- Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP) for Medicaid, money from the federal government that went to the state which was intended as pass through funding to the counties to help with Medicaid. State to intercept that money and not give it to the counties anymore. That was part of the budget that passed.
- Property foreclosure – After 3 years of delinquent taxes the county will foreclose, and it will go to tax sale. Anything that was over and above the back taxes, fees, and penalties they were using the overages to work on derelict properties.
- Mayor of NYC is taking immigrants to other counties, St. Lawrence County is considering doing the same thing.

Tom Manley

- Artificial Intelligence is sending malicious software which has infected some of the Town of Clifton's computers. He is working with Microsoft to clear this up. He suggested that we purchase Malwarebytes software to prevent a reoccurrence. **A motion was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf to pay \$1500 yearly to purchase the Malwarebytes software. Ayes all, motion carried.**
- Switching town emails.
- Purchasing new computers for the highway superintendent, town clerk and bookkeeper.

Nick Snyder

- Has issued a couple new building permits.
- Sent out letters about cleaning blighted properties up.
- Partial building demo on Rt. 3
- Tickets will be issued for negligent property cleanups.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Legion – Asking for donations to purchase flags for cemeteries.

A motion was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by J. Lanphear to donate to the American Legion \$300.00 to purchase flags for cemeteries. Ayes = all, motion carried.

Dog report – On site Inspection for dog control officer, 11 things they looked at were in compliance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Light replacements for the Community Center
- Scheduled to be shipped the 31st of May.
- Floor Cleaner, Community Center - Julie is having a hard time finding someone to do them.
- Air Conditioners for the Clifton Community Center – Bill has not had time research.
- Website
- starting to put together our new website.
- will be using the current town logo.
- our domain name will be townofcliftonny.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIGHWAY:

- Had prior approval to purchase a new lawn mower for up to \$8,000. The current one he is looking at is \$8,200. Would like approval to spend an extra \$200 on the new mower.
- **A motion to approve \$200 to be added to prior approval of \$8000 for a new mower was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by W. Griffin, Ayes all, motion carried.**
- By June 1st should be done with sand pickup
- Got a letter from the state granting extra monies for the blacktop. He will reevaluate some of the roads and get pricing on blacktop.
- Has an employee who will be retiring, last day of service is June 2, 2023.
- Sewer district - need to get some grinder pumps to have on hand.

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 all; motion carried.
- **Town Clerk's report** – The board examined the Town Clerk's report. A motion was made by J. Russell to approve the report with a 2nd 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 with a 2nd by J. Russell, Ayes all, motion carried.

	AMOUNTS
GENERAL	\$46,564.26
HIGHWAY	\$20,777.87
CAPITAL PROJECT NFSD DISINFECTING	\$393.75
CF ARENA	\$451.86
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$6,495.61
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$835.86

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 7:33 was made by W. Griffin and seconded by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes all; adjourned.

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on June 14, 2023, in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk