

**May 12, 2021: Minutes**

**Body:**

**TOWN OF CLIFTON  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 12, 2021  
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.

<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

**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 = 3, Noes = 0, Absent = 2, Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### **L. Denesha**

- Covid 19- 16 new cases reported today. If you are a resident of St. Lawrence County and received your vaccine out of state it will not count towards the county numbers. You are encouraged to call Public Health and give them your information.
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the county passed a local law enabling 12- & 13-year old's to be able to hunt with a gun or crossbow as long as they are accompanied by an adult.
- Also on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the county proclaimed May 14<sup>th</sup> National Police Officers Day.
- CHIPS funding will increase 40% over 2020's amount.
- The bridge over the Grasse River on Ct. Rt. 27 in Degrasse will be closed from June 1 until sometime in November to replace the existing bridge.
- There will be a virtual public meeting on the BR Benson Solar Project on May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm. Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/BR-Benson>
- The Multi-Use Trail goes live this weekend for off-road vehicles. UTV's are not allowed to be registered for use on roads, BUT you can register them for use on the Multi-Use Trail System.

#### **N. Nolan**

- Inquired if any clean up progress has been made on the LaFrance property, or if the Cranberry Lake Lodge had any updates as to if/when it would be open to the public again.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Clifton Community Library is planning on putting porta-potties and a washing station near the pavilion/parking area behind the Clifton Community Center. With the washing station there needs to be a garbage bin in place and the library asked if the Town would pay for trash removal. There was a discussion about people disposing other forms of trash there. J. Lanphear will call H-Brothers to see if they have porta-potties that have hand sanitizers mounted in them to be able to eliminate the wash station and the garbage bin. Supervisor Hooven stated the town would be willing to help pay for the porta-potties.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- National Grid LED Street Light Conversion, they will be starting to change the streetlights and the project will be done by the end of the summer.
- Repairs to the Clifton Community Center, supplies were delivered, and B. Griffin will begin working on.

## **TABLED ITEMS**

- Light Poles in the back parking lot. Supervisor Hooven did not get a chance to talk to Blackmer Electric about replacing the bulbs with LED's.
- Chips for the playground at the Clifton Community Center. Superintendent Smith will get in contact with a logging company to get a load of chips.
- Roof on the Town Garage – Supervisor Hooven to get ahold of the architect.
- Building on Woodhaven, the deed for this property has been acquired, the town will be able to sell.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There are a few boats in the back yard of the Clifton Community Center that have been there for quite some time. Plate numbers and registration numbers have been taken so that the owners can be notified. The Town will be requesting that all boats and trailers be removed by a date to be determined in the fall, there will be no boat/trailer storage there through the winter months.
- Motion to make changes to Abstract #4 per the bookkeeper was made by M. Zuhlsdorf, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Lanphear. Ayes = 3, Noes = 0, Absent = 2, motion carried.
- Motion to appoint Lyndsay McCagg to the Clifton Fine Arena Committee was made by J. Lanphear with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes = 3, Noes = 0, Absent = 3, motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY:**

- Superintendent Smith reached out to Central Boiler and the parts have been shipped as of last week.
- He has received one quote and is waiting on another to replace the man doors at the Town Garage.

## **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	\$65,749.00
HIGHWAY	\$18,920.96
STAR LAKE/WOODHAVEN WATER DISTRICT	\$0.00
CF ARENA	\$9,208.79
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$4,382.98
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$253.68

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 7:24pm was made by J. Lanphear and seconded by M. Zuhlsdorf. Ayes all; adjourned.

**The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on June 9, 2021 in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk