

May 30, 2017: Minutes

Body:

SPECIAL JOINT TOWN MEETING

May 30, 2017 @ 6:00PM

Town of Clifton

Town of Fine

Supervisor Hooven
Brown

Councilman/Deputy Supervisor AD Butch

Councilwoman Lanphear

Councilman Thompson

Councilwoman Zuhlsdorf

Councilwoman Snider

Councilman Perrault

Councilman Giardino

Absent: Councilman Russell

Absent: Supervisor Westbrook

Others Present: Hope Dolan, Sharon Snider, Carol Aityassine, Mark Hall, Chris Cooper, A. Hynes, H. Snider, J. Cooper, B. Dolan, P. MacKay, S. Golden, C. Cook, B. Horner, R. Folsom, J. Condino, Carrie Tuttle.

Project Budget: Carrie Tuttle (DANC) presented the proposed changes to the water project budget. If those changes were to be implemented it would reduce the contingency budget.

Alternatives: The Town of Fine needs to decide if they continue with one more site for groundwater or move on to the surface water system. Carrie presented budgets for both scenarios.

Bid Updates: Bids have been received and opened. The Town of Fine can't move forward with awarding bids until they have permits from the DEC and approval from the DOH which can't be applied for until the decision as to ground water or surface is reached. North Country Contractors, LLC agreed to hold their bid prices for a while to see if the Town can move forward. A well driller is a few weeks out if they decide to drill for ground water one more time putting construction out about 4 weeks or more.

Easements: There are more easements to be obtained. The town has about 50% with main line easements.

Refund: Carrie (DANC) explained that when creating the water district budget we were figuring the EDU's on a full debt payment. We won't need to make a full debt payment in 2017. The payment will be figured by bond council in September of October. Carrie recommended sending the extra money collected back to Clifton after the debt payment is figured so they can use that money to run the Woodhaven Water District. Fine will use their extra money to do additional work in the Star Lake Water District.

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Amendment #05-2017-155: Motion was made by C. Snider, seconded by P. Giardino to approve the Barton & Loguidice proposed amendment #3 which will increase the budget for groundwater exploration by \$50,000 to enable efforts to search further on the Scott property for groundwater. Project tangency will see a reduction to cover additional costs.

Amendment #05-2017-156: Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by C. Snider to approve the Bond-Schoeneck & King amendment #1 to increase the budget for special counsel fees associated with project land acquisition from \$23,000 to \$84,000. Discussion – Jeremy inquired if the project team felt that the \$84,000 would be enough. Carried answered that it is a best guess estimate, but that Kate felt it was a good number. Voted upon as follows: Ayes – 3, Noes – 1 (AD voted no) Carried.

Agreement #5-2017-157: Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by C. Snider to approve the SCADA agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for a cost not to exceed \$11,000. Voted upon as follows: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0 Carried.

Rebate #05-2017-158: Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by P. Giardino to approve the Town of Fine issuing a rebate to the Town of Clifton for the amount of unused debt payment that was made for the Clifton Star Lake Water District in January 2017. The rebate amount will be figured after the 2017 debt payment is calculated by bond council.

Support #5-2017-159: Motion by C. Snider and seconded by J. Thompson to approve the adoption of the attached resolution in support of NYS Water Grant Assistance for the Town of Fine Water System Improvement Project.

Ayes – 4 Noes-0 Carried.

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Support –Motion by J Lanphear, seconded by M. Zuhlsdorf to approve the adoption of the attached resolution in support of NYS Water Inter-municipal Grant Assistance for the Town of Clifton Water System Improvement Project.

Ayes – 4 Noes – 0 Absent – 1 (J. Russell) Carried.

Waterfront Grants: Carrie went over the estimated costs of the improvements to the Golf Course. With all the proposals and 50% match associated with the grants, the Towns would have to contribute \$132,240. The committee would like Carrie to look into other possible grant opportunities. They also discussed getting long term financing to pay for the improvements. The work plan would need to be amended and approved by the Dept. of State.

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Approval- #05-2017-160: Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by C. Snider to agree with moving forward with the proposed scope of improvements and project budget for the golf course.

Ayes – 3 Noes – 1(AD voted No) Carried.

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Approval: Motion by C. Perrault, seconded by J. Lanphear to agree with moving forward with the proposed improvements and project budget for the golf course.

Ayes – 4 Noes – 0 Carried.

Arena: Anne Hynes asked for clarification from both town boards about distinguishing what groups would be exempt from paying rental fees at the Arena. Both boards felt that any local not-for-profit organization should be allowed to use the Arena at no charge. The committee should look into amending their building use policy.

Scoreboard: Cory has signed the contract for the scoreboard. The Town of Clifton will pay both town's shares and bill the Town of Fine for their half. Cory also wanted to thank the Town of Clifton Highway crew for their help with cleaning out the arena.

Youth Commission: Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by A. Brown to rehire Syrena Haen to the position of Arts & Crafts director for the 2017 season at a salary of \$1,000.
Ayes – 8 Noes – 0 Absent – 2 (S. Westbrook and J. Russell).

Playground Attendants: Syrena requested that the same playground attendants from last year be rehired to work again this year if they would like to work again. Jeremy will look into if they are interested and the committee members will report to both boards at their meeting on June 14, 2017.
Golf Course: Tim Nargi gave Pat MacKay notice he will not do the pesticide application on the golf course after this year. Mike Daniels would be interested in getting certified for this position.
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Easement: Moved by J. Lanphear, seconded by C. Perrault to authorize Supervisor Charles Hooven to sign the main line easement for the Town of Clifton property for the water district.
Ayes – 4 Noes – 0 Absent – 1 (J. Russell) Carried.

Excused: The Town of Clifton was excused from the joint meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Snider, Town Clerk