

November 10, 2021: Minutes

Body:

TOWN OF CLIFTON

REGULAR 2021 MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

6:00PM CRANBERRY LAKE

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Town of Clifton was called to order at 6:31pm 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 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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B. Griffin, R. Rusaw, J. Perrault, L. Denesha, M. Leroux

PUBLIC COMMENT:

· R. Rusaw and J. Perrault asked about the Newton Falls Fire Department. Supervisor Hooven met with the Newton Falls Board of Fire Commissioners, and they have no desire to dissolve. NFFD was concerned that SLFD is trying to take them over, but that is not the case. The discussion was to have a more responsible department for the needs of the

community. R. Rusaw is concerned that NFFD only has 3 active members, none of which have proper training. As a fire chief he has a huge concern going into an area to actively run a fire scene when he has no jurisdictional authority there or to have someone running the scene that has no training. J. Perrault is concerned that NFFD is receiving a substantial amount of money and not providing adequate fire protection for their constituents. Star Lake does not want to take anything away from them, they want to join with them to provide fire protection for the town.

- L. Denesha
 - Covid there were 96 new cases reported today, hospitalizations down to 18, positivity rate in St. Lawrence County is at 6.48%, the positivity rate for the state is 3.6%.
 - Public Hearing on Monday December 6th reportioning 15 legislative districts in St. Lawrence County.
 - Ct Rt 27 bridge to be done by the end of the month.
 - Solid Waste tipping fees will increase \$3 per ton as of January 1, 2022.
 - Passed a resolution modifying the 2021 budget for costs associated with court ordered treatment services at NYS operated inpatient mental hygiene facilities.
 - Passed a resolution in opposition of closing the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility.
 - There is a survey on the county website regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) where St. Lawrence County is going to get 2.9 million dollars and would like the input on were to spend the money.
 - 2022 budget was presented in October, no anticipated changes to the tentative budget, tax rate will go down 2.08%.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clifton Fine Hospital sent the Town of Clifton a letter stating they will be doing 2 renovation projects and would like to ask for consideration as the town decides what to do with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds they will be receiving.
- Quotes for locks for the Arena. Motion to approve the quote for Upstate Door and to hire whichever company they wish to do the locks. Motion made by J. Russell, with a 2nd by J. Lanphear, Ayes all, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Infant swing for the playground will be purchased and put up in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to approve the draft for the 2020 Financial Statement and Supplementary Information was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell. Ayes all, motion carried.

- Resolution #8-2021, Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Authorizing Submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant application for the hamlet of Newton Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection and Improvements. A motion to accept Resolution #8-2021 was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf. Roll Call vote: Hooven = Y, Lanphear = Y, Perrault = Absent, Russell = Y, Zuhlsdorf = Y.

HIGHWAY:

- Boiler is all fixed and working well.
- Started 5am-1pm shift
- All trucks are ready to plow

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 J. Russell, 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 J. Russell. Ayes all; carried.

	AMOUNTS
CF ARENA	\$1,173.77
GENERAL	\$18,853.02
HIGHWAY	\$13,728.61
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$188.16
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$3,529.64
CAPITAL PROJECT NFSD DISINFECTING	\$0.00

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 7:45pm was made by J. Russell and seconded by J. Lanphear. Ayes all; adjourned.

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on December 8, 2021, in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk