

October 05, 2022: Joint Town Board Meeting

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JOINT TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2022

A joint town board meeting with the Towns of Clifton and Fine was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at the Clifton-Fine Community Center in Star Lake . A quorum of the Fine Town Board was present. Since Clifton did not have a quorum, they will need to act at their regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Thompson at 6:33 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present Absent Late Arrived

Fine Supervisor Jeremy Thompson X

Fine Councilman Philip Giardino X

Fine Councilman William Powers X

Fine Councilman Carlton Kerr X

Fine Councilwoman Keitha Kerr X

Clifton Supervisor Charles Hooven X

Clifton Councilwoman Julie Lanphear X

Clifton Councilman William Griffin X

Clifton Councilman John Russell X

Clifton Councilwoman Mary Zuhlsdorf X

Other officials present: H. Dolan.

Guests: C. Cook, A. Hynes, J. Burns, A. Kerr, M. Wood, D. Adams, S. Meek, D.

Downey, T. Nargi, C. LeRoux, M. Watson, and S. Bryant.

Black Fly – Tim Nargi explained that he is retiring from his position as certified applicator for the black fly program and the Ed Baxter would like to stay on in his current position. Tim is willing to work with whomever takes over the job, but he has not been able to find anyone. The two towns will advertise the position and see if there is any interest. Both towns are interested in continuing the program.

EDU's -10/2022-130 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by K. Kerr to approve the following

EDU charges to be paid to the Star Lake Water District for 2023:

Fine's EDU Charges - \$266,760.00

Clifton's Star Lake EDU Charges - \$ 34,560.00

Clifton's Newton Falls EDU charges -\$ 25,155.00

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Raw Water – 10/2022-131 Moved by W. Powers, seconded by P. Giardino to set the raw

water charge to the Clifton-Fine Golf Course at \$1,350 for 2023.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Arena Financials – The arena balance as of 09/30/2022 is \$29,015.77.

Policy- There were no changes recommended to the Policy & Procedures for the arena.

Rental Rates – 10/2022-132 Moved by K. Kerr, seconded by C. Kerr to keep the rental rates for the arena at \$100.00/ ½ day, \$200.00/full day, and ice rental - \$30.00/hour as recommended by the Arena Committee.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Attendants – 10/2022-133 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr to set the rate of pay for (3) recreation attendants for the 2022-2023 winter season at minimum wage as recommended by the Arena Committee.

Discussion: Clifton will advertise these positions.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

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Custodial Worker – 10/2022-134 Moved by K. Kerr, seconded by C. Kerr to set the rate of pay for the Custodial Worker at \$16.40/hour for the 2022/2023 winter season as recommended by the Arena Committee.

Discussion: Gary Jessmer is not interested in returning to this position so Clifton will also advertise this position.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Budget – 10/2022-135 Moved by W. Powers, seconded by K. Kerr to approve the 2023 Arena Budget as presented and each town contribute \$14,000 for the Arena operations.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Quote – 10/2022-136 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr to accept the quote from BR Johnson to replace the double doors at the arena for \$12,298.36.

Discussion: There were more quotes requested, this was the only company to respond.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Golf Course Financials – The golf course balance as of 08/31/2022 is \$33,573.00, plus \$4,440.00 in the water fund reserve.

Budget – 10/2022-137 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by W. Powers to approve the 2023 Golf Course Budget as amended to add in the money for the new mower with half coming from each town.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Rescind Motions – 10/2022-138 Moved by K. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to rescind to following motions:

Tournament Rates: 11/2013-188 “. . . to revise tournament rate structure to authorize a \$2.50

discount per greens fees paid for any tournament when 40 or more greens fees are paid.”

Special Rate: 11/2013-189 “ . . . adopt a special weekday rate of \$20.00 for 18 holes with a cart prior to Memorial Day and after Labor Day each year, tournaments excluded.”

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Amend Policy -10/2022-139 Moved by W. Powers, seconded by P. Giardino to amend the Policy and Procedures for the golf course as recommended by the golf course committee.

Discussion: Changes to Golf Course Policies and Procedures

IV Policies: 2. Fees d. Add “1st TIME INDIVIDUAL is an individual who has never before been an adult member of the course.

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Change: VI TOURNAMENT RULES: 2. Riding carts are available for rent from the course.

Anyone using a private cart must have already paid the annual trail fee for it if the cart is their own or pay the borrowed cart fee if using a cart personally borrowed from someone else who has already paid the annual trail fee. Notwithstanding, all carts provided to/by the course will require full cart rental fee.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 1 (Keitha voted no) Carried.

Course Rates -10/2022-140 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr to adopt the attached rate structure for the 2023 golf season, as recommended by the golf course committee.

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Superintendent – 10/2022-141 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr to set the salary for the Grounds Superintendent for the 2023 season at rate of \$17,893.00 and to hire back Gary Jessmer as recommended by the Golf Course Committee.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Laborers - 10/2022-142 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to set the rate of pay for the two part-time Grounds Laborers for the 2023 season at an hourly rate of minimum wage (\$14.20) and hire back Stephen Meek and Doran Johnson as recommended by the Golf Course Committee.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Applicator – 10/2022-143 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by W. Powers to set the rate of pay for the fertilizer applicator at an hourly rate of \$15.60/hour plus a single membership and unlimited use of a golf cart for the 2023 season and hire back Paul Guiles as recommended by the Golf Course Committee.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Attendants – 10/2022-144 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr to set the rate of pay for the Club House Attendants for the 2023 season at a rate of \$14.20/hour hire back Mallory Peabody and Brady Hall as recommended by the Golf Course Committee.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Contract -10/2022-145 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr to contract with Jon Birchenough for taking care of the driving range for the 2023 season in exchange for an individual membership and cart trail fees or the use of a cart (whichever applies) as recommended by the Golf Course Committee.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Dates – The start and end dates for the golf course are 4/24/2023-10/22/2023 for the grounds and 5/1/2023-10/15/2023 for the clubhouse.

Community Center- Jeremy will see about getting the vinyl siding that was damaged in the car accident replaced, the outside lighting fixed, and replacing the back door that is broken.

Dog Control – 10/2022-146 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr that the Towns of Clifton and Fine enter into an Animal Sheltering Services Agreement with the Potsdam Humane Society for 2023 at a cost of \$1,800.00 to be split evenly by both towns.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Youth Commission – 10/2022-147 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by K. Kerr to approve the 2023 Youth Commission Budget as presented and that each town contributes half of the actual expenses up to \$6,406.00 each.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Senior Citizens – Members from the Senior Citizen's club were present to ask about their request for funds to help with busing to events from both towns. Both Supervisors said that the \$1,500 requested from both towns was in their budgets and should be approved.

ARPA Funds – There was a discussion on ARPA funds. Clifton has spent their funds on their sewer district. The Star Lake Fire Department sent a request for funds to help start up a Jr. Firefighter Program. Chuck explained that their ARPA funds have been spent and that if taxpayer money was going to be used to start up this program, it should come from the fire district.

Derelict properties – There was a brief discussion on derelict properties and cleaning them up.

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Adjourn – 10/2022-148 Moved by K. Kerr, seconded by W. Powers the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk

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2023 CLIFTON-FINE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE RATES

DAILY GREEN/CART FEES (Per Person):

Walking With Cart

Weekdays:

9 Holes \$ 16 \$ 25

18 Holes \$ 20 \$ 35

Weekends:

9 Holes \$ 20 \$ 25

18 Holes \$ 25 \$ 35

- One child 12 years old or younger plays free for each one adult member or adult paying daily fee above

- Military Discount (with ID) - \$ 2 off 18 holes with cart

OTHER SERVICES:

Pull Cart Rental \$ 5 (9 or 18 holes)

Golf Club Rental \$ 10 (9 or 18 holes)

Driving Range \$ 5 per bag (Non-Members)

\$ 3 per bag (Members)

PRIVATE CARTS: TRAIL FEES: \$ 250 /yr. for cart use by owner & immediate household

\$7 for 9 holes / \$10 for 18 holes for borrowed cart

CART STORAGE: \$ 200 /yr. for gas carts \$225/yr. for electric carts

CART RENTALS FOR MEMBERS (per cart): \$ 10 for 9 holes / \$ 20 for 18 holes

MEMBERSHIPS: 1st time Individual.....\$ 475

Individual..... \$ 595

Couple..... \$ 970

Family..... \$ 1,140

College Student (under 25).....\$ 235

Junior (12-18)..... \$ 165

Senior (65 or older)..... \$ 545

Senior Couple..... \$ 860

ALL FEES PAID ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

3% service charge added to all payments made with credit cards