

September 08, 2021: Minutes

Body:

**TOWN OF CLIFTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

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

GUESTS:

M. Leroux, M. Zimber, L. Denesha, M. Friden, D. Roberts, H. Bagg

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Board, having received a copy of the minutes for review prior to the meeting, voted not to read the minutes and approve the minutes as is with any corrections, motion to approve by M. Zuhlsdorf with a second made by J. Russell. Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Absent =0, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. Denesha:

- Covid: 67 new cases as of today. The north country has the highest in the state at 5.45%, statewide average is 3.27%. A significant amount is from the colleges starting back up.
- Passed a resolution at the August Finance Committee meeting on the Opioid Settlement with Johnson and Johnson. St. Lawrence County will receive \$700,000 over a ten-year period, money is restricted to opioid addiction.
- Ct. Rt. 27 bridge in DeGrasse is closed now. It will be closed until around November. They are widening it by 3 feet.

- Milfoil, invasive species, Black Lake has a huge problem, gave them money to help with the removal of the milfoil. More lakes wanted financial help. Passed a resolution for adopting a moratorium for further allocation spending to specific bodies of water for treatment of invasive species with the recommendation of the St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council and the NYS DEC.
- Vacancies Review Committee, anytime there was a vacancy it was just filled, now there is a process.
- St. Lawrence County Radio Committee, service is not good at all in the southern portion of the county. Going with UHF, need additional towers, within the park it creates an issue. Ear mark some pandemic relief money, grant from homeland security. Goal is to make sure portables work as well as the mobiles do.
- Passed a resolution at the August Finance Committee meeting to hold a public hearing on October 4th at 5:50pm regarding setting a salary for the St. Lawrence County Attorney. He has taken over all the legal duties of Child and Social Services along with all his other duties. His salary is currently \$120,000.00 and they will be proposing to increase salary to \$158,000.00.

M. Friden:

- Due to the past events at the historian's office, he is requesting a hasp and padlock on the historian door. Discussion on what can be done to increase security in this office. Will call STAT security to see what the cost will be for a security monitor.

H. Bagg:

- Boat Club had 3 very successful events this summer.
- Tim Wendt has put together a community calendar, it's a google calendar and available to the public, if you have google documents you should be able to get access to it.

D. Roberts:

- Is working on coordinating the Kayak Race and the Art Show together next year

M. Leroux:

- AED's are in place, one at the Clifton Community Center, one at the Highway Department in Newton Falls, and one is with the beach supplies. CLFD will have an EMT check them regularly, and if anyone wants a training session on how to use them, they would be glad to show them. Also suggesting that the Highway Dept have a class in CPR.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Blackmer Electric has changed out the circuit breakers in the pavilion.
- Infant swing at the playground will ask Jody Wentzel, Risk Manager if it is ok to put one up.
- Lights in the backyard are in and Blackmer Electric will install.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Golf Course Safety Compliance Audit discussion on what needs to be updated.
- Resolution #7-2021 – Enter into a 2022 contract with Potsdam Humane Society. A motion to sign the animal shelter agreement was made by C. Perrault 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, roll call vote, Ayes all, motion carried.
- The door in the basement of the Community Center is in need of replacement. Discussion on possible replacement

HIGHWAY:

- Wood boiler, we are on the list, he will call them for a time frame
- Doors on the garage, will be here on Monday to start the project.
- Paving in Newton Falls is complete.
- Tearing down of the burnt house in Newton Falls, will be done in September.
- Got permit for gravel until 2026

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- **Supervisor’s report** – The board having examined the report had a motion to approve the report by J. Lanphear and seconded by C. Perrault. 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 C. Perrault. 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 C. Perrault. Ayes all; carried.

	AMOUNTS
CF ARENA	\$300.73

GENERAL	\$44,821.94
HIGHWAY	\$13,275.83
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$209.74
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$3,641.71
CAPITAL PROJECT NFSD DISINFECTING	\$0.00

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn at 7:25pm was made by C. Perrault and seconded by J. Russell. Ayes all; adjourned.

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on October 13, 2021, in Cranberry Lake, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk

