

September 14, 2022: September Minutes - approved

Body:

TOWN OF CLIFTON

REGULAR 2022 MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town of Clifton held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor C Hooven. Minutes were taken by N. Russell.

Board Member	Present	Absent		Town Officials	Present	Absent
Supervisor Charles Hooven	X			Town Clerk, Karen Soltau		X
Council Member William Griffin	X			Deputy Clerk, Cynthia Whitmore		X
Council Member Julie Lanphear	X			Bookkeeper, Nancy Russell	X	
Council Member John Russell	X			Highway Superintendent, Kelly Smith	X	
Council Member Mary Zuhlsdorf	X			Code Enforcement Officer, Nicholas Snyder		X
				Dog Control Officer, Ronda Williams		X

GUESTS:

M. Leroux, B. Blackmer, M. Zimmer, S. Griffin, L. Denesha, Sheriff Bigwarfe, H. Nichols, C. Farnsworth

READING OF THE MINUTES: The board, having received a copy of the minutes for review prior to the meeting, voted to forego the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as is, motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by, W. Griffin, Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- *Heather Nichols – Library Director*
 - Asked if there were any questions about the libraries budget
- *Sheriff Bigwarfe –*
 - He spoke about the presence of his department in Newton Falls, he feels our concerns and plans to keep a presence in the area. They do have pockets of activity they know about regarding drug activity and are working with other agencies on the issue. He stated that 7 out of 10 people in the county jail are in because of drug related issues. Detective Schatic, the county drug deputy, would like to know of any activity people are concerned about, he can be reached at 315-244-8344.
 - Was very happy to attend the meeting and if we have any issues at all, traffic, boating, snowmobiling, etc., please give his office a call.
- *Larry Denesha –*
 - Sheriff Department got an award from the State Sheriff Association
 - Covid – 1033 new cases, 33 patients a day
 - Governor Hochul announced that the NYS Covid emergency will not be extended.
 - Correctional Facility has several vacancies
 - Narcan for emergency services is available through the county
 - Biosolids composting feasibility study, glad we are doing resolution and hopes it will save the town money
 - Passed a resolution in opposition to the concealed carry for reenactments passed by the state
 - Passed a resolution calling on climate act council to reject the replacement of fossil fuels, this would be detrimental to our economy
 - Working on budget, will have more info next month

CORRESPONDENCE:

- National Grid letter – The Clifton Community Center is using a lot of electricity. Schedule National Grid to come and do an assessment. There is an electric hot water heater that may be the culprit, along with the 3 air conditioners, one is run 24/7 and two of them are old.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Clean up of Properties within the Town – Nick has sent out second letters. Some work has been done, but not enough to satisfy the local law. The next step is to issue tickets.
- Update on new local law (litter control) – no update from the town lawyer

- Parking in Newton Falls – At the end of October the highway department will put up signs and talk to local law enforcement. We will not tolerate the issues that have occurred in the past. An add will be placed in the Bargain Hunter explaining what is to be expected.
- Town owned mowers – Kelly says we have 1 ½ out of 3 mowers. The Community Center mower is messed up, should we call Wayne to see if he can rebuild, may be able to combine 2 to make 1. Kelly will get prices for a 54 or 48 inch cut mower for budget purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Potsdam Humane Contract – tabled
- Resolution #16-2022 – Biosolids Composting Facility, Motion to proceed was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by J. Lanphear, Ayes all, motion carried
- Backup Custodian for the Clifton Community Center – place an ad in the Bargain Hunter
- Building Permits – Residents are saying that they didn't know that they needed to get a permit. Advertise that permits are required and if you have any questions, please call the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Dog Control – W. Griffin would like to request a report, she works off complaints, can ask her for an update, would like to see what she is doing.
- Draft Audited Financials – Motion to approve the Draft Audited Financials was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by W. Griffin, ayes all, motion carried.
- Audited Justice Financials – Motion to approve the financials was made by W. Griffin with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf
- Artificial Ice proposal at the Clifton Fine Arena – Came up at the Fine Town Board meeting last month. The Arena Committee isn't really interested. Discussion by board. Motion in opposition was made by C. Hooven with a 2nd by J. Russell, ayes all, motion carried.
- Local Law #1-2022 Override Tax Cap – a motion to advertise was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf

HIGHWAY:

- Paving – 1250 ton of black top for River Road and Lone Pine Road. The Clifton Community Center will be paved on September 15, 2022
- Screening Plant – is done and running well. J Russell asked that it not be loaned out. C. Hooven suggested that if it is loaned out that one of the highway guys will go and run it.
- Talked to Brett Blackmer about electrical work at the Clifton Fine Arena. Brett will do it when he gets caught up.
- Asked for an executive session

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Supervisors Financial Report: motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by W. Griffin.

- Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.
- Town Clerks Report: motion to approve was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by J Russell.
- Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.
- Audit the Bills: motion to pay the bills was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by W. Griffin.
- Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.

	AMOUNTS
CF ARENA	\$360.12
GENERAL	\$22,155.91
HIGHWAY	\$34,037.59
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$38,874.96
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$1,592.70
NEWTON FALLS DISINFECTING PROJECT	\$13,431.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Called to order at 7:34pm Motion by J. Russell with a 2nd by W. Griffin
- Personnel Issue
- Motion for adjournment: 8:00pm was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell

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- Called back in session at 8:00pm
- A motion to hire a 6th person as a laborer after advertising the position was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by W. Griffin, Ayes all, motion carried.

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on October 12, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department, at 6:30pm

ADJOURNMENT: Was announced at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk