

May 11, 2022: May Minutes - Approved

Body:

**TOWN OF CLIFTON
REGULAR 2022 MEETING
MAY 11, 2022
6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE**

REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town of Clifton held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department. The meeting 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	
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, S. Griffin, L. Denesha, N. Nolan, H. Baggs, D. Roberts

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. Russell with a 2nd by W. Griffin, Ayes all, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- S. Griffin – Wanted to thank Kelly and his crew for putting out the flower boxes, banners, and flags
- L. Denesha was present to discuss what is happening at the county level.
 - Covid report, Monday there were 223 new cases, St. Lawrence County is at 5.2% positivity rate where the NYS average is 7.2%

- American Rescue Plan Act Funding, St. Lawrence County will receive \$20.9 million dollars, a committee was formed to allocate the money and make recommendations, \$5 million for emergency communication equipment, \$4 million for economic development and tourism, \$3 million for broadband development and installation, partnered with DANC on this, \$3 million for utilities for water and sewer development repair for municipalities, \$5 million for county capital projects, \$900,000 for ash tree removal, \$200,000 for child care training, \$100,000 for EMT training, \$300,000 for Clifton Fine Hospital.
- St. Lawrence Highway has 190 bridges, 55 are deficient, any new or rehabilitated bridges will be solid decks, 1 to 2 bridges per year with federal and state funds. \$1,780,000 of Chips, and \$1 million from fund balance
- Blacktop prices are up 10%
- Nick Snyder was introduced as the new Code Enforcement Officer. We welcome Nick to the Town of Clifton.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clifton Fine baseball and softball teams wanted to thank the Town of Clifton Highway Department for bringing in clay for their fields

OLD BUSINESS:

- Clifton Fine Golf Course Driving Range Agreement between the Towns of Clifton and Fine and Jon Birchenough. A motion to allow the Town of Clifton Supervisor to sign the agreement was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes all, motion carried.
- Bids on the steps for the Community Center, W. Griffin talked with 4 contractors to have them look at the job. Only one bid was submitted. Bid was for the amount of \$4,389.00 dollars. A motion to accept the bid provided by J. Sevey was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes all, motion carried.
- Resolution #9-2022 – Order Establishing Hearing on Sewer District Improvements Pursuant to The Town Law of the State of New York.

- Change the date in the 5th paragraph from the 11th Day of May 2022 at 6:15 o'clock p.m., to the 8th day of June 2022 at 6:15 o'clock p.m.
- Change date in the 7th paragraph from 13th Day of April 2022 to the 11th day of May 2022.
- A motion to replace Resolution #9 with Resolution #10 was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell. Roll call vote, C. Hooven = Y, J. Lanphear =Y, J. Russell = Y, M. Zuhlsdorf = Y, W. Griffin = Y. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Arena committee wants bids out for the painting of the Arena floor.
- Kiosk for the Cranberry Lake Mountaineers Snowmobile Club
- They would like to place a 4x8 Kiosk for maps and advertising

§ If it is put in a place that does not interfere with plowing

§ Motion to let them place two 4x8 Kiosks one at the Town of Clifton Community Center with the provision they inform us where they wish to place it and we Ok it, and one at the sewer plant in Newton Falls, was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, motion carried.

- Port A Potties for the back yard of the Town of Clifton Community Center
- \$300.00 per year with the Library, Town of Clifton, and the Cranberry Lake Boat Club each paying 1/3 of the cost

§ Motion to let the library place a port-a pottie in the back yard of the community center was made by M. Zuhlsdorf with a 2nd by W. Griffin, Ayes = all, motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

- The town guys have 4 or 5 days left of sweeping then will be placing sand at the playground behind the community center. They will also be installing the infant swing.

- Took delivery of the engine for the screening plant. Wasn't what they thought it was supposed to be, it was an incomplete engine, so they sent it back. Cummings Diesel in Syracuse has a brand new one for \$16,289.00 with a 2 year warranty, or 2000 hours
 - Motion to let Kelly spend \$16,289.00 on a new engine instead of the \$13,460.00 that was originally granted was made by J. Russell with the stipulation that the credit is returned to us from Caterpillar, and we get the warranty in writing, 2nd by J. Lanphear, Ayes = all, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Supervisor's Financial Report: motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by W. Griffin
 - **Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.**

- Town Clerk's Report: motion to approve was made by J. Russell with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf
 - **Ayes =5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.**

- Audit the Bills: motion to approve was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell.
 - **Ayes = 5, Noes = 0, Motion carried.**

	AMOUNTS
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CF ARENA	\$4,882.35
GENERAL	\$17,072.32
HIGHWAY	\$14,246.65
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$524.51
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$6,279.19

ADJOURNMENT: Was announced at 7:15pm

Public Hearing will be at 6:15pm for Resolution #10, and

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on June 8, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk