

November 09, 2022: November Meeting Minutes - Approved

Body:

TOWN OF CLIFTON

REGULAR 2022 MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2022

6:30PM CRANBERRY LAKE

BUDGET HEARING

The Town of Clifton held their annual Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor C. Hooven. No one appearing for or against the budget, a motion was made to close the budget hearing at 6:37pm by J. Lanphear and a 2nd by J. Russell, ayes all, motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town of Clifton held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm 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: R. Williams, S. Griffin, M. Leroux, L. Denesha, L. Schoff, C. Schoff, L. McIntosh, L. MacDonald, E. Hamilton, H. Hayes, M. Zimmer, N. Nolan, P. Crane

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, M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes =4, Abstain = 1, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- E. Hamilton – Newton Falls Properties what are you going to do? Public hearing to be scheduled to deal with the landlords. Says that the presence of the police is scarce.
- C. Schoff – October 30, 2022, Dog had bit her child. Public Health contained the dog. Discussion.
- L. Denesha
- Covid Stats – October 870 new cases reported, 44 admitted to hospital % positive in the county was 5.7
- 2023 Budget – Tax Rate is proposed to be \$7.60 per thousand, that's a 5.2% reduction
- Tax Auction – 86 parcels for bid with 288 registered bidders, \$268,000 was made after taxes and back charges, out of that \$100,000 will go into a fund for cleaning up properties
- Discussion on the Conceal Carry Act
- Bank Depositories and Investment Funds of St. Lawrence County Funds, as of October 1, they earned \$715,000 in interest.

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Public Hearing for property clean-up will be November 30, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department.
- National Grid, Community Center Usage – They want to charge us to do an audit. Watch the power usage and get the water heater tested. Should consider switching to LED lighting throughout the building.
- Local Law Update – Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Unlicensed Dog Report, we have 103 dogs licensed, 17 of which have not been renewed. There are a lot of dogs in our Town that are not registered at all.
- Boat Trailers behind the Clifton Community Center should be removed by December 1, 2022.
- Cranberry Lake Mountaineers Snowmobile Club letter of support, motion by M. Zuhlsdorf to sign the letter of support, 2nd by J. Russell.

- Budget for 2023 – Motion to pass the budget with a 1.38% reduction from last year was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by J. Russell Ayes = all, motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

- All 3 trucks will be ready for plowing by the end of the week.
- Spoke with Champlain Peterbilt, 2 ways to get it, put it out to bid or emergency, should be ready mid-January then to Cives to be harnessed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

	AMOUNTS
CF ARENA	\$518.49
GENERAL	\$27,736.60
HIGHWAY	\$24,339.78
NEWTON FALLS WATER DISTRICT	\$241.92
NEWTON FALLS SEWER DISTRICT	\$3,389.83
NEWTON FALLS DISINFECTING PROJECT	\$4091.50

The next Town Board meeting will be a Regular meeting on December 14, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Cranberry Lake Fire Department, at 6:30pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Called to order at 7:20pm, personnel issue, and union contract
- No action taken on either subject
- Motion to come out of executive session at 8:24pm was made by J. Lanphear with a 2nd by M. Zuhlsdorf, Ayes all, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Was announced at 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted

Karen Soltau

Karen Soltau, Town Clerk