

January 10, 2011

A regular meeting of the Village Board held on the above date was called to order at 7:00 p.m at the Village Hall, 1 West Main Street, Clifton Springs, NY 14432.

Presiding: William A. Hunter, Mayor

Board Members Present: Tina Bounds, Melissa Kumkey, Daniel Blondell, Earl Lincoln

Board Members Absent: None

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2010 were approved upon motion by Trustee Bounds 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kumkey. All members present voted AYE. Carried.

Vouchers: General, Water and Sewer Vouchers #573 through #652, were approved for payment by Trustee Lincoln, 2nd by Trustee Bounds. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

General Fund =	\$ 35,913.65
Water Fund =	\$ 1,793.46
Sewer Fund =	\$ 12,985.89

Laurel Wement, DAILY MESSENGER reporter was present for this meeting.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING**

##### **Clifton Springs YMCA**

At the request of Mayor Hunter, Gary Husk YMCA Director and Eric Bengston YMCA Board of Directors President appeared before the Board. YMCA Board member Jeff Criblear was also present.

Mayor Hunter began the meeting by indicating approximately 5 years ago the Village gave an additional \$2,500 in the youth contract to the YMCA for the purpose of operating a summer skating program. Mayor Hunter indicated that was fine then because children were skating, but this past year the skate park was not open much at all and the Y has indicated the Village should look at other uses for this park area because of lack of interest in summer skating. Mayor Hunter stated when the summer skating program was open in the past several years there were concerns about children skating without helmets and multiple activities occurring in this space at the same time (i.e. skateboarding, bicycling, basketball) . Mr. Husk disagreed with Mayor Hunter and stated if the Y staff were working the children had helmets on and that multiple activities did not occur, particularly bicycling, because the Y stopped allowing bicycles into the enclosed area.

Discussion was held on winter skating. Mayor Hunter stated the he feels the whole skate house could be much neater. Mayor Hunter stated he took a bag of trash out of the skate house that was so old and brittle the bag broke. Mayor Hunter stated that skates were all over and not matched together. Mayor Hunter stated that the person working was not instructed on how to start a fire in the woodstove at the skate house, so the house was cold. Mayor Hunter stated that he felt the week of December 27, 2010 the skate house could have been open more. Mr. Husk disagreed with Mayor Hunter. Mr. Husk indicated the bag of garbage that broke was trash that had just been picked up that day, and that the skates are matched up and that the skate house was staffed by the Y the week in question. Mr. Husk was not aware the person working did not have a fire going to keep people warm.

Trustee Kumkey asked how are people suppose to know when the ice skating is open. Mr. Husk stated that was a good question, because he did not know if skating would be available unless he looked out his window and saw the area being flooded. Mr. Husk indicated the Village does not communicate with him when flooding will occur.

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Mr. Husk agreed that he would have the Y staff the skate house when good skating is available. Hours would be Monday thru Friday from 4–8 and on the weekends from 1-8.

Jeff Criblear suggested trying to roll out white plastic onto the winter skating area to try to get more skate time. With the darker color from the tennis courts, the ice tends to melt more quickly.

Discussion was held on the chess and checkers set that are outside at the skate park in the summer. In the past the Y has put these pieces out in the morning for people to use and the Y has put them back in the shed in the evening. This past summer pieces were not put away in the evening and were often strewn about the park area. Mr. Husk agreed the pieces should be put away daily.

Mayor Hunter indicated that people have asked him what the taxpayers are getting for the money that is provided to the Y for youth services. Mayor Hunter wants to be able to provide people this answer.

Mr. Husk explained that currently the Y operates the youth soccer program, with 21 team participating and the youth basketball program with 28 teams participating. Mr. Husk explained there are no youth membership costs.

Mayor Hunter asked if any type of summer playground program was available for the youth, separate from the day care program. At this time there is no summer playground program.

Discussion was held on the cost associated with being a YMCA. Mr. Husk stated currently it cost the Y approximately \$3,000 to be affiliated with the YMCA. Mr. Husk stated that no Y Board of Directors has ever acted upon not being affiliated with the YMCA.

Mayor Hunter asked if it was the intent when the Y received the Palace Building for it to be a building for day care only. Mr. Criblear said that the Y did try keeping the Palace Building open at night for youth, but there was no success as very few youth came.

Mayor Hunter asked if any of the money that the Village and towns were providing to the Y for the youth contract was being used to operate the day care center. Mr. Husk replied absolutely none of the money from the Village and towns was going toward the day care program.

Trustee Blondell asked how Community Centers are funded.

Discussion was held on summer skating area. Those present agreed that for the summer of 2011 the skate park area will be used for basketball. A couple of portable basketball hoops will be placed in the area. Mr. Husk is unsure how the surface will work for basketball, but we will try it and see. Mr. Husk agreed to mark out the area for a basketball court.

Mayor Hunter asked Mr. Husk for his cell phone number, which he provided.

Mr. Husk asked if anyone had any problems or concerns to please contact him.

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## **CORRESPONDENCES**

### **Fire Department fund drive donation**

Copy of the check from the Clifton Springs Fire Department. The department previously agreed to give the Village 65% of their fund drive money toward fire equipment. Currently this money is helping offset the payment on the ladder truck and reserve for the next fire truck. The Village budgeted \$18,500 and received \$22,295.77.

### **CD For Fire Equipment**

The Board was very pleased with the successful fund drive. As the Board budgeted \$18,500, motion was made by Trustee Kumkey 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bounds to place \$3,795 (overage from budgeted amount) into a CD for fire equipment. This CD will be scheduled to renew in August 2011 when this \$3,795 will be added to original CD for fire equipment. Clerk Reals was authorized to proceed with this. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

### **Exemptions for tax exemptions**

Letter from Ontario County Real Property regarding the tax exemptions.

Clerk Reals included what the towns and villages in Ontario County offer so the Board could compare. The Board reviewed the exemptions and chose not to make any changes.

### **Small Cities Grant – Certificate of Completion**

Letter from Community Renewal with the Certificate of Completion on the Small Cities Grant.

Reviewed.

### **Membership roll for Planning and Zoning Members**

Updated membership roll of the Zoning and Planning Board members.

Reviewed.

**STREET DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Bounds had nothing to report.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Lincoln reported the following:

### **Grease Trap needed at Countryside Restaurant – C.S. Plaza**

Doug Fagner, Sewer Plant Operator, has sent a letter to Al Loson, owner of Clifton Springs Plaza. A grease trap needs to be installed for the Countryside Restaurant. Mr. Loson will have 90 days to install the grease trap.

**ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS:** Trustee Blondell had nothing to report.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Blondell reported the following:

### **Water Main Break – Webb Avenue**

The crew repaired a water main break on Webb Avenue on January 8 and January 9, 2011.

### **Painting of the Water Tower**

The necessary information to proceed with putting the 300,000 gallon water tank out to bid to be painted has been sent on to the New York State Department of Health for approval. Bob Raeman, Project Manager for Clark Patterson Lee is assisting the Village with this project. The Board hopes to put this out to bid in the spring for work to begin in June 2011.

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**Professional leak survey done**

A professional leak survey was done and no leaks were detected. The Board appreciates the fine job Water Maintenance Technician Craig Reed does staying on top of the aging infrastructure.

**Large Water Meters Replaced**

Four out of five of the large water meters scheduled for replacement at this time have been completed. The one that remains is waiting for the property owner to do some internal water work first.

**Professional Park – water break**

A water break occurred in the Professional Park on Kendall Street. The break occurred while the property owner was working on the water line for building 200, which is currently vacant. The water was shut off quickly by the Village, so no damage was done to the building. The Village will bill the owners for an emergency water turn off and turn on.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Kumkey had nothing to report.

See correspondences for fire department donation.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Mayor Hunter reported the following:

**Police Activity- Schedule**

The Board did not receive the police activity report for December. The Board previously received the police schedule for January.

**PARK – YOUTH DEPARTMENT:** See privilege of the floor

**CLERK REALS REPORT:** Clerk Reals reported the following:

**Resolution designating the polling place, date and time for the annual Village Election**

Trustee Blondell offered the following resolution 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kumkey:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that** the Annual Village Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 and the polling place will be the Clifton Springs Fire House, 39 Kendall Street, Clifton Springs, New York. The hours the polls shall be open, will be 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 15-104, (3) Election Law). All members present voting AYE. Carried.

There was no need to discuss registration day as the Village decided in January 1999 to no longer hold a Village registration day.

**Appointment of Election Inspectors and Poll Clerks**

Trustee Blondell moved that Arlene Copeland (R) and Doris Hunter (D) be appointed to the position of Election Inspectors for Election Day on March 15, 2011 and further that Minnie DeSchepper (R) and Gladys Simons (D) be appointed to the positions of Poll Clerks for the Election Inspectors. There was no need to appoint an Election Custodian as voters will be voting by paper ballot. Trustee Kumkey 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion. All members present voting AYE. Carried. (Sec. 154-116 (1) Election Law). As per the 2010-2011 budget the election inspectors and election poll clerks will be paid \$9.50 per hour.

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**OLD OR OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:**

**Justice Court Book presented**

On behalf of Judge Randy Brooks, Acting Justice Gary Fisher and Court Clerk Darol Buck, Clerk Reals presented to the Village Board the Village of Clifton Springs Justice Accounting book for the Village Board to review for the year 2010. All members present had the opportunity to review the detailed book and sign an acknowledgement that they reviewed the book presented.

**NYSEG – Street lights out**

Mayor Hunter update the Board on the status of NYSEG and street lights that are out in the Village. Police Chief Scott Upchurch has been working for months on getting a number of street lights that have been out in the Village repaired or replaced. After little success, Chief Upchurch sent a letter to the Public Service Commission. NYSEG has responded to this concern and hopes to be in the Village soon to repair or replace the numerous street lights that are out.

**NYSEG – Pole replacement**

Trustee Lincoln and Mayor Hunter informed the Board that NYSEG plans to replace some poles on Main Street from Kendall to Broad. A meeting will be held on January 11, 2011 with NYSEG to discuss how many poles and the time frame for replacement.

**NYSEG - Hibbard Avenue pole replacement concerns**

Trustee Kumkey and Trustee Blondell stated that recently NYSEG has been replacing poles on Hibbard Avenue. The Board members indicated that during the pole replacement NYSEG has had no traffic control and people have had to drive into other people's yards to get around NYSEG because they have had the street so blocked with their equipment. Trustee Bounds agreed this has presented a problem. All Board members stated that they are concerned that an emergency vehicle would be unable to get around NYSEG in the event of an emergency. Mayor Hunter will discuss this with NYSEG at the meeting that will be held on January 11, 2011.

**Renewal of Certificate of Deposit**

At the December Board meeting the Village had a Certificate of Deposit that renewed at Community Bank. As authorized Clerk Reals renewed the C.D. Clerk Reals realized this CD was established for the purpose of setting aside money for the painting of the water tower. The CD was renewed for six months. Motion was made by Trustee Blondell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kumkey to authorize Clerk Reals to place \$30,000 into a CD at Community Bank from the water fund that will renew in June 2011 with the original water fund CD. This money is in the 2010-2011 water budget for this purpose. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

**States proposed tax cap**

Mayor Hunter presented to each Board member a book prepared by NYCOM entitled You Can't Cap What You Can't Control. Mayor Hunter invited all Board members to a meeting on January 20, 2011 at the Phelps Community Center to discuss this further.

**Monthly revenues and expenses**

The Board received a listing of the revenues and expenses for the general, water and sewer funds thru December 2010.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion made by Trustee Lincoln 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bounds to adjourn. All members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori A. Reals Clerk/Treas.

