

September 12, 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: Melissa Kumkey, Dan Blondell, Earl Lincoln, Jeff Linsner

Board Members Absent: None

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2011 were approved upon motion by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Kumkey. All members present voted AYE. Carried.

Vouchers: General, Water and Sewer Vouchers #225 through #303, and Broad Street Vouchers # 7-#7 were approved for payment by Trustee Lincoln, 2nd by Trustee Blondell. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

General Fund =	\$ 126,202.90
Water Fund =	\$ 48,985.66
Sewer Fund =	\$ 44,647.22
Broad Street =	\$ 6,200.00

Laurel Wemett, reporter from the DAILY MESSENGER was present for this meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO PERSONS ATTENDING THIS MEETING

No persons appeared before the Board.

CORRESPONDENCES

CS Hospital – sidewalk request from Pleasant Street to Coulter Road

Letter from John Galati, CEO of Clifton Springs Hospital, with a request for sidewalk from Pleasant Street to Coulter Road (entrance to the hospital section).

Trustee Kumkey and Mayor Hunter have discussed this with Street Supervisor Jason Lannon. Mayor Hunter has discussed this request with John Galati, CEO. Clifton Springs Hospital is willing to contribute \$2,000 toward material cost for this project.

The Board agreed to proceed with installing sidewalk on the north side of Coulter Road and connecting the sidewalk from the existing sidewalk on Pleasant Street to the existing sidewalk on Coulter Road that is near the Methodist Church.

Termination of water rights – Loughlin family - 2926 St. Route 488

Letter from Attorney Mike Rose regarding termination of water rights to the Village from the Loughlin family in 1906.

This was given to Water Maintenance Technician Craig Reed and in the following correspondence Attorney Jeff Graff responded to this request.

Termination of water rights – Loughlin family - 2926 St. Route 488

Response letter from Attorney Jeff Graff to the above letter. Attorney Graff indicated that the Village is not aware of having any current water connection to the Loughlin property in the Town of Hopewell based on the 1906 deed.

Reviewed.

Meeting of September 12, 2011 continued:

Nolan's - 73 East Main Street – horse permit

Letter from Tom and Ann Nolan to continue with the horse permit at their house for two horses.

Reviewed Motion was made by Trustee Blondell 2nd by Trustee Kumkey to grant this permit with the following conditions:

- 1) The permit is for two horses
- 2) The horses are to be housed on five acres of land behind 73 East Main Street, the land that the Nolan's purchased from Jim & Lisa Maslyn.
- 3) The horses are not to be housed at any time in the garage-barn that is on the current property at 73 East Main Street.
- 4) The permit is good for one year from September 2011 until September 2012. As a reminder the Village code reads as follows: Section 49.1A, of the Village Code "Such special permit may be granted for a period of one year unless it shall appear from complaints of neighbors or otherwise that the keeping of the animal in question is objectionable or offensive by reason of noise, smell or other cause. Such a special permit shall be revocable at any time by the Board of Trustees."
- 5) After a one-year period, should the permit still be in effect, the Nolan's are responsible to appear or write to the Board for the permit to continue.

All members present voting AYE. Carried.

Request for sewer reduction for the Clifton Pearl Bed and Breakfast

Letter from John & Amy Maerhofer requesting a sewer reduction for the Bed and Breakfast (The Clifton Pearl) that they are no longer running at 46 East Main Street.

Reviewed. The Board agreed to grant this request starting with the next billing cycle.

Clifton Springs Hospital requests washable stencil on sidewalks

Letter from Theresa Oderman, Clifton Springs Hospital, requesting permission to spray washable paint on the Village sidewalks with the cancer logo for the "Steppin Out for Friends with Cancer" walk on September 29, 2011.

Reviewed. The Board granted permission for this request with the condition that the paint is washable and will be removed when it rains.

ZBA Minutes from joint meeting on 8-15-2011

Copy of the ZBA meeting minutes from August 15, 2011, submitted by Kathy Gutberlet.

Reviewed. The Boards continue working on updating the residential codes.

ZBA minutes from joint meeting on 8-15-2011

Copy of the ZBA meeting minutes from August 15, 2011 submitted by Chairman Jaylene Folkins.

Reviewed. The Board continues working on updating the residential codes.

Planning Board meeting minutes from 9-7-2011

Copy of the Planning Board meeting minutes from September 7, 2011.

Reviewed. The Planning Board approved the site plan for a bottle redemption center to be located next to Dollar General (former "Curves" business) along with the sign for this business.

Upcoming training opportunities for Planning & Zoning members

Copy of upcoming training for ZBA and Planning Board members sponsored by Monroe County.

Reviewed.

Annual lead testing

Letter from NYS Department of Health regarding required lead testing in the water.

Reviewed. This has been passed on to Craig Reed, Water Maintenance Technician.

Meeting of September 12, 2011 continued:

STREET DEPARTMENT: Trustee Kumkey reported the following:

Swale work

The crew will be completing some swale work at 17 Stephens Street. Justin Blair, homeowner, has expressed concern about storm water coming into his garage. The crew will do some work that will address the Village part of the problem. The homeowner will have some work he will need to do as well.

Plowing

Plowing for this winter should be covered. Scott Laird and Kevin Blair, laborers, are working on obtaining more experience with their commercial driver's licenses. Currently all employees at the street department, water department and sewer department have commercial driver licenses, so if needed those employees will be used.

When hiring next employee

Discussion was held on the skills needed when the next full time employee is hired for the Village. Trustee Kumkey recommends that the next hire should have mechanical ability and work alongside Phil Kneut, Village Laborer. It is anticipated that possibly 3 employees could retire in the next 3 years or less.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Trustee Lincoln reported the following:

Sewer Plant Roof

Bob Raeman, from the Village's engineering firm, has been on contact with Secor Lumber regarding the roof leaking at the compost building. Secor has indicated they will correct this problem.

Eric Merkley, Wastewater Treatment Plant Trainee, is scheduled to take the Grade 2A sewer license exam on September 20, 2011.

ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS: Trustee Blondell reported the following:

Jaylene Folkins, ZBA Chairman and Mike Nurse, Planning Board Chairman continue to work on updating the residential codes with their Boards. A joint meeting with the two Boards had been scheduled for September 21, 2011.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Linsner reported the following:

Truck 531 – leak in water tank

The new plastic tank for truck 531 should arrive October 10, 2011. It is anticipated that it may take approximately 2 weeks to plumb this tank to fit the truck.

CS Fire Department sends people to assist with Binghamton flooding

Clifton Springs Fire Department had two people represent the department and assist with flooding in the Binghamton area. Jason McMillan and Jordon Cooney went to assist and stayed for 3 days. Nicki Delpriore, also from Clifton Springs Fire Department went as well, serving with the Phelps Ambulance Company.

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

Three Board members attended the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony hosted by Clifton Springs Fire Department. The members said this was very nicely done and appreciate the department's efforts with the successful ceremony.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Hunter reported the following:

Police Activity- Schedule

The Board did not receive the police activity report for August. The Board did receive a police schedule for September and October.

Meeting of September 12, 2011 continued:

PARK – YOUTH DEPARTMENT: Clerk Reals was asked by the Board to inquire with the YMCA about interest in supervising the skate area for winter ice skating.

John Brown Park – possible sidewalk

Mayor Hunter discussed with the Board that the Village consider installing sidewalk at the John Brown Park from Spring Street to the pavilion. Trustee Linsner stated he might know of a person interested in doing this as an Eagle Scout project. Trustee Linsner will follow up with the possible Eagle Scout candidate. If that person is not interested then the Village will consider this in the 2012-2013 budget.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Trustee Blondell reported the following:

Water Tank Painting

The tank that was recently painted is back in service. Some lawn area needed to be re-seeded and some asphalt work will be done this week.

Broad Street – new water line

The new water line on Broad Street is approximately 90% complete. Keeler Construction will begin working on connecting the water service lines this week.

Unaccountable water

In the last quarter there was some unaccountable water loss. Three water leaks have been detected and repaired. A professional leak survey will be completed in October.

Training for Scott Laird and Kevin Blair

Craig Reed, Water Maintenance Technician, would like to get Scott Laird and Kevin Blair, Laborers, trained in more areas of the water department, including leak detection. The Board also agrees this is good idea and would like the crew to learn more about the operation of the water system.

MAYOR HUNTER REPORT: Mayor Hunter reported the following:

2% Property tax cap

Clerk Reals recently attended NYCOM training on the 2% property tax cap. Information that was distributed at the NYCOM meeting was shared with the Village Board and discussion was held on this. Mayor Hunter informed the Board that NYS legislatures gave minimal mandated relief. NYCOM has recommended that Boards consider passing a local law (annually) that would allow municipalities to exceed the 2% cap. This is recommended because it protects the Village should a clerical or technical error occur. Clerk Reals was instructed to meet with Attorney Jeff Graff and provide him with the local law NYCOM has drafted and have him begin the process for the Village of Clifton Springs to consider adoption of the local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law ss3-c.

CLERK REALS REPORT: Clerk Reals reported the following:

Broad Street

Clerk Reals informed the Board that bids would be opened on September 13, 2011 for the borrowing on the Broad Street project. This is being handled by Bernard Donegan – Financial Advisor and Tim McGill – Bond Counsel. Motion was made by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Linsner to authorize Clerk Reals to sign all necessary documents to close on this borrowing. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

Transfer of Funds

Motion was made by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Blondell that Clerk Reals be and she is hereby authorized to transfer funds between the following appropriations as follows:

From G8130.4 to G1440.4	\$ 810.00
From G8130.4Ato G8130.4	\$5,000.00

All members present voting AYE. Carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion made by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Blondell to adjourn. All members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lori A. Reals Clerk/Treasurer