

December 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 November 14, 2011 were approved upon motion by Trustee Linsner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kumkey. All members present voted AYE. Carried.

Vouchers: General, Water and Sewer Vouchers #480 through #556, and Broad Street Vouchers # 12-#14 were approved for payment by Trustee Kumkey, 2nd by Trustee Lincoln. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

General Fund =	\$90,826.20
Water Fund =	\$39,763.16
Sewer Fund =	\$30,877.60
Broad Street =	\$53,045.36

Eugene VanOpdorp, Clifton Springs Fireman and Jaylene Folkins, ZBA Chairman, were present for this meeting.

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

#### **Fire Chief Lynn Spence – Fire Department update**

Fire Chief Lynn Spence appeared before the Board to discuss the sale of the 1989 brush truck. Before this discussion began Chief Spence stated that he felt it was important to sit down once a year and have a “state of the fire department” meeting. Chief Spence thanked Trustee Jeff Linsner for the great job he is doing as liaison between the fire department and the Village.

Chief Spence handed out a sheet of foreseeable future major expenses for the fire department. The list included radio system replacement, by 2018 that is being mandated by Ontario County, estimated expense including pagers \$107,424 - \$146,680, replacement of worn out personal protective equipment, within 8 years, 40 sets at \$2,000 each equals \$80,000, replacement of obsolete air packs, within 8-10 years, 20 units at \$5,000 each equals \$150,000 plus, replacement of heavy rescue truck at a cost of \$195,000 - \$400,000 plus and ladder truck at a cost of \$750,000 plus.

Chief Spence also handed out a two page summary of grants the department has received and money the department has spent since 2003. These costs totaled \$467,735 that the membership has contributed to protect the village and the residents in the fire protection districts. Chief Spence stated that he does not feel we can depend on grant money in the future, with this economy. Mayor Hunter said the Village taxpayers can only be taxed so much, so the Village can only budget for what it can afford for the fire department. Chief Spence understands this, but wants the Board to know that this could affect how much service the department can provide. Also that if the fire department wants to continue to attract members, the equipment has to be safe. Chief Spence stated that volunteers would participate if they feel their safety is in jeopardy.

Chief Spence also handed out the proposed fire truck replacement schedule. Chief Spence inquired as to when the next truck would be replaced. Clerk Reals will provide this to the department, but stated she believed the Village Board committed in 2009 to looking at a truck in 2012 and purchasing in fiscal year 2013. The total amount the Village has committed to spending on this truck is \$275,000.

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Chief Spence spoke with the Board about morale between the Fire Department and the Village Board. Chief Spence informed the Board that the large screen television and the leather furniture at the fire house were purchased as gifts from the Ladies Auxiliary and the coats and shirts that fire members wear are purchased by the fire department, not the Village. Chief Spence stated he has heard comments from Board members. Trustee Blondell and Trustee Lincoln asked who made the comments, but Chief Spence said he wants to keep that confidential. Chief Spence wanted to clear up any misconceptions regarding those purchases.

#### **Sale of the 1989 Brush Truck**

Discussion was held on the sale of the 1989 brush truck (pick - up truck). This was purchased by the fire department in 1989. The truck was turned over to the Village and the Village has insured and maintained this truck since it was purchased. Therefore it is Village property. The department would like permission to sell the truck internally to a member of the fire department. The membership would sell it to whoever bids the highest, with a minimum bid set by the fire department membership. The fire department is requesting that they get to keep the money from the sale of the 1989 brush truck to offset the \$30,000 the department spent earlier this year on a new brush truck. Chief Spence estimates the truck could bring between \$1,500 and \$2,500.

The Board had no objection to the fire department selling the 1989 brush truck internally to a member of the fire department and allowing the fire department to keep the proceeds from the sale of this truck. Clerk Reals was instructed by the Board to sign over the title to the successful bidder once the membership has determined who the new owner of the truck will be.

#### **Jaylene Folkins – ZBA Chairperson regarding hydro-fracking moratorium**

Jaylene Folkins, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, appeared before the Board. She was present to discuss hydro-fracking in Clifton Springs. Chairman Folkins stated that the Planning Board and Zoning Board feel it would be beneficial to have a moratorium on hydro-fracking in place, just to air on the side of caution. Chairman Folkins handed out a map that showed the oil and gas wells that exists in Ontario County. Currently there are 16 oil and gas wells that are producing and 325 that are not. Clerk Reals stated she was quite certain the Town of Phelps had passed a local law with a moratorium on hydro-fracking. No one present was sure if the Town of Manchester had passed the law. Clerk Reals was instructed to find out the position of the townships in regards to hydro-fracking. If the towns do not have any laws in place the Village Board would consider pursuing this further with a local law that would provide a moratorium on hydro-fracking.

### **CORRESPONDENCES**

#### **NYCOM information on the sale of property**

Information from the NYCOM handbook on the sale or lease of Village property.

This was provided by Clerk Reals from the NYCOM handbook for Village officials. This section pertains to the sale or lease of property. This was provided to assist the Board with determining if the 1989 brush truck could be sold without going to public bid.

#### **Local Law 1-2011 - Property Tax Cap Over ride- has been filed with State**

Letter from NYS Department of State that indicates Local Law 1-2011 (Property tax cap over ride) has been filed with the State.

Reviewed and filed.

#### **Town of Phelps Fire Contract for 2012**

Copy of the proposed fire contract with the Town of Phelps. This contract has an increase from the previous year.

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Reviewed. Motion was made by Trustee Linsner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Blondell to accept the proposed fire contract for 2012 in the amount of \$40,653.83 and to authorize Mayor Hunter and Clerk Reals to execute the contract on the behalf of the Village. All members present voting AYE. Carried. The Board appreciates the town's consideration for an increase in the contact, in this economy.

**Town of Hopewell fire contract for 2012, 2103, 2014**

Copy of the proposed fire contract with the Town of Hopewell. This contract has a 3% increase per year times three years.

Reviewed. Motion was made by Trustee Linsner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Blondell to accept the proposed fire contract for 2012, 2013, 2014 in the amounts of \$17,505, \$18,030, \$18,571 respectfully and to authorize all Board members and Clerk Reals to execute the contract on behalf of the Village. All members present voting AYE. Carried. The Board appreciates the town's consideration for an increase in the contract, in this economy. The Board also appreciates the multi-year contract being in place.

**Joint ZBA – Planning meeting minutes from 11-16-2011**

Copy of the meeting minutes from the Joint Zoning Board of Appeal -Planning Board meeting that was held on November 16, 2011.

Reviewed. The Boards continue to work on updating the residential zoning code.

**NYCOM property tax cap information**

Information from NYCOM regarding the property tax cap.

Reviewed.

**STREET DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Kumkey reported the following:

**Miscellaneous work**

The crew is working on servicing the small equipment.

Supervisor Lannon is working on the street department budget for 2012-2013.

Supervisor Lannon has taken care of the narrow banding of the radio system for the highway department. This was done at a cost of approximately \$2,500, considerably less than originally estimated.

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

**Sewer Plant Operations**

Trustee Lincoln requested that Sewer Plant Operator, Eric Merkley, address concerns with the sewer plant to Trustee Lincoln as he is the liaison between the Board and the Sewer Department.

**ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS:** Was covered under correspondences and privilege of the floor.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Was covered under privilege of the floor and correspondences.

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

**Police Activity- Schedule**

The Board did not receive the police activity report for November. The Board did not receive a police schedule for December.

**PARK – YOUTH DEPARTMENT:** Nothing was reported.

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

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**Copper Testing**

The Village of Newark has indicated that will be responsible for any additional water testing costs that have to be done to comply with the slightly high copper level.

**MAYOR HUNTER REPORT:** Mayor Hunter's reported the following:

**Pay Increases for Eric Merkley, Jeff East, Jason Lannon**

Discussion was held on pay increases for the Eric Merkley, Jeff East and Jason Lannon. Motion was made by Trustee Blondell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lincoln to increase the following hourly rates:

Eric Merkley, Sewer Plant Operator from \$18.00/hour to \$22.00/hour effective December 19, 2011

Jeff East, Sewer Plant Operator Trainee from \$17.00/hour to \$21.00/hour effective December 19, 2011

Jason Lannon, Street Supervisor from \$23.36/hour to \$24.36/hour effective June 1, 2012 and from \$24.36/hour to \$25.36/hour effective June 1, 2013.

All members present voting AYE. Carried.

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

**Health Insurance Options for 2012**

Trustee Blondell, Clerk Reals and Frank Stowell (Anderson Van Horne Insurance Agency) have reviewed the health insurance options from Blue Cross Blue Shield for 2012. They recommend the Village continue to offer the same two plans that are currently available. This would be Simply Blue 25 and a High Deductible Plan. Motion was made by Trustee Blondell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kumkey to continue to offer these two plans. All members present voting AYE. Carried. The Village capped its costs for health insurance many years ago. Currently the cap is \$7,500/year for a two person plan or family plan and \$4,500 for a single plan. For this reason there is no increase to the Village in January 2012, although there continues to be an increase to the employees who select the Simply Blue Plan. The Board discussed a possible increase in the Village's share in the June 2012 budget, but no final dollar amount was agreed upon. The Village will try to increase in 2012, even if the increase is slight.

**Benefit for employees who do not have insurance through the Village**

Discussion was held on the employees who do not have insurance through the Village. Currently the Village pays \$1,400 annually to employees not insured through the Village. At this time that would be Craig Reed and Steven Eagley. Motion was made by Trustee Blondell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kumkey to continue to offer this to Craig Reed and Steven Eagley, but effective December 12, 2011 the Village of Clifton Springs will no longer offer this to employees. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

**Transfer of Funds**

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

From A5110.1 to A8810.1	\$215.25
From A5410.4 to A5110.4	\$2,500.00
From F8320.4 to F1440.4	\$1,331.60
From G8110.1 to G1440.4	\$1,650.00
From G8110.1 to G8130.4	\$8,688.00

All members present voting AYE. Carried.

Meeting of December 12, 2011 continued:

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion made by Trustee Lincoln 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kumkey to adjourn. All members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Reals  
Clerk/Treasurer