

December 14, 2015

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: Bill Hunter, Mayor

Board Members Present: Jeff Linsner, Earl Lincoln, Dan Blondell, Melissa Kumkey

Board Members Absent: None

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2015 and November 24, 2015 were approved upon motion by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Linsner. All members present voted AYE. Carried.

Vouchers: General, Water and Sewer Vouchers #463 through #548, were approved for payment by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Blondell. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

General Fund =	\$ 57,469.53
Water Fund =	\$ 44,182.96
Sewer Fund =	\$ 12,489.41

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

No persons appeared before the Board.

#### **CORRESPONDENCES**

##### **Properties the County may foreclose on**

From Ontario County Treasurer's office, a list of properties that must pay their back taxes by January 15 or the county will foreclose on the property and sell them at tax sale in May.

Reviewed.

##### **Health Insurance 2016**

Copy of the cost of health insurance to the employees effective January 1, 2016. Trustee Blondell has also provided employees with the cost if an employee chose a high deductible plan.

Trustee Blondell and Frank Stowell from Anderson-Van Horne Agency met with the employees and reviewed the cost and changes within the existing policy. Employees were informed and offered a high deductible plan. At this time no employees are selecting the high deductible plan. Trustee Blondell would like the Board to consider an increase in the Village's contribution toward health insurance with the next budget and also consider a contribution to a health savings account should an employee be interested in this. Mayor Hunter thanked Trustee Blondell for working on this.

##### **Water leak detection report**

Copy of the most recent leak detection report.

Reviewed. One leak was located and repaired. This was a good report on the water system.

##### **Thank you from Jim & Barb Sanford**

Christmas card - Thank you note from Jim & Barb Sanford, Webb Avenue.

Reviewed. The Board and the employees appreciate the note.

##### **Local Law 2-2015 filed**

Letter from the Department of State that shows local law 2-2015 (tax cap override) was filed with the State.

Meeting of December 14, 2015 continued:

Reviewed.

**Planning Board minutes 11-18-2015**

Copy of the Planning Board meeting minutes from 11-18-2015.

Reviewed. The Planning Board approved a small sign for St. John's Episcopal Church.

**Comprehensive Plan minutes 11-30-2015**

Copy of the meeting minutes from the Comprehensive Plan meeting held on November 30, 2015.

Reviewed.

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

**Solar Power location**

Supervisor Lannon is concerned about the proposed location for the solar panels. The concern is the panels may be too close to the stock piles and future building improvements. The Board is aware of the concern and the engineer is aware of the concern. The Board agreed to wait and see where the stakes are once the survey is done and proceed from there, with the understanding that the Village is not sure that the location can be changed at this point.

**Street Department projects next year**

Mayor Hunter informed the Board that he and Supervisor Lannon have discussed the street department needs for the next fiscal year. Supervisor Lannon would like to forgo sidewalks for one year and catch up on a number of miscellaneous items that need to be done, such as street signs, painting railings, painting basement doors at Village Hall, re-building catch basins and a number of other small projects that he would like to complete. The Board is agreeable with this plan.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT:** Mayor Hunter had nothing to report.

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

**Re-bid Kendall Street**

The Village intends to re-bid water main replacement work on Kendall Street. Bob Raeman, Hunt Engineers is working on this. It is anticipated that this will be re-bid in January or February 2016.

**Water off at 28 Pearl Street**

After numerous unsuccessful attempts to have the home owner make arrangements to replace the water meter, the water was turned off at 28 Pearl Street on December 7, 2015. The owner has been notified in writing that the Village is willing to turn the water on as soon as arrangements are made to replace the meter. It appears that the owner may no longer be staying at the home. Trustee Kumkey would like Clerk Reals to notify adult protective. The Code Enforcement Officer was also notified when the water was turned off.

**ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS:** Mayor Hunter reported the following:

**Railroad Corridor Meeting**

Mayor Hunter attended a meeting on improving the railroad corridor. The meeting was informative and improvements to the corridor could be beneficial to Clifton Springs.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Trustee Linsner reported the following:

Meeting of December 14, 2015 continued:

**Fire Department successful in grant**

The Fire Department was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant to be used for new 3” hose and bail out ropes and gear. Some of the 3” hose the department realizes won’t pass testing next year. The department needs to spend the \$10,000 and then apply for reimbursement. The department would like the Village to pay the \$10,000 up front and then the department will reimburse the Village once the grant money is received. The Board discussed this and is agreeable. The Board appreciates the department writing the grant and being successful.

**Monthly Report**

Fire Captain Steve DeCook submitted the monthly report.

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

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

The work schedule for the month of December was submitted.

**MAYOR HUNTER REPORT:** Mayor Hunter’s report was covered throughout the meeting.

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

**Numerous reports and bank statements**

Clerk Reals provided the Board with the bank statements for November 2015, the trial balances, year to date numbers for expenses and revenues, the payroll time sheets since the last meeting, the fire department monthly report and the Village Justice monthly report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mayor Hunter and Clerk Reals discussed the following:

**Clifton Commons (Foster Block) vs. Village of Clifton Springs over assessment**

A settlement has been reached with the Foster Block over their assessment. The stipulation of settlement was reached by the Ontario County Supreme Court. The Village, Town, County and School have been aware this has been waiting to be resolved for several years. With the settlement the Village will have to pay the Foster Block approximately \$8,000 for being over assessed. Stephanie Holtz, Town Assessor, will calculate the amount due and will notify the Village. The Village will have to pay this to Clifton Commons (Foster Block) in the next 30 days.

**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 A9010.8 to A1440.4	\$1,093.18
From A9015.8 to A1420.4	\$3,281.00
From A9010.8 to A1420.4	\$4,719.00
From increase in CHIPS money to A5142.2	\$5,473.00

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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Reals, Clerk/Treasurer