

March 22, 2021

A special meeting of the Village Board held on the above date was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 1 West Main Street, Clifton Springs, NY 14432.

Presiding: Bill Hunter Mayor

Board Members Present: Jeff Linsner, Jim Keyes, Bryan Gray

Board Members Absent: Earl Lincoln

Also Attending: Scott Upchurch, Police Chief

This meeting was properly advertised in THE DAILY MESSENGER on March 12, 2021 and posted on the village website, community sign board (outside Village Hall) on the front door of Village Hall – due to covid and on the sign board in Village Hall.

The first item on the agenda was the Village of Clifton Springs Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Action Plan. Chief Scott Upchurch has been working on this item for months. The plan involved a survey that was sent to all property owners as well as several meetings with representatives from G.W. Lisk Co. Inc., Clifton Springs Hospital, FLACRA, the Public Defenders office, the District Attorney's office, two members of the Village Board and the numerous representatives from the community. Chief Upchurch expressed his sincere thanks to all who helped with this plan.

The Board reviewed the Village of Clifton Springs Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Action Plan dated February 26, 2021, consisting of 10 pages.

After reviewing the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan the following resolution was offered by Trustee Linsner 2nd by Trustee Keyes with all members present voting AYE.

Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan

Village of Clifton Springs Resolution for The

New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan

Whereas on June 12, 2020 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed Executive Order No. 203 requiring each local government in New York State to adopt policing reform by April 1, 2021; and

Whereas the Village of Clifton Springs supports efforts to reform local policing and improve the relationship between the police and the public; and

Whereas The Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan supports improved police and community interaction; and

Whereas the plan was developed collaboratively with the stakeholders of the Village of Clifton Springs; and

Whereas the Village of Clifton Springs Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan has been developed to meet the requirements set forth in the aforementioned Executive Order; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Clifton Springs approves the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan of the Village of Clifton Springs; and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Clifton Springs Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Clifton Springs to sign the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan certification, putting the Village of Clifton Springs Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan in to full force and effect in accordance with the Executive Order and the provisions of the plan.

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New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan Certification Form

I, William Hunter, as the Chief Executive of the Village of Clifton Springs New York, hereby certify the following pursuant to Executive Order No.203 issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on June 12, 2020

The Village of Clifton Springs has performed a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices;

The Village of Clifton Springs has developed a plan, attached hereto, to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices;

The Village of Clifton Springs has consulted with stakeholders (including but not limited to: membership and leadership of the local police force; members of the community, with emphasis in areas with high numbers of police and community interactions; interested non-profit and faith-based community groups; the Ontario County District Attorney's Office, the Ontario County Public Defender's Office and The Village of Clifton Springs Board regarding the plan;

The Village of Clifton Springs has offered the Plan in draft form for the public comment to all citizens in the locality and, prior to the adoption of the Plan by the local legislative body, has considered the comments submitted; and

The legislative body of the Village of Clifton Springs has ratified or adopted the Plan by resolution.

William Hunter, Mayor Village of Clifton Springs, March 22, 2021

Public Employer Health Emergency Plan

The Village of Clifton Springs has worked on the required Public Employer Health Emergency Plan. The committee for this was: Street-Water Supervisor Jason Lannon, Chief Wastewater Operator Eric Merkley, Police Chief Scott Upchurch, Trustee Jeff Linsner, and Clerk-Treasurer Lori Reals. The Village received assistance from Emergency Preparedness Solutions, LLC – Tim Riecker.

The Village Board reviewed the 12- page plan. Trustee Gray offered the following resolution 2nd by Trustee Linsner. All members present voting AYE.

Resolution for the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan

Whereas on September 7, 2020 the Governor signed Senate Bill S8617B into law requiring public employers to develop health emergency plans for the protection of employees and contractors; and

Whereas the Village of Clifton Springs fully supports the health and safety of our employees and contractors; and

Whereas the plan supports continuity of operations of the Village of Clifton Springs; and

Whereas the plan was developed collaboratively with several officials of the Village of Clifton Springs; and

Whereas the plan has been developed to meet the requirements set forth in the aforementioned law; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Clifton Springs Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs approves the public employer health emergency plan of the Village of Clifton Springs; and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Clifton Springs Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs authorizes the Mayor, William A. Hunter, to sign the plan, putting it into full force and effect in accordance with the law and the provisions identified in the plan.

Meeting of March 22, 2021 continued:

Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Budget

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

This meeting was properly advertised in THE DAILY MESSENGER on March 12, 2021 and posted on the website, community sign board (outside Village Hall) on the front door of Village Hall – due to covid and on the sign board in Village Hall.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2021-2022 budget. Clerk Reals and Mayor Hunter had previously answered questions Board members had on the budget.

Motion was made by Trustee Keyes 2nd by Trustee Gray to adopt the 2021-2022 budget. Mayor Hunter called for a roll call vote which resulted in Trustee Keyes voting AYE, Trustee Gray voting AYE, Trustee Linsner voting AYE and Mayor Hunter voting AYE. Trustee Lincoln was not present. Carried.

Budget for 2021-2022

General Fund = \$1,649,453

Water Fund = \$412,342

Sewer Fund = \$446,830

TOTAL = \$2,508,625

Tax Levy = \$738,767

	Tax Rate	Equalization Rate	Change in tax rate From 2020-2021
Town of Manchester	\$7.58	88%	up .15/1,000
Town of Phelps	\$7.43	92%	up .23/1,000

Water rates increased last year when the Village of Newark raised the rates to the Village by 20%. No changes in sewer rates. Water rates \$39.60 for 0-5,000 gallons and then \$6.18 for each 1,000 gallons thereafter and sewer remains \$70.00 per unit. Both are billed quarterly.

Motion was made by Trustee Linsner 2nd by Trustee Keyes to close the public hearings at 6:20 pm. All members present voting AYE.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resignation of Mayor Bill Hunter

On March 17, 2021, Mayor Bill Hunter submitted his letter of resignation as Village Mayor, effective March 31, 2021. Mayor Hunter has served for 26 years. His official letter will be presented at the April Board meeting.

The Board agreed that a special meeting should be held on April 5, 2021, the start of the new official year. At this meeting, the Board will look to appoint a person to the fill the vacancy of the Mayor. It is possible that depending on who is appointed to Mayor that a vacancy may need to be filled for Trustee (appointment of the Mayor). The Mayor will also need to fill the vacancy of Village Justice, as no one was on the ballot for this office on election day. One candidate was written in, but he has declined accepting the office. The Board agreed that Trustee Keyes will talk with some members of the community to see who may be interested in serving.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion made by Trustee Keyes 2nd by Trustee Linsner to adjourn. All members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Reals, Clerk/Treasurer