

March 12, 2012

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 February 13, 2012 were approved upon motion by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Linsner. All members present voted AYE. Carried.

Vouchers: General, Water and Sewer Vouchers #733 through #804, and Broad Street Vouchers #17-#17 were approved for payment by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Kumkey. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

General Fund =	\$ 34,627.55
Water Fund =	\$ 35,279.61
Sewer Fund =	\$ 8,663.71
Broad Street =	\$ 79,981.04

Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Budget

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. The hearing was properly advertised in THE DAILY MESSENGER on February 20, 2012.

People were present for the public hearing, but did not need to address the Board with any concerns regarding the proposed budget.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2012-2013 budget. Motion was made by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Kumkey to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. All members present voting AYE.

Motion was made by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Kumkey to accept the 2012-2013 budget. Mayor Hunter called for a roll call vote which resulted in Trustee Lincoln voting AYE, Trustee Kumkey voting AYE, Trustee Blondell voting AYE, Trustee Linsner voting AYE and Mayor Hunter voting AYE. Carried.

Budget for 2012-2013

General Fund = \$1,384,170

Water Fund = \$370,900

Sewer Fund = \$488,677

TOTAL = \$2,243,747

Tax Levy = \$599,708 – which stays under the 2% property tax cap. The Village had passed the local law to exceed the 2%, but worked diligently on the budget to stay under the 2%.

	Tax Rate	Equalization Rate	Change in tax rate From 2011-2012
Town of Manchester	\$6.64040	100%	up .11/1,000
Town of Phelps	\$6.62472	100%	up .26/1,000

Meeting of March 12, 2012 continued:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO PERSONS ATTENDING THIS MEETING

Spencer Linsner – Possible Eagle Scout Project

Spencer Linsner, local Boy Scout, appeared before the Board. Mr. Linsner was present to discuss a possible Eagle Scout project. Mr. Linsner is interested in organizing a project that would involve installing a handicapped sidewalk at the John Brown Park from Spring Street to the existing Peirce Pavilion. The Board agreed this project would be very beneficial for all people, but particularly for the handicapped, the elderly, the children and those people pushing children in strollers and wagons and those people pushing wheelchairs or using walkers.

Mr. Linsner explained to the Board how an Eagle Scout project works and that he would need to be at the forefront of working with the Village, the contractors, UFPO (call before your dig) and fellow scouts who would help with this project.

Mr. Linsner explained where he proposed the sidewalk be installed. He had previously discussed this plan with Street Supervisor Jason Lannon and Trustee Earl Lincoln. Trustee Lincoln stated that he would like the sidewalk to have a decorative stamp in it. Trustee Kumkey expressed her concern that the stamp could hinder the ability for those with a disability to use the sidewalk with ease. Trustee Lincoln assured the Board that the stamp would be flat enough that it would not create any problems for those with disabilities.

Mayor Hunter asked Mr. Linsner what his part of the project would be. Mr. Linsner explained he would lead with layout and approval of the plan, calling in the UFPO's, possibly forming and restoration. This project would involve a great deal of restoration work. Mr. Linsner stated his project still needs approval from the Boy Scout Council. Mayor Hunter suggested that Mr. Linsner layout a plan that shows the width and length of the sidewalk and a drawing of his plan. Mr. Linsner stated he would provide that.

Discussion was held on the funding for this project. Mr. Linsner explained that he has to show how the project will be funded. The Village Board agreed that because this project will be a benefit to the people of the Village of Clifton Springs and an improvement to the park, the Village Board agreed the Village of Clifton Springs would fund this project.

Mr. Linsner asked for a liaison from the Board to be the person he could contact to answer any questions as this project progresses. Trustee Melissa Kumkey volunteered to be his liaison.

Mayor Hunter asked what time frame Mr. Linsner was looking at to accomplish this project. Mr. Linsner is hoping to work on this project over spring break, but before he can begin he understands the Scout Council has to approve the project. His project needs to be completed by September 2012.

Meeting of March 12, 2012 continued:

Restricted - Jr. Firefighter Training

Andrew Campbell and Joe Wodenscheck, Volunteer Firefighters, appeared before the Board. Mr. Campbell refreshed the Board on the discussions that were held a couple years ago regarding restricted - Jr. Firefighters. The Fireman explained that the current by-laws of the Clifton Springs Fire Department state that restricted Firefighters may not attend fire schools and seminars prior to their eighteenth (18th) birthday (Article 2, Section C #12). The Fire Department would like to change this section of the bylaws to allow the restricted – Jr. Firefighters to attend fire schools and seminars that are taught by State Certified Instructors. The Village has looked into this change and if it would affect the insurance and the coverage for the restricted – Jr. firefighters. The insurance company has indicated that if the bylaws allow the restricted – Jr. Firefighters to attend this training then the insurance company has a duty to defend if a lawsuit occurs as a result of injury. There would be no medical payments and a lawsuit would have to be initiated. If the restricted – Jr. Firefighter damaged something or injured someone else and they are proven at fault the insurance would also respond.

The Firefighters explained that any changes to the bylaws require notice to the Fire Department members, so this change would not happen immediately and if acceptable would happen at a Fire Department monthly meeting. The Board explained that the Village Board would like to see the written change and would also want the written change to go to the insurance company.

The Firefighters also explained that this would change the form that a parent is required to sign, because the new training would allow restricted – Jr. Firefighters to enter into a live fire for training purposes only and for training taught only by State Certified Fire Instructors. The Firefighters are recommending that when possible, both parents sign off on the form.

The Board supports the restricted – Jr. Firefighters taking advantage of as much training as possible. The Board supports the change to the Fire Department bylaws, for restricted – Jr. Firefighters to receive training, prior to their 18th birthday, with training taught solely by State Certified Fire Instructors.

The Firefighters will take this back to the Fire Department membership and then they will bring this back to the Village Board for final approval, if previously approved by the Fire Department membership.

5:00 PM Fire Whistle

Rhonda Warner, 18 Kendall Street, appeared before the Board. Mrs. Warner wanted to discuss having the 5:00 pm fire whistle stopped. Mrs. Warner questioned the purpose of the whistle. Mayor Hunter explained that he believed originally it sounded to ensure it was working properly. Mrs. Warner stated that she believes this is a quality of life issue, a nuisance and a noise issue. Mrs. Warner understands the need for the whistle to sound in an emergency, but does not feel it needs to go off daily. Mrs. Warner stated she had a few names of people who supported her position.

The Board discussed this. The Board agreed to place this concern in the next newsletter and to ask the taxpayers of the Village to cast a ballot on whether or not they would like to see the 5:00 pm fire whistle continue or if they prefer it to cease. This ballot will be in the May newsletter.

Meeting of March 12, 2012 continued:

CORRESPONDENCES

Budget 2012-2013

Proposed 2012-2013 budget for the public hearing.

Reviewed and accepted at the public hearing.

Letter of Resignation from Darol Buck - Court Clerk

Letter from Darol Buck, Court Clerk, submitting her letter of resignation.

Mrs. Buck has been the court clerk for seventeen years and is planning to retire. The Village Board accepted this resignation with regrets and thanks Mrs. Buck for the fine job she has done serving as Court Clerk.

Veterans Memorial Park sign

Copy of the proposed sign for "Veteran's Memorial Park".

This is submitted by the local VFW. Mayor Hunter has spoken with Fran Day from the VFW and Ann Sheppard, sign maker. All members present agree the sign should be high density urethane. The proposed sign will be black with gold letters. No decision was made on the sign being two sided. The dimension of the sign is 14" x 52".

Sulphur Springs Festival Parade

Letter from the Sulphur Springs Festival asking the Board to participate in the parade on June 2, 2012.

Trustee Kumkey, Trustee Blondell and Trustee Linsner plan to participate in the parade. Mayor Hunter maybe announcing the parade. Clerk Reals will let the festival committee know who plans to participate.

Thank you from Clifton Springs Historical Society.

Thank you note from Clifton Springs Historical Society for the annual contribution.

Reviewed. The Board appreciates the note of thanks.

Meeting minutes from joint meeting on 2-22-12

Copy of the meeting minutes from the joint ZBA and Planning Board meeting that was held on February 22, 2012.

Reviewed. The Planning and Zoning Boards continue to work on possible code changes, primarily to the residential part of the Village code.

Midlakes Jr. Eagles - Park

Letter from Midlakes Jr. Eagles regarding the park and a list of their Board members.

Reviewed. The Board appreciates the updated list of Board members and the good working relationship between the Jr. Eagles and the Village.

Thank you from District Attorney Michael Tantillo

Letter from District Attorney Michael Tantillo thanking Mayor Hunter for the note regarding Assistant District Attorney Kathy Valone.

Reviewed.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Trustee Kumkey reported the following:

Hiring of Mike Pyra

Motion was made by Trustee Kumkey 2nd by Trustee Linsner to hire Michael Pyra as a Laborer. Mr. Pyra will begin working April 2, 2012 and will be paid \$14.00 per hour. Mr. Pyra is replacing Tom Shaffer, who has retired.

Meeting of March 12, 2012 continued:

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Trustee Lincoln reported the following:

Compost Building Roof – Secor Lumber

The Village has notified the company that hold the performance bond on the compost building roof for Secor Lumber. A meeting will be set up with the Village, the Village Attorney, the Village Engineer, the Bonding Company and Secor Lumber to see if a solution can be reached to resolve the roof that continues to leak.

ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS: Trustee Blondell reported the following:

Code Updates

The Village Zoning Board and Planning Board continue to meet to work on updating the code book, primarily the residential code.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Linsner reported the following:

Possible “Pumper-Rescue” truck

The Fire Department truck committee has meet and they are considering a change in the fleet of fire trucks. They are considering switching from having the existing pumper and the existing rescue truck as two separate trucks and combining these two trucks into one truck. Several departments in the area have done this. The truck would be a “pumper-rescue”. This is in the very early stages of discussion. The department estimates the cost of this truck would be \$350,000 - \$450,000. More information will follow.

Grant for radios and pagers

The West Lake Road Fire Department received a grant for \$1,000,000 for 19 local fire companies, including Clifton Springs to purchase radios and pagers. The Clifton Springs Fire Department anticipates they will receive \$96,000. The Village will have to pay 25.1% of the 96,000 (approximately \$24,096). The Village appreciates the fire department obtaining this grant, as this will be a very big help. Details on the distribution of the funds and a hold harmless agreement will be forth coming.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Hunter reported the following:

Police Activity- Schedule

The Board did not receive the police activity report for February. The Board did not receive a police schedule for March.

PARK – YOUTH DEPARTMENT: Covered under privilege of the floor.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Trustee Blondell reported the following:

Water Work

New meters have been installed at the Spa Apartments, F.L.A.C.R.A. and Clifton Springs Apartments off Silver Street.

The water line was replaced at 77 East Main Street.

The water meter for the Town of Manchester (near West Main Street Village line) has arrived. Craig Reed, Water Maintenance Technician, is waiting on installing the meter as the town is considering replacing the water line.

Craig Reed, W.M.T., is working with fellow employees to educate them on the water system.

Craig Reed, W.M.T., is working on the annual water report for the Department of Health.

Meeting of March 12, 2012 continued:

Kendall Street water line

Discussion was held on the Kendall Street water line (Main Street to approximately Railroad Avenue). Trustee Blondell spoke with Craig Reed and Bob Raeman, Clark Patterson Lee. The cost to replace the line is expensive. At this time the Village is going to look at taking soil samples in the area and see what the soil reveals. Mr. Reed will keep parts on hand in case the line needs repair. It is possible that the weak spot in the line was repaired in the last break.

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

Concern over refuse from cigarettes

The Village has received concerns about the refuse that is in the parks and other areas of the Village from smokers. Several area employers have policies that prohibit smoking on their premises. The concern is the smokers are leaving a mess in many places. Clerk Reals will see if something can be arranged for the larger employers and the Village to get together and discuss this and see if cooperatively some resolution can be reached.

CLERK REALS REPORT: Clerk Reals reported the following

Finger Lakes Impact

Clerk Reals was contacted by Penny Teed, from Finger Lakes Impact. Finger Lakes Impact is seeking permission to use the ball fields on Wednesday, Thursdays evenings and Saturday morning's beginning in April for adult football.

Mayor Hunter spoke with Mrs. Teed regarding this request. Mrs. Teed stated that she believes Finger Lakes Impact brings economic growth to the Village. After discussion the Board agreed to not allow Finger Lakes Impact use of the fields. The Board believes the public isn't able to use the fields as much as they would like.

Adult Softball

Discussion was held on Chris Gallaher using the ball fields on Tuesday evening's beginning in April for adult softball. The Board agreed that this group is small and other can still use the field, even on Tuesday evenings, so for this reason adult softball may use the field.

Clerk Reals was contacted by Aflac Insurance. They are interested in meeting with employees and offering them insurance. Because the Village has offered this in the past, they Board agreed to not allow Aflac to meet with the employees.

Transfer of Funds

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

From A1110.12 to A1110.4	250.00
From A1990.4 to A1355.4	6.83
From A3120.4 to A3120.12	200.00
From F8340.4 to F1440.4	4,095.00
From Fund Balance to G1440.4	3,609.50
From G9040.8 to G8130.4	1,100.00
From G9055.8 to G8130.4	150.00
From Fund Balance to G8130.4	25,000.00

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 Linsner to adjourn. All members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lori A. Reals, Clerk/Treasurer

