

March 11, 2019

A regular 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: Dan Blondell, Jim Keyes, Jeff Linsner, Earl Lincoln

Board Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Street Supervisor Jason Lannon, Sewer Plant Operator Eric Merkley, Assistant Operator Patrick King, from Hunt Engineering Peter Martin and Jennifer Vaughn, from Clifton Springs Fire Department, Chief Jason McMillan, 1st Assistant Chief Kodey Clark, 2nd Assistant Stephen DeCook, President J.T. Turncliff, Treasurer Charlie Hall, other members of the department: Nicki Delpriore, Tina Cicero, Wayne Conklin, and Lynn Spence.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2019, were approved upon motion by Trustee Keyes 2nd by Trustee Linsner. All members present voted AYE. Carried.

Vouchers: General, Water and Sewer Vouchers #754 through #833, approved for payment by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Blondell. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

General Fund =	\$ 61,656.01
Water Fund =	\$ 32,090.29
Sewer Fund =	\$ 6,328.73

Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget

Mayor Hunter opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The hearing was properly advertised in THE DAILY MESSENGER on March 1, 2019.

No people present appeared before the Board for the public hearing.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2019-2020 budget. Motion was made by Trustee Keyes 2nd by Trustee Lincoln to close the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. All members present voting AYE.

Motion was made by Trustee Keyes 2nd by Trustee Lincoln to adopt the 2019-2020 budget. Mayor Hunter called for a roll call vote which resulted in Trustee Lincoln voting AYE, Trustee Keyes voting AYE, Trustee Blondell voting AYE, Trustee Linsner voting AYE and Mayor Hunter voting AYE. Carried.

Budget for 2019-2020

General Fund = \$1,575,898

Water Fund = \$393,871

Sewer Fund = \$470,330

TOTAL = \$2,440,099

Tax Levy = \$688,971 – which does not stay under the property tax cap. The Village did pass the local law to exceed the property tax cap.

	Tax Rate	Equalization Rate	Change in tax rate From 2018-2019
Town of Manchester	\$7.23	94%	up .21/1,000
Town of Phelps	\$7.13	100%	down .20/1,000

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The main reason for the difference is that the Manchester side of the Village has a 94% equalization rate and Phelps has a 100% equalization rate.

No changes in water and sewer rates. Water remains \$33.00 for 0-5,000 gallons and then \$5.15 for each 1,000 gallons thereafter and sewer remains \$70.00 per unit. Both are billed quarterly.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Supervisor Jason Lannon – Street and Water reports

Jason Lannon, Street Supervisor, appeared before the Board to give his street and water reports.

Street report: Supervisor Lannon reported that this has been a tough winter. A lot of salt has been needed. The equipment has held up well. The department will plan to participate in the “touch a truck” event in June. The crew will begin working on clean up at the parks and repairing plow damage. All Village street and sewer employees will attend the program to obtain Excavator Certification this week. This is mandated from the State.

Water report: The Village had a power outage and the telemetry system at the water towers had to run on battery power. Both batteries needed replacement. A minor leak was found at 38 Crane Street and will be repaired. The annual water quality report has been submitted to the Department of Health for review before publication.

Sewer – Food Compost Grant

Eric Merkley, Chief Operator and Peter Martin and Jennifer Vaughn from Hunt Engineering appeared before the Board to discuss a food composting grant. Hunt Engineering has submitted all the necessary paperwork and grant awards should be made public in the next month or so. This is a reimbursement grant. The wastewater crew is doing a trial with food waste and this has been successful. Hunt Engineering has applied for almost the maximum amount allowed in a grant. Hunt indicated that if the Village received a grant award then the Village could pick and choose what part(s) of the grant to proceed with. Hunt Engineering explained this is a grant that the Village could work into over a three period if so desired.

Sewer – Disinfection Study

Engineer Peter Martin updated the Board on the disinfection study. Disinfection must be in the wastewater plant by 2023. This is a New York State mandate. Mr. Martin is looking at various options. Mr. Martin explained that historically a grant might cover up to 75% of hard costs. Mr. Martin informed the Board that a plan must be in place by 2021 and construction must be underway by 2022. Mr. Martin estimated that an ultra violet disinfection process would cost approximately \$500,000 to \$650,000.

Trustee Blondell stated that the Village needs to plan for this and would appreciate a firm number as early as possible. Mr. Martin stated that possibly the Village could receive a grant of \$350,000 and the remaining cost could be funded thru an alternative funding source. As the numbers truly are unknown at this time, no decisions on funding were made.

Clifton Springs Fire Department

No members of the Clifton Springs Fire Department appeared before the Board. The Village Board was aware of a concern over the process that was followed during the election of officers for the Department. Mayor Hunter checked with NYCOM and was advised that the Village Board has no role and no authority with the election of the Fire Department, unless there is prove of obvious fraud. Mayor Hunter let the members present know the Village Board would not be involving the Village Board in the Fire Department election. Clerk Reals offered to assist the membership in the future with running the election, if the Department would like assistance.

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CORRESPONDENCES:

2019-2020 Budget

Copy of the proposed budget for 2019-2020.

Reviewed and adopted during the public hearing.

Food Compost Grant

Copy of the grant numbers that have been submitted for the food compost grant. The grant is over 100 pages.

Discussed under privilege of the floor.

Sulphur Springs Festival

Letter from the Sulphur Springs Festival, asking if the Village Board plans to participate in the parade.

Discussed. Board members are unsure at this time if they will be available to be in the parade.

Midlakes Babe Ruth

Letter from Midlakes Babe Ruth inquiring about a partnership.

Clerk Reals met with Trustee Keyes and Trustee Lincoln on this and responded back to Mr. Shipley with asking for some additional information, which has been received. Babe Ruth would like to partner with the Village. The Board reviewed the responses from Midlakes Babe Ruth to the questions that Trustee Keyes and Trustee Lincoln had. After discussion, the Board agreed not to partner with Midlakes Babe Ruth. The Village does not want the fields cut into because this could create a safety issue for youth football.

Planning Board meeting minutes from February 11, 2019

Copy of the Planning Board meeting minutes from February 11, 2019.

Reviewed.

Town of Hopewell – public hearings on building code and zoning ordinance

Letter from the Town of Hopewell regarding two public hearings they will be holding pertaining to the Building Code and the Zoning Ordinance.

Reviewed.

NYCOM – AIM funding

Information from NYCOM on the AIM funding the Governor has removed from the State budget.

Reviewed.

Year - end solar numbers

Year- end numbers on the solar power fields at the Village barns – sewer plant.

Reviewed. The Board is concerned that the profit is not as projected. Clerk Reals was asked to contact Walt, formally from R.E.R. and see if the Village could hire him to consult and review this.

Midlakes Babe Ruth

Response from Midlakes Babe Ruth to the questions that Trustee Lincoln and Trustee Keyes had.

Reviewed with the other correspondence on this topic.

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Finger Lakes Railway – Delong Planning Board request

Letter from Finger Lakes Railway regarding the Delong application.

Reviewed. This letter is for the Planning Board, but in the e mail it is addressed to the Village Board, so Clerk Reals provided the letter to both the Village Board and the Planning Board.

Resolution from the County regarding AIM Funding

Copy of a resolution from Ontario County Board of Supervisors, asking the Governor to re-instate the AIM funding in the State budget

Reviewed.

STREET DEPARTMENT: See privilege of the floor for the report from Supervisor Lannon.

WATER DEPARTMENT: See privilege of the floor for report provided by Supervisor Lannon.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Trustee Blondell's report was covered under privilege of the floor.

ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS: Trustee Blondell report was covered under correspondence.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Linsner's report was covered under privilege of the floor:

PARK – YOUTH DEPARTMENT: Nothing was reported.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Hunter reported the following:

The Board received the Police Department the work schedule for March.

MAYOR HUNTER REPORT: Mayor Hunter reported was covered through- out the meeting:

CLERK REALS REPORT: Clerk Reals provided the Board with fire department report for February, copies of zoning violation letters, payroll worksheets, and bank statements for February. Year to date revenue and expenses thru February.

Discussion on golf tournament in memory of Bob Raeman

Clerk Reals distributed information on a golf tournament that will be held on June 29, 2019 in Shortsville. Mr. Raeman worked for a couple different engineering firms and was the Project Manager on numerous projects for more than twenty years. Mr. Raeman passed away in 2018. Several Board members and employees have expressed interest in attending all or parts of the tournament.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Reals
Clerk/Treasurer