

November 14, 2022

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: Mayor James Keyes

Village Trustees Present: Jeff Linsner, Bryan Gray, Brian Rickerson, Earl Lincoln

Village Trustees Absent: None

Also Attending: Village residents, Bill & Donna Kramp, Karen & Jim Wilson and Margaret Francis

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2022, were approved upon motion by Trustee Linsner 2nd by Trustee Rickerson. All members present voted AYE. Carried.

Vouchers: General, Water and Sewer Vouchers #369 through #458 and ARPA #0-#0 were approved for payment by Trustee Lincoln 2nd by Trustee Linsner. All members present voting AYE. Carried.

General Fund =	\$ 150,375.92
Water Fund =	\$ 13,405.61
Sewer Fund =	\$ 22,696.55
ARPA =	\$ -0-

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: None, except for the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing on Local Law – “Amending Chapter 108 (Vehicle and Traffic) of the code of the Village of Clifton Springs”

Mayor Keyes opened the public hearing at 6:15 PM. This hearing was properly advertised in THE FINGER LAKES TIMES on October 21, 2022 and placed on the village sign board and placed on the village website and front door of Village Hall.

The following people were present for the public hearing: Village residents, Bill & Donna Kramp, Jim & Karen Wilson and Margaret Francis. This local law pertains to amending Chapter 108 – Vehicle and Traffic – with the following:

Section 1. Section 108-6 of the Code of the Village of Clifton Springs (Speed limits) is hereby amended to change and reduce the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on or along any streets or highways within the Village from “30 miles per hour” to “25 miles per hour”, except as described in Schedule II (§ 108-30).

Section 2. The opening paragraph of Section 108-30 of the Code of the Village of Clifton Springs (Schedule II: entitled “Speed Limits”) is hereby amended by changing the speed limit reference from “speed limits other than 30 miles per hour” to “speed limits other than 25 miles per hour”.

Section 3. Section 108-32 of the Code of the Village of Clifton Springs (Schedule IV: entitled “One-Way Streets”) is hereby amended as follows:

- A. The Street identified as “Alleyway”, along with its Direction of Travel and Limits, is hereby repealed and shall be removed from this Schedule.
- B. The Street identified as “Village Drive” (having been renamed as “Hunter Lane” by the Village Board) shall be amended to read “Hunter Lane”.

Section 4. Section 108-33 of the Code of the Village of Clifton Springs (Schedule V: entitled “Stop Intersections”) is hereby amended as follows:

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- A. The entry of a Stop Sign on “Alleyway between Main Street and Coulter Road”, along with its Direction of Travel and At Intersection of references, is hereby repealed and shall be removed from this Schedule.

Police Chief Scott Upchurch was not present but provided a memo indicating that he has been investigating the possible purchase of a Radar Trailer and/or sign mounted speed units. . The trailers range in price from \$10,500 to \$23,000 and the mounted speed signs range in price from \$2,600 to \$6,000 per unit. Chief Upchurch see’s the benefits to the trailer option because it can be moved around to every street and can also have messages on it. Both options are available thru state bid.

Mayor Keyes opened the floor to the public.

Bill Kramp stated that people do drive over 30 MPH but suggests the Village Board focus on awareness.

Donna Kamp stated that the mounted signs tell you how fast you are traveling and believes this would be a good place to start.

Donna Kramp asked how much would it cost to replace the 30 mph signs to 25 mph signs? Trustee Lincoln had that information as it was provided by Supervisor Lannon. Trustee Lincoln estimates the cost to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Margaret Francis stated that she has not seen Clifton Springs Police pull people over, but she has seen the Ontario County Sheriffs doing this. Mrs. Francis asked if the Clifton Springs Police write tickets? Mrs. Francis stated that she drives a lot and feels more enforcement on reducing speed would be helpful.

Donna Kramp stated that part of the problem is the Village took away the parking on East Main Street and the parked cars slowed down the traffic. Mrs. Kramp stated that rarely are cars parked on East Main Street anymore.

Trustee Lincoln stated that people are frequently speeding on Kendall Street.

Trustee Rickerson stated that some communities contract with the County and this seems to work.

Trustee Rickerson stated that the local police are busy meeting state mandates and responding to other needs within the community.

Donna Kramp suggested that the Village consider installing two or three signs that show what speed you are driving.

Margaret Francis suggested putting something in the newsletter encouraging drivers to slow down and if this doesn’t work, then consider reducing the speed limit.

Jim Wilson stated that he is concerned with the speed of the commercial drivers.

Discussion was held on if ARPA/Covid funds could be used toward speed signs? Clerk Reals will look into this.

Trustee Lincoln questioned why would we would install all new signs and lower the speed limit when we don’t enforce the current speed limit.

Trustee Gray stated that he believes radar speed signs would help people reduce their speed.

Margaret Francis suggested that the second police car could be moved around and parked, and just the presence of the police car would slow cars down.

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Jim Wilson asked if hash marks could be painted on the street to determine speed. Trustee Rickerson explained that everyone uses radar units today. Trustee Rickerson also stated that it is hard to find Officers who want to take on an additional job and work on a part time basis for the Village.

Trustee Linsner asked if it would help to have speed and plate readers? Trustee Rickerson explained that these are done by private companies, and they need a special license to access all the data.

Mayor Keyes asked if all questions and comments had been heard. There being no more questions or concerns from the public, the public hearing closed at 6:35 PM.

The Board discussed the local law and agreed that pole mounted speed signs might be the best way to start. The Board discussed purchasing six pole mounted signs that would be placed at all entries to the Village (East Main, West Main, Kendall, Stephens, Silver, Pearl). The Board will discuss this further with Chief Scott Upchurch. All Board members agreed they did not want to proceed with reducing the speed limit, they prefer to start with public awareness.

THIS LOCAL LAW WAS NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CLIFTON SPRINGS OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2022

AMENDING CHAPTER 108 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CLIFTON SPRINGS

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs for a public hearing to be held by said Board of Trustees on November 14, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. at the Village Hall, 1 West Main Street, Clifton Springs, New York 14432, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 108 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the Village of Clifton Springs;

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village of Clifton Springs, on October 21, 2022 and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on November 14, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. at the Village Hall, 1 West Main Street, Clifton Springs, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village of Clifton Springs to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs hereby adopts said Local Law No. 4 of 2022, entitled, "A Local Law Amending Chapter 108 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the Village of Clifton Springs", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Clifton Springs, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

I, Lori Reals, Village Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Clifton Springs do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs on November 14, 2022 by the following vote:

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	AYE	NAY
James Keyes		X
Earl Lincoln		X
Jeffrey Linsner		X
Bryan Gray		X
Brian Rickerson		X

THIS LOCAL LAW WAS NOT ADOPTED

Dated: November 15, 2022

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Lori Reals, Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Board did agree that there are other sections of the local law that should be considered by the Board, the sections that do not pertain to reducing the speed limit. The Board directed Clerk Reals to work with Attorney Graff to have a local law re-drafted, removing the speed reduction sections. This does require the local law process to start again at the beginning.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Local Law 4-2022 – amending Vehicle and Traffic

For the public hearing - copy of local law 4-2022, A local law to amend Chapter 108 (Vehicle and Traffic) of the Code of the Village of Clifton Springs.

Discussed at the public hearing. **THIS LOCAL LAW WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Radar trailer unit – pertaining to the local law

Please note, this discussion was held prior to the opening of the public hearing because the hearing did not open until 6:15 pm.

Memo from Police Chief Scott Upchurch regarding radar trailers. Chief Upchurch and the State Bid Representative have spoken to each other, since this memo was written.

Trustee Rickerson likes the idea that the unit can be moved around and serve a dual purpose. The unit is trailer mounted. Trustee Rickerson explained that the County has three units, but two are used frequently during the summer for the concerts in Canandaigua. Trustee Rickerson explained that pole mounted signs might require the homeowner giving up some space. Trustee Linsner explained the pole mounted signs he has seen are estimated at two feet x two feet. Trustee Linsner is unsure if the signs he has seen are solar powered or electric powered. Trustee Gray likes the idea of pole mounted radar signs as you could have pole mounts in many areas for the same price as one trailer mounted unit. Trustee Gray would like the Board to discuss these with Supervisor Lannon to make sure they would not create problems for the snowplows.

Re-levy of unpaid taxes

Copy of the list of unpaid taxes for 2022. Clerk Reals informed the Board that ninety seven percent of the taxes were paid. Motion was made by Trustee Gray 2nd by Trustee Linsner to turn over the unpaid taxes.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs, NY, pursuant to local law 6-1977 of the County of Ontario, a local law to provide for the collection of delinquent village taxes by the County Treasurer and methods of payment of such village property taxes so collected and that the Village Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a detailed listing of unpaid village property taxes to the Treasurer of Ontario County, and that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Clifton Springs NY respectfully requests that the Treasurer of Ontario County collect all unpaid village property taxes as provided for in local law number 6-1977 to the County of Ontario.

All members present voting AYE. Carried.

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Insurance check for telemetry unit that was struck by lightning

Copy of the letter that shows the Village did receive \$5,152.55 from the insurance company, for the telemetry system that was fried when struck by lightning at the water towers.

Reviewed. These funds were deposited into the water fund.

Health insurance cost for 2023

Copy of the cost of health insurance, effective January 2023.

Discussed. The Village has a cap of on what they pay toward health insurance. The cost to all employees significant. The Board asked Clerk Reals to discuss this with Frank Stowell and see if other comparable options are available. The Board intends to revisit this with the next budget and see if the current cap can be increased.

YMCA- Turkey Trot

Letter from the YMCA asking for permission to have the "Turkey Trot" on November 24, 2022.

The Board is ok with this. The Clifton Springs Fire Police provide assistance during the race. Mayor Keyes indicated that he feels traffic is unsure what is going on near the starting line.

Sulphur Festival -2023

Save the date information from the YMCA for the Sulphur Festival June 2 & 3, 2023.

Reviewed. The Board is pleased to see the YMCA is heading this event up. Important to note the parade will be Saturday June 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Village of Waterloo consider eliminating the office of Village Justice

Copy of an article from the Finger Lakes Times that shows the Village of Waterloo may eliminate the Village Justice office.

Clerk Reals included this, because the Village has considered having this on the Village ballot for 2023. No decisions were made on this.

Training for ZBA and Planning Board members

Certificate of Completion for training for Planning Board Member or Zoning Board members, Bob Maslyn, Scott Janas and Scott Landschoot. Linda Rider and Jim Tears attended this training as well, but the Village has not received their certificates yet.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Trustee Lincoln reported the following:

Christmas decorations will be going up soon. The crew is working on brush pick up and leaf clean up in the parks. Snow equipment is ready to go. S. Groover is attending CDL school, and this course will take four weeks.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Trustee Lincoln reported the following:

A professional leak survey was completed, and no leaks were found. The Spa Apartments needs a new water meter, and it will be installed soon. A new water service will be done at 12 Dewey Avenue.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Trustee Rickerson had nothing to report.

ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS: Trustee Gray reported the following:

Possible merger of Planning and Zoning Boards

Trustee Gray is discussing with the Chairman's of the Planning Board and Zoning Board and the Village Attorney, the advantages and disadvantages of merging the two Boards. This discussion is in the very early stages and no decisions have been made.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Linsner reported the following:

Possible pole barn building

Chief Steve DeCook discussed with Trustee Linsner, the possibility of getting rid of an existing shed at the firehouse and replacing it with a 24 x 24 pole barn. The existing shed, size 30 x 12, is rotting at the bottom. The department uses this building for storage and would like the building to have a concrete floor and electric. The Board is agreeable to the department looking further into an estimate for a 24 x 24 pole barn. No final decision on building this was done this evening, as the Board would like to see the approximate cost first.

PARK – YOUTH DEPARTMENT: Nothing was reported.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Nothing was reported.

Speeding/ solar radar signs

POLICE DEPARTMENT: See public hearing.

COURT DEPARTMENT: Nothing was reported.

MAYOR KEYES REPORT: Mayor Keyes reported was covered throughout the meeting.

CLERK REALS REPORT: Clerk Reals provided the Board members a copy of the abstracts thru October and year to date revenue and expenses thru October and bank statement for October.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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 A1990.4 to A6410.4	1,265.21
From A8010.1 to A8010.4	500.00
From G1990.4 to G1420.4	285.00
From G1990.4 to G1440.4	27,574.14
From G1990.4 to G8130.4A	4,220.97

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 Gray to adjourn. All members present voting AYE. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Reals
Clerk/Treasurer