

Village of Clifton Council Meeting

March 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Alex Bieri. Roll call was as follows:

Ken Hensley	present	Ruth Rohrbacher	present
Paula Lazorski	present	A. Satariano, Jr.	present
Rob Moses	present	Robbie Tate	present

The minutes from the February meeting were approved unanimously following a motion from Lazorski and second from Rohrbacher. The February Financial Report was accepted following a motion by Lazorski and second from Moses, and all members voting aye. Payment of the bills, including \$179 for changing the locks to the old Timers' room at the school, was approved unanimously following a motion by Lazorski, and second by Rohrbacher.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

The **Opera House sign** will be installed on the back when the weather is better. **Lighting** will be adjusted to illuminate both new signs. **Lights** will also be improved in the **gazebo**, including a timer.

The **bulleting boards** will be spruced up this spring/summer with an additional one at the Firehouse. The Opera House **marquee** will also be repaired and painted.

In Other Old Business:

Satariano plans to remove the dead **tree** at the corner of SR72 and North River Road . An ash **tree at the school** needs to be removed before Chautauqua.

Satariano will be attending a meeting regarding the additional **grants for infrastructure improvements**. Applications have been turned in.

Mayor Bieri discussed the status of the efforts to deal with the **Old Timers'** lease at the school. A letter was sent to the organization to arrange a meeting at, and walk through of, the room. No one showed up from the group. As laid out in the letter, this lead to changing the locks so the Mayor and other representatives could inspect the room (which had not been done since Bieri became mayor). An inspection was done by Mayor Bieri, Zoning Inspector, Steve McFarland, and Councilman, Ken Hensley. The room was in fair shape, although the fire extinguishers had not been inspected since 1997.

Bieri reported on the **Planning Commission** meeting. Hensley & Moses plan to put an addition on their house. It was determined that no variance is needed. Lazorski moved to approve the plans submitted. Rohrbacher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Hensley & Moses abstaining. As nothing has been done to improve the **Laybourne** property, the Planning Commission recommended pursuing abatement. Mayor Bieri would like to try to meet with the owner first, although he is having difficulty contacting her. Council will look into what will be done with the accumulated concrete left after the demolition at the **Griffin** property on SR 343.

The Village of Jamestown inquired whether Clifton had an ordinance to handle ownership of **chickens**. As there is only a very old Ordinance, the issue is handled as a zoning issue. Owners are not permitted to participate in agricultural activity (ex. sell eggs). The Planning Commission is looking at an ordinance from Bath Township for guidelines.

In New Business:

The Easter Egg Hunt was set for Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 AM.

The Greene County Commissioners and Greene County Parks and Trails have proclaimed 2017 as the Year of the Trail in Greene County. They asked Clifton to join them. Satariano moved that 2017 be known as The Year of the Trail in Clifton. Rohrbacher seconded the motion and Resolution 17-03-01 was passed unanimously making this proclamation.

Dave Weber would like to turn over ownership of the decorative **street lamps** around town to the Village. Council members were open to that possibility, but will need to discuss it with him as well as our solicitor. Some of the lamps need new bulbs or ballasts.

Council has been asked about approval for the serving of **alcohol** at private events held at the shelter and Opera House. Lazorski moved that it be resolved that Council give approval of each occurrence and that it be stipulated that the events be private and for invited guests only. Alcohol may not be sold and should be confined within the party area. Council may ask for a copy of the invitation and will post signs indicating it is a private party. Tate seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

In Special Projects Business:

Council received a request for consideration as **Manager for the Opera House**. Satariano moved that a contract be made with Christin Zerbe-Leckey as new Manager of the Opera House. Hensley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Lazorski abstaining. Council discussed providing a "severance" payment for the outgoing Manager, Brian Ehlers, whose contract expires at the end of March. Satariano moved to provide him with a payment of \$300 in exchange for his signing a Release of Liability and presentation to him of a non-interference agreement.

Promotional material will soon be available for distribution for **Chautauqua**.

Tate and lazorski discussed the plans for printing a **Community Calendar**. They plan to have it to the printer by the beginning of May. They were asked to prepare a collage to be used in the **Festival Booklet**.

Lazorski is working on plans for the **Memorial Community Garden** at the Firehouse lot.

The Special Projects Committee will meet on Monday, March 20th.

As there was no further business, Satariano moved to close the meeting. Rohrbacher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.