

Village of Clifton Council Meeting

September 11, 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 August meeting were approved unanimously following a motion from Lazorski and second from Satariano. The August Financial Report was accepted following a motion by Lazorski and second from Rohrbacher, and all members voting aye. Payment of the bills, including \$275 additional for the festival tent, was approved unanimously following a motion by Lazorski, and second by Tate.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

The electrician will be asked to begin the work needed to upgrade the **Opera House lighting**, etc. Moses moved to appropriate \$500 to have the Opera House **gutter** re-aligned. Hensley seconded the motion and all members voted aye. When the **ramp** is repaired and cleaned, Council agreed it needs to be covered with a sealer/stain. The basement **drainage** has been improved. The new **sign** is now on the rear of the building. Soon it will have lighting. A sign for the side of the building may be made from the old sign lettering.

The **holes** in the school yard should be filled in soon. Adjusting the electrical connection for the **pump** was discussed. Satariano moved to have it done now and appropriate \$175 for this. Lazorski seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members approving except Rohrbacher who felt the job could wait until the situation with the Old Timers was settled.

Repair of the **cement** pad in front of the **Fire Station** has been delayed due to health issues with the contractor. In the meantime, the Senior Citizens are pursuing a grant to cover some of the project.

The **garage doors** have been repaired by Hensley.

In Other Old Business:

The **Little Free Library** and **bulletin board** at the **Clifton Garden Park** were completed in time to have an opening ceremony at the Festival, thanks to work by the Mayor and volunteers.

Lazorski will look into whether some of the **streets** can have cracks sealed with tar.

The **tree removal** needs will be addressed this fall or early spring.

The **Planning Commission** did not meet this month. The owner of the property at **88 High Street** has made progress on the property. Council is interested in looking at language in ordinances dealing with **marijuana dispensaries** in the county. The Village Solicitor made some adjustments to the **ordinances** to deal with **grass/weeds** and with **debris accumulation**. These (**Ordinances #17-09-01 and #17-09-02**) were given their first reading. Tate was given authority to trim weeds overgrowing onto the village's right-of-way on the alley along the property owned by Pete Griffin. There is concern that this property is still a nuisance. The next Planning Commission meeting is Monday, October 2nd.

Mayor Bieri will try to meet with the **Old Timers'** President since their president has expressed a desire to talk with us.

In New Business:

Satariano moved to designate Clk-Tr Chasnov to represent the elected officials at an upcoming **Public Records Training**. Lazorski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Lazorski then moved to allow \$0.55 /mile **mileage reimbursement** for travel. Satariano seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Satariano moved to pass **Resolution #17-09-03** Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Lazorski seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Council members whose terms expire at the end of the year did not file for **re-election** by the deadline. The Solicitor recommends Council pass an ordinance allowing the Mayor to appoint council members to fill the **vacancies** (since there will not be a quorum at the beginning of the year). Being a Charter Village, Clifton can approve such legislation. This will allow the Council to resume its duties at the beginning of the year.

In order to keep the **Village Garage** in order and to be good stewards of the items stored there, Council will begin controlling what is put in and taken out of the building. An elected official will need to give authorization before anything is stored in the building. As well, anything in the building will be considered as belonging to the village. Anyone wishing to borrow items from the building will also need authority from an elected official and that official will be present when items are removed and returned to the garage in order to document the loan. Council will look into possibly charging a small fee for those not associated with the village for use of the restrooms or items from the garage (tables, etc.).

Council will review the process residents can use to deal with **barking dogs** through the Greene County Animal Control, since there have been some complaints.

In Special Projects Business:

Clifton **Calendars** are still available.

It was suggested that a direction pole be erected at the Clifton Garden Park indicating local attractions and businesses.

The Special Projects Committee will meet on September 18th to review the festival.

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