Village of Clifton Council Meeting

December 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

Steve McFarland arrived in the middle of the meeting.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved following a motion from Lazorski, second from Rohrbacher, and all members voting aye. The November Financial Report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Lazorski and second from Hensley. Payment of the bills, including an additional \$500 for street repairs, was approved unanimously following a motion from Lazorski and second by Rohrbacher.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

Upgrades to the lighting at the **Opera House** have been completed. Other Village repair projects will wait until spring.

In Other Old Business:

Lazorski moved to appropriate \$1,000 to purchase **gravel** to raise the **berm along SR343** to the new road surface. Hensley seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Satariano plans to address the **tree removal** needs soon.

The village solicitor is working on discovery in the issue with the **Old Timers' lease** of the school room.

Mayor Bieri reported on the **Planning Commission** meeting. The **Griffin** property has been cleaned up to their satisfaction. Donations have been given to the Village to help pay for the clean-up, reducing the amount that may be due to the village from the landowners.

The Commission suggested Council address the **marijuana** dispensary issue in light of recent developments in the area. Their suggestion is to allow dispensaries, but not processing or growing facilities.

The "CedarCliff Fiber Initiative" project for **broadband internet** seems to be dead, with Cedarville University and the Village of Cedarville deciding not to commit funds to the endeavor.

The Planning Commission will not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 5th.

New parking signs have been erected at the Clifton Garden Park allowing 2 hour parking.

A meeting held this past month discussed alternative possible routes for the Yellow Springs-Clifton Connection **Bike Path**.

In New Business:

The January meeting will be cancelled. Council will meet next on February 12th at which time Mayor Bieri will appoint members to **fill the vacancies** left by expiring terms.

Lazorski moved to approve Resolution #17-12-01 to Temporarily Appropriate funds for the beginning of 2018, until the Annual Appropriation Ordinance is approved by the County Auditor. Hensley seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Council designated Satariano as representative to the **Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission** for 2018. Bieri will be the alternate.

Lazorski moved to approve the following **contracts** for 2018: **Alley snow removal**, Village **Solicitor**, and **Website Manager**. Tate seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Lazorski moved to appropriate \$100 for mailing of a **newsletter** in January. Rohrbacher seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

There was some concern about the new **street light** bulbs. Some may need to be redirected, if possible. Also, Council will consider whether to replace the rest of the **decorative street lamp** bulbs with LEDs.

In Special Project Business:

The **Opera House Finances** for 2017 were compared with the two previous years. Results were about the same as 2016, but profits exceeded 2015, since, despite higher ticket receipts in 2015, advertising expenses were also higher. Profits are in excess of expenses with excess that can be used for improvements.

Lazorski brought more (13 month) calendars to sell over the holidays at a total cost of \$230.32.

The **Special Projects Committee** will meet on January 15 to discuss **Festival** Plans and projects for the Opera House over the break.

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