

Village of Clifton Council Meeting
March 11, 2024

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve McFarland. Roll call was as follows:

Paula Lazorski	present	Kim Lewis	present
A. Satariano, Jr	present	Robbie Tate	absent

Also present were Jack Moore and Mark Lane.

Jack Moore was appointed to Village Council to fill the seat left unfilled in the November election expiring in 2027. Mayor McFarland administered the oath of office.

Mark Lane spoke to Council in support of Chris Clark who is running for the Clark County Sheriff.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved following a motion from Lewis, second from Lazorski, and all members present voting aye. The February Financial report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Lazorski and second from Lewis. Payment of the bills for February, including \$25 for Cedarville Chamber membership, was approved unanimously following a motion by Lewis and second by Lazorski.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

Council is looking into whether the municipal insurance will help with the cost of cleaning the bat droppings from the **attic** at the **Opera House**. The adjuster will inspect the attic this week.

Smoke detectors are being installed where absent from the village buildings.

In Other Old Business:

The **“No Engine Brake” sign** will be moved to Village land on St Rte 72. Satariano will try to work with the Greene County Engineer to possibly put up a traffic mirror on Tanyard Rd..

Jack Moore was added to the **Committee on Critical Infrastructure**.

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** did not meet in March. The Commission will meet next on April 1. An updated **application for Short Term Rentals** was presented. Satariano moved to approve the form. Lazorski seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Lazorski moved to approve resolution #24-3-1 authorizing application for **grants to improve the community playground** at the school. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. Lazorski then moved that **\$2,000 be appropriated for improvements** to the playground as a match to grant funds. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Lazorski moved to approve resolution #24-3-2 authorizing application for **grants to improve the Clifton Gorge Music & Arts Festival**. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Lazorski moved to approve resolution #24-3-3 authorizing application for **grants to improve the Opera House**. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

In New Business:

Lazorski moved to approve **contracts for mowing** the village lots and alleys. Satariano seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. Lazorski moved to appropriate \$300 to roll the fields if needed. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Lazorski moved to approve Resolution \$24-3-4, the **Final 9-1-1 Plan** for Greene County. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Lazorski moved that the Village become a member of **Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc.** As the village's **insurance provider**. Moore seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Council discussed a **dispute** between residents concerning the land owned by the village along St Rte 72 at the **sewer property**. It was determined that the issue did not involve the village's property. The residents would need to communicate with ODOT. Council agreed that residents would not be allowed to utilize that village property for access to their land.

In Special Project Business:

The **Opera House** 2024 season is underway and is off to a good start. Moore moved to make the following **appropriations**: Advertisement - \$200, Improvements - \$500. Lazorski seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

The **Preservation Society of Clifton** will meet on March 13 at 7:00 PM. They are working to finalize logos and other promotion for the organization. They are hoping to get permission to utilize some unused space in the firehouse to sort items.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 AM. We will try to get a coffee truck. A new bunny costume has been donated by Tony Gillaugh.

The **Village Clean-Up Week** will be held May 11 - May 19 with dumpsters available to residents. The **Landscaping** and Clean-up of village properties will take place on May 18.

Council decided not to plan any special activities during the Solar Eclipse.

The **Special Projects Committee** will meet on March 25 to discuss the Festival and other projects.

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