

Village of Clifton Council Meeting
September 9, 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
Jack Moore	present		

Also present were Lee Nicewaner and Donna and Jerry Huckleba.

The minutes from the August meetings were approved following a motion from Lazorski, second from Lewis, and all members present voted aye. The August Financial report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Lazorski and second from Moore. Payment of the bills for August, including \$10 additional for miscellaneous Festival expenses, was approved unanimously following a motion by Lewis and second by Lazorski.

The Hucklebas discussed their plans for building on their Clay Street lots. A building permit has been issued for the barn. The carport was determined to be a temporary (removable) structure, so no permit is needed.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

A number of ongoing and needed repairs were discussed.

Some issues dealing with the **Grant funded repairs** were discussed. The new **playground** is being installed.

A freezer has been donated to the concession stand by Steve McFarland...Thanks!

Now that all the letters have been received, new lettering will be put on the Maynard Neff Memorial Shelter.

Council will look into possible repairs needed for the **electrical** supply to the **Garage** and the pole behind it.

A couple issues with **fallen trees** were discussed and will need more information to know how to handle.

In Other Old Business:

Council will need to decide what to ask for as the **Bloom Blitz** Grant planting.

Mayor McFarland reported on the **Planning and Zoning Commission** meeting. Lewis described two ordinances to be considered by Council. **Ordinance #24-9-1** deals with limiting the number of **domestic animals** allowed on a property. Lazorski moved to waive the three readings and declaring this an emergency. Moore seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. Lazorski then moved to approve the ordinance contingent upon the review by the village solicitor. Moore seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. **Ordinance #24-9-2** deals with **temporary dwellings**. Lazorski moved to waive the three readings and declaring this an emergency. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. Lazorski then moved to approve the ordinance contingent upon the review by the village solicitor. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. The ordinances can take effect after posting for ten days following review by the solicitor. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet next on October 7.

Lee Nicewaner agreed to be considered for the vacant **Council seat** and was then appointed by Mayor McFarland and sworn in.

In New Business:

Resolution #24-9-3 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor was considered. Satariano moved to approve the resolution. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

CenterPoint Energy sent notice to the Village that they would be requesting an increase (of about \$23) in the **natural gas distribution rates**. Supplier rates should remain the same under the aggregation agreement. Public hearings will be scheduled.

The **Village records** will be moved temporarily to a room at the Clifton Presbyterian Church during the school repairs. The Records Commission will meet on October 21. Council will look into how to deal with the **tenants at the school** during the repairs.

Beggars' Night will be held on Thursday, October 31, along with the surrounding municipalities.

A schedule of **rental fees** for items borrowed from the village **garage** was proposed. Lazorski moved to approve the fees. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

In Special Project Business:

A financial report for the **Opera House** for the month of August was presented. More volunteers are needed at the upcoming performances.

Work is continuing at the **Garden Park**.

The **Special Projects Committee** will meet on September 16 to review this year's **Festival**. Council recommended that the **vendor fee** be increased to \$60 per space.

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