

Village of Clifton Council Meeting
December 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	absent	Robbie Tate	present
Jack Moore	late	Lee Nicewaner	present

Also present were Donna and Jerry Huckleba and Lindsay Beltrone. Brad Curtis, Michael Murry, Doug Hooper and Charissa Durst were present for discussions prior to the meeting.

Prior to the meeting Council discussed issues with several individuals involved with the state funded **repairs to the School and Opera House**. Attorney Michael Murry, state architect Brad Curtis, architect Charissa Durst, and contractor for the project Doug Hooper asked Council about needs that were felt to be priorities. They also described some of the details of the process. Their goal for the Opera House is rehabilitation, not restoration. The aim is to shore up the structure. The goal for the School is to “mothball” the building to keep it dry and increasing its longevity. Work may begin as early as January 2025. The proposed completion date is December 2026.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved following a motion from Lewis, second from Lazorski, and all members present voted aye. The November Financial report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Lazorski and second from Tate. Payment of the bills for November was approved unanimously following a motion by Lazorski and second by Lewis.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

The **furnaces** in the buildings were inspected and prepared for the winter. The furnace in the **Senior Center** was repaired. The thermostat in the **Firehouse** workout room may need to be replaced. Council will discuss with the band that practices in the **Senior Center** what their plans are with their furnace. The **concession stand** has been winterized.

One of the **tenants in the school** has moved their belongings out ahead of **repairs**. The others plan to be out by the end of the year. One **tenant in the Senior Center** is behind on their rent. Council agreed the lease should be terminated and a new tenant be arranged. Council agreed to waive the balance of the 2024 rent for the tenants needing to move out of the School.

In Other Old Business:

Mayor McFarland reported on the **Planning and Zoning Commission** meeting. Alex Bieri is applying for a short term rental permit.

In New Business:

Lazorski moved to approve renewing the contract for **alley snow removal** for 2025. Tate seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

In Special Project Business:

A financial report for the **Opera House** for the month of November was presented. A new **sound board and speakers** have been installed. Some additional equipment is still needed.

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