

Village of Clifton Council Meeting

February 10, 2025

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

Paula Lazorski	present	Kim Lewis	present
Jack Moore	absent	Lee Nicewaner	present
A. Satariano, Jr	present	Robbie Tate	late

Also present were Ron Keller and Jane Sweet.

Council members initially present discussed with attorney Ron Keller the prospect of him continuing as Village Solicitor. Issues needing attention were discussed and priorities outlined. Mr. Keller indicated that he was prepared to take on many of the issues right away. He will review some ordinances and leases and work to address zoning violations. He indicated that if prosecution becomes necessary, he will handle the prosecution himself. Lazorski moved to approve continuing the previous contract with Mr. Keller. Satariano seconded the motion and all members present (Tate not present until just after vote) voted aye.

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

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

Cleaning and some minor repairs were done at the **Opera House** to prepare for opening of the 2025 season.

Smoke detectors will be installed in the **Senior Center**.

The **school** is mostly vacated ahead of the state funded **renovations**.

The door to the **concession stand** needs attention.

Lazorski moved to appropriate \$1,800 to pay for sealing of the **parking by the Gazebo** done in 2024. Nicewaner seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Council discussed an estimate received for improving **storm water drainage** along the property at 39 S. Main Street. Council members will look into the needs after work on the lot is finished following the recent construction.

In Other Old Business:

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** met on February 3. Alex Bieri is willing to assume the position of **Zoning Inspector**. The Commission will meet next on March 3.

In New Business:

Lazorski moved to approve **Ordinance #25-2-2 Adopting the Ohio Basic Code**. Satariano seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Nicewaner moved to approve **Resolution #25-2-1** Supporting the Ohio Commission for US Semiquincentennial (**America 250-Ohio**). Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. Lazorski and Lewis will act as liaisons for the Village for our involvement.

Lazorski moved to appropriate \$500 to pay for **building cleaning**. Satariano seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

The village's **municipal insurance** company, OH Plan provided recommendations after surveying the village's condition. One issue is the need to **inspect the playground** regularly. Satariano will head up the plan.

In Special Project Business:

The **Preservation Society of Clifton** has a project day planned for June 7 to clean tombstones at the cemetery.

Lazorski moved to appropriate the following funds for the **Opera House** 2025 season which will begin on February 22: Advertisement (\$450), Concessions (\$500), Maintenance (\$200), and Start-up cash (\$240). Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

The following appropriations were unanimously approved for the Clifton Gorge Music & Arts **Festival** following a motion from Lewis and second from Lazorski: Entertainment (\$5,100), Cruise-in (\$250), Advertisement (\$800), Booklet (\$1,500), Correspondence (\$200), Signs/Banners (\$400), DJ/Sound (\$250), Food (\$200), Misc.(\$500), T-shirts (\$300), Water Test (\$100).

The Special Projects Committee will meet on February 24 to discuss these projects.

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