

## JOINT TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 2, 2025

**A joint town board meeting** with the Towns of Clifton and Fine was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at the Clifton-Fine Community Center in Star Lake. A quorum of both boards was present. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Russell at 6:30 PM.

Board Members	Present	Absent		Late	Arrived
Fine Supervisor Jeremy Thompson	X				
Fine Councilman Philip Giardino	X				
Fine Councilwoman Gigi Hayden	X				
Fine Councilman Carlton Kerr	X				
Fine Councilman Sam Bryant	X				
Clifton Deputy Supervisor John Russell	X				
Clifton Councilman William Griffin	X				
Clifton Councilwoman Mary Zuhlsdorf		X			
Clifton Councilman Brett Blackmer	X				

**Other officials present:** H. Dolan, T. Provost, N. Russell, K. Soltau.

**Guests:** M. Watson, R. Company, and C. Cook (on the phone).

**Golf Course:** The current funds for the golf course are \$82,611.22 which includes \$3,163.00 for the water fund.

**Appointments – 04/2025-48** Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by C. Kerr to accept John Russell & William Griffin as committee members from Clifton, Jeremy Thompson and Herb Snider as committee members from Fine, and to appoint Paul Guiles as the pesticide and fertilizer senior applicator at \$17.00/hour and the use of a cart, except for tournaments. Paul Hanley must work under someone this year as he just received his certification.

Ayes: 8                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Lease –** The committee will be working with Club Grub for the lease of the kitchen. The EDUs for the clubhouse will be two for 2026, this is up one from last year.

**Attendants –** The attendants will start at the clubhouse on 4/28/25.

**Arena -** The current funds for the arena are \$15,168.11. This does not include the Town of Fine's share, which has been sent. The arena was used quite a bit this winter as there were not a lot of thawing periods. The committee will be working on a list of projects to tackle and will make a suggestion around budget time for the amount needed for the towns to contribute. Right now, the amount from each town is \$14,000.

**Appointments – 04/2025-49** Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by S. Bryant to accept John Russell and Lyndsay McCagg as committee members from Clifton, and Carlton Kerr and Melissa Streeter as committee members from Fine.

Ayes: 8                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Committee Members –** The committee has appointed Judy Benzel and Ryan Jones. According to the Policies and Procedures, the committee needs to appoint one more member.

**Insurance –** There was a lengthy discussion on the insurance for the arena.

**Insurance – 04/2025-50** Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by C. Kerr to accept the Town of Clifton looking into the possibility of insuring the arena under their insurance at \$1 million dollars instead of replacement cost. The liability insurance would remain the same. Clifton needs to look into the legality of this with their attorney and it should only be switched over if it is a significant cost savings.

Ayes: 8                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Youth Commission** – The Youth Commission was awarded a grant from the county for their sports program of up to \$7,750. They will be able to apply for grants in coming years that will focus on the arts & crafts portion.

**Coaches** – The committee needs to work with the Youth Commission Director to come up with a list of volunteer coaches for the sports programs. This list will need to be approved by both boards and background checks will need to be done.

**Arts & Crafts** – The committee will also need to work with Lydia and the school on how the arts & crafts program will run this year. The school is not doing a local summer school, so bussing is probably not an option for the program this year.

**Rabies Clinic**– The rabies clinic will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> this year at the arena.

**Community Center** – The heat at the community center has been an issue this winter. Hyde-Stone was called in to look at the furnace. They spent several days getting the furnace working properly. There needs to be extensive work done on the piping for the in-floor heat. The town received a quote to flush the lines and replace the glycol. The two boards would like to get an estimate for switching over to baseboard heat, and one for switching the in-floor heat to Pecs tubing filled with water.

**Black Fly Program** – There was a discussion on the black fly program. The boards will discuss for next year to have the Town of Clifton take overpaying for the program and billing Fine for half of the expenses. They will also discuss paying the two employees by salary as opposed to hourly, as sometimes, due to weather they work different hours. This should take care of any worker's compensation issues that may arise.

**GPS** – GPS tracking devices were discussed for the employees. Board members should do some research and come back with recommendations. The boards agree that this should be a priority for the safety of the employees.

**GPS – 04/2025-51** Moved by J. Thompson, seconded by B. Blackmer to authorize up to \$1,000 for GPS devices and service subscriptions for the black fly program.

Ayes: 8                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Adjourn- 04/2025-52** Moved by B. Blackmer, seconded by C. Kerr the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk