

December 12, 2007

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held a regular meeting at the Town Board Room, 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, New York with the following present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle (Absent)	Donald Turcotte
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	Robert Boulton, Hwy. Supt.
Kathy LaClair, Town Clerk		

Alicia Dewey	Jim Yuhas	Karen Goetz
Chris Bogenschutz	Norma Zimmer, Mayor	Dennis Honeywell
Bud Baril	Polly Baril	Mike
Michael Docteur, Co. Leg.	Cindy Grant	Henry LaClair
Ken Knapp	Kim Viau/Easton	

Public:

Chris Bogenschutz, Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation to the Town Board of what the Chamber has been doing this past year. (**See attached**).

Michael Docteur, Jeff. Co. Legislator discussed “enhanced power” and is hoping to have a meeting in January with Jim Fayle, Justin Taylor and representatives from both businesses on Crystal Springs Road. Both these businesses need to be involved to get this rolling.

Mr. Docteur also attended the Village Utility Forum to help the Village to prioritize utility replacement.

Jefferson County Legislature held its first meeting in the Historic Court House which is the new home for the Legislature.

Mr. Docteur discussed Sen. Wrights retiring and Will Barkley going for the seat. Mr. Docteur is looking forward to working with Mr. Barkley and is hopeful that the north country will still fair well.

January 8th is the Re-organizational meeting for the County Legislature.

Norma Zimmer, Village of Clayton Mayor stated that the Village Board had done a resolution in support of continuing ahead for Joint Municipal Offices at their meeting on December 10th.

Ken Knapp discussed Wind Turbines and indicated there is in the works Phase 2 which includes an additional 72 turbines.

Town Clerk:

Minutes:

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve the 11/28/07 minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Welcome:

Supervisor Taylor interjected that he was a little remiss in welcoming Bob Cantwell III to the Town Board and stated he is looking forward to working with him. This is Mr. Cantwell III's first board meeting as a Council Member.

Correspondence:

- Justice Clarence F. Giles Jr. November report. **(See attached.)**
- Justice Clifford James November report. **(See attached.)**
- Franchise fee from Time Warner received in the amount of \$4,408.76. **(See attached.)**
- Estimated cost thresholds for certain special districts received from the Office of State Comptroller for the 2008 year. **(See attached.)**
- Northeast Operations & The Hartford Steam & Boiler Inspection & Insurance Co. report was received for the Town Hall. **(See attached.)**
- NYS Town Clerk's Association has sent Association of Towns training sessions listing for newly elected officials. **(See attached.)**
- Grants Action News for December 2007 has been received. **(See attached.)**

Bus for the Association of Towns – NYC:

Town Clerk LaClair indicated an accurate accounting needs to be submitted by the next meeting for those riding the bus to NYC for the Association of Towns Meetings. Supervisor Taylor, Councilman Kittle, ZEO LaClair, Town Clerk LaClair & Councilman Peterson will be attending NYC and final numbers will be given to the Town Clerk within two weeks.

Resolution(s):

RESOLUTION #50 OF 2007 introduced by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Lance Peterson authorizing the Village of Clayton to proceed with the initial work associated with Town's portion of extension of the Village's West Side Sewer. Taylor – aye; Kittle – Absent; Turcotte – aye; Peterson – aye; & Cantwell III – aye. Motion carried. **(See Resolution Book.)**

RESOLUTION #51 of 2007 introduced by Lance Peterson, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, recertifying Resolution #27 of 2004, which the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Restoration Program indemnifies any responsibility in connection with the environmental contamination and clean up of "Frink America Property" as long as the applicant is not in default under provisions of the Program. Taylor – aye; Kittle – Absent; Turcotte – aye; Peterson – aye; & Cantwell III – aye. Motion Carried. **(See Resolution Book.)**

Proclamation:

Town Clerk LaClair read a Proclamation in Recognition of Paula “Polly” Baril and has added this proclamation to the minutes of this meeting. **(See Proclamation).**

Supervisor’s Report:

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve the Supervisor’s Report for November 2007 as received. **Motion carried.** Kittle – Absent.

Bills:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve paying Abstract #12 in the amount of \$206,897.26 . Motion carried. Kittle – Absent.

Board of Assessment Review Appointment(s) & Re-Appointment(s):

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to appoint Mike Pavlot, to replace Frederick “Doc” Schwartz who has resigned, to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire September 30th, 2008. Motion carried. Kittle – Absent.

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to re-appoint Jeremy Kellogg to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire on September 30th, 2012. Motion carried. Kittle – Absent.

Zoning Officer – Overview of Office:

Henry LaClair, ZEO submitted written and gave an oral presentation to the Town Board a synopsis of his office and duties. Mr. LaClair stated that his office is open for inspection any time the Board wishes.

Code Enforcement Office Status:

Henry LaClair, ZEO stated an advertisement has been published and six or seven applications have been received. The Review Committee will meet tomorrow night and decide which to interview. Currently the Review Committee is looking at interviewing four. Councilman Kittle who is on the Review Committee is out of town, so no interviews will be done until Mr. Kittle is back.

Assessor Update:

Denise Trudell stated that she and her Clerk are currently working on the revaluation of the Town. They have started in the southern part of the township and are moving north. The Hamlet of Depauville is not completed at this time; however they’re currently working in the Clayton Center area.

Town West Side Sewer Status:

Supervisor Taylor reported that there is a no “cost district”. The property owner pays 100% of the hook up charge. If this were the choice of individual property owners the creation of this type of district might be very timely.

Depauville Community Center Bids:

Bids will be opened on 12/19 at 4 PM here in the Town Board Room.

801 Settlement Project:

Supervisor Taylor indicated a meeting will take place next Monday at the City of Watertown. Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Trudell will have input of the Fire District and Consolidated Health levies.

Joint Ownership of Village Property:

At the last Village Board meeting the Village Board agreed to 50/50 ownership of the building and land for Municipal Offices.

Computers:

New computers have been ordered for the Town Clerk, Assessor and the Highway. These will be in prior to our next meeting. The Town Clerk has been leaving her desk to utilize computer access and this will allow work to be completed at her desk. The Historian's computer also needs to be updated, so we are taking the Assessor's current computer and relocating to the Historian. The Assessor will receive a new machine as well the Highway Dept. Consensus of the Town Board is to expend the moneys to update these computers.

Clayton Map Viewer:

Discussion with the Village Board on the use of the Clayton Map Viewer. This resulted in the Village considering co-sharing the \$350. expenses per month with the Town. Final decision will be made by the Village at their budget time. Supervisor Taylor indicated that since the inception of the viewer, there had been 2700 viewers to this site.

Wind Turbines:

Dan Spitzer from the Hudson Ross Law Firm in Buffalo has been selected as the Pilot/Host Community attorney. Atty. Kevin McAuliffe of Green & Seifter Law Firm in Syracuse is the County Attorney. Joe Russell, the Town Attorney is preparing retaining agreement(s) papers.

Assignments for 2008:

Supervisor Taylor asked the Town Board to think of what committees each would like to work with this next year and get back to him.

Change of Meetings:

Supervisor Taylor stated he would like to postpone the 12/26/07 meeting and reschedule for 12/31/07 at 10:00 AM for paying year end bills. Also he would like to schedule the Annual Meeting just prior to the Regular Meeting on 1/9/08 at 5:00 PM. Consensus – yes.

Highway Superintendent:**John Deere 644 Loader Bids:**

One bid was received from Eastcom for \$11,200.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to accept the Eastcom bid of \$11,200. Motion carried. Kittle – Absent.

Sander Bids:

Route 11	\$16,498.00	
TRS	20,801.25	+ \$601.00
Viking	18,849.00	\$16,320.00
Henderson	16,834.00	
Tracey	13,830.00	

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to award to the lowest qualified bidder after review by Hwy. Superintendent Boulton and Supervisor Taylor. Motion carried. Kittle – Absent.

Discussion of cost of plow blades being up.

Shared Services: Meeting scheduled for 1/16/08 with Alex Forte, State D.O.T. A presentation will be seen concerning state/town/village/county shared services. A committee will be formed from this meeting.

Heritage Heights Sewer: Pumps were checked today and one needed to be changed.

Depauville Sewer: There was a melt down on pump #1 and a rebuilt pump was put in.

Committee Reports:

Donald Turcotte – There is a meeting tomorrow morning with Alec Velto, Alicia Dewey and Mr. Turcotte concerning grant funds for Depauville Library.

Lance Peterson – Christmas Decoration judging next week.

Bob Cantwell III – Nothing yet to report until put on a committee.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion carried. Kittle – Absent.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk