

**January 11, 2006**

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton met in the Town Board Room with the following present:

Robert W. Cantwell Jr.	George Kittle (Absent)	Justin Taylor
Donald Turcotte	Bonnie Rose	Robert Boulton
Kathy LaClair		

Nicole Cornaire	Jude Seymour	Sharie Derrickson
Steve Dorr	Peter McAfee	Michael Docteur

Supervisor Cantwell opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- Justice Giles report for December 2005. **(See attached report).**
- Justice James report for December 2005. **(See attached report).**
- Memo for Nancy D. Brown, Jeff. Co. Treasurer, listing 2005 payments to the Town of Clayton. **(See attached).**
- NYS DEC announcing availability of 2005 water quality improvement projects. **(See attached).**
- Letter dated 12/28/05 from Thomas Collins, 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Lyme Central School. He lives on Old Town Springs Road in the Town of Clayton. Mr. Collins is seeking financial sponsors to help him with tuition to participate as a member of People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia, New Zealand & Fiji this summer. **(See attached).**
- Thank you card from Bonnie Rose for the retirement luncheon. **(See attached).**

**Points of Interest:**

- Undated minutes from the Fire District & an agenda for their next meeting, February 8, 2006. **(See attached).**
- Seaway Navigation letter from Cliff Schneider distributed to Town Board Members only.
- Copied Department Heads and Town Board members with Pay Rate Update. **(See attached).**

**Motion** by Justin Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to approve the December 28, 2005, year-end minutes. Motion carried. Rose abstained.

**Motion** by Justin Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte to Table the Minutes for Annual Meeting of January 4, 2006 until the next meeting, as all had not reviewed them as yet. Motion carried.

**Public:**

- Michael Docteur, Co. Leg. indicated he had talked with Highway Supt. Bob Boulton concerning possible road signage on county roads near populated areas to make aware motorist of horse and buggy travel. Co. Highway Supt. Jim Lawrence will map out the best route for the Amish families to travel.
- Co. Legislature met last night and voted on an agreement with the City of Watertown in regards to the take over of the Watertown Airport. Mr. Docteur indicated he was the lone vote against this proposal. He stated he doesn't agree with some of the things stipulated in the agreement and it is not in the best interest of District 1.
- Supervisor Cantwell indicated he would like to sit down with the Legislator and discuss the Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS) activity in Cape Vincent. Legislator Docteur indicated that is a politically sticky situation, but is willing to discuss the matter. He also indicated that Greg Brunell, Director of fire & Emergency Management will be talking with Joe Gould, the Fire Chief at Cape Vincent.
- Justin Taylor indicated that he as Chairman of the Fire Advisory Committee at Jeff. Co. was pleased to hear that a person had finally been appointed to the Deputy Coordinator position and that this was long overdo. He felt that the administration had been dragging their feet and this was and is very much needed.

**Supervisor:**

**Supervisor Report: Motion** was made by Justin Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte to approve the Supervisor report as presented. Motion carried. Rose abstained.

**Bills: Motion** was made by Justin Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to approve abstract #1 of 2006, voucher #1 thru #96 and totaling \$222,023.44. Motion carried.

**Rate schedule:** Supervisor Cantwell indicated he had distributed to the Board and Dept. Heads this years listing of names, rates of pay and titles of salaried and hourly employed by the Town for the 2006 season.

**Insurance:** Supervisor Cantwell indicated he had a call from Audie Cerow concerning changing insurance companies. Mr. Cerow indicated the Town should see a drop of about 9% in future premiums.

**Newsletter:** Supervisor distributed a "draft" copy of the next issue of Newsletter to the Board members.

## Highway:

Supt. Boulton discussed:

- **Sand Shed Grant:** Recipients will be notified this week of grants. He indicated that another round will be due in March 2006.
- **Signage:** The general traveling public needs to be aware that the Amish are living and traveling in the area. As reported by Co. Leg. Docteur, the county is working on signage and the State DOT will also be doing some signage in the area.
  - The Amish are a great asset to this area.
  - Another 28 families are due to come in the immediate future.
  - He has visited with the Amish at Zang Road and has given them a map of the township.
  - The County will also give layouts of routes best to travel.
  - The County did signage on Co. Rtes. 11 & 12 today.
- **Frink Project:** Had thought they had closed out working there for the year, however, the weather is conducive for added time at the project and the Municipal forces will tomorrow AM start on demolition of concrete slabs.
- **Snow Plowing:** Weather wise plowing is not needed. We're saving dollars in that part of the budget at this time.
- **Machinery Maintenance:** Weather is allowing for some early maintenance on machinery for spring work. If time and weather allows Mr. Boulton would like to paint the man lift for next years use.

## Town Council Reports:

George Kittle – Absent

Justin Taylor discussed:

- **Consolidation:** Village as lead submitted today the Shared Services Grant Application. He indicated that this grant closely matches what we're looking to do.
- **Conceptual drawings:** The grant indicates that building drawings for the Town & Village could be met in one (1) area. Looking to utilize the up & down stairs area at the Village Municipal building where the Fire Dept. formerly used. Indications are costs of a new building at a new location would be at least 1½ times more money.
- **GIS:** We should be hearing about the grant in the May/June timeframe.
- **Purchasing:** Looking at the bills, he believes we should look at having just one (1) cell phone account and reduce the minute time. Currently we are many accounts and no one even approaches the allotted minutes. This is something to look at and possibly save some money.
- **Opera House:** News article noted the Supervisors involvement. Councilman Taylor thought that TIPAF would be doing the renovations. Supervisor Cantwell stated that upon discussion with our Attorney, it is required to have the Town do the bid plans & specs and the bidding of the

project. The Attorney states that the Town owning the building needs to be the lead. Four (4) grants have been submitted in the towns name and therefore needs to have administration oversight by the Town.

- Board needs to be updated at least one (1) time per month on the Depauville Water Project.

Donald Turcotte discussed:

- Both Sewer Districts up & running well.
- Had discussion with Keith Wood on possible landfill work this spring.
- Had a question concerning a neighbor's encroachment at the transfer site and where we are in the process. Bob Boulton indicated that when complete, the Town will need to fence or place a barrier so as not to have happen again.

Bonnie Rose discussed:

- Paynter Senior Center: Haven't been there yet, but have talked with Vivian Black about going with her and introducing Bonnie. Bonnie will have a report next meeting.
- Hawn Library: Speaks with Alice Barton daily. Mrs. Barton has a program for children which Bonnie participate with last year, which concerned fishing. Now working on horses and ponies for a program.
- Highway: Stopped in today and was given a tour. She complimented the dept. on their cleanliness of the facility. As they are not plowing snow she inquired what they're spending their time on and was told that sand barrels had been placed today and some crews are working on vehicle maintenance.

**Workshop Meeting:** 2005 Rec. Park audit

2005 sign audit

2005 bag audit

2005 Zoning Officer's report

2005 Town Clerk's report

Annual Meeting Minutes

Cliff Schneider will be speaking to the Board at the 2/8/06 meeting

**Motion** was made by Bonnie Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:03 PM. Motion carried.

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**Town Clerk**