

April 12, 2006

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

Robert W. Cantwell Jr.
Donald Turcotte
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Bonnie Rose

Justin Taylor
Bob Boulton

Nicole Cornaire
Jude Seymour
Bill Billings

Sharie Derrickson
Mike Docteur

Steve Dorr
Rob Company

Supervisor Cantwell opened the regular meeting at 5:00 PM.

Town Clerk:

- Correspondence:**
- Judge Clarence Giles March 2006 report. **(See attached.)**
 - Judge Clifford James March 2006 report. **(See attached.)**
 - Received notice from the Clayton Volunteer Fire Dept. of their annual banquet on Saturday, April 29th. **(See attached.)**
 - Letter received from Peter P. Molnar, dated March 13th, concerning flooding of stream on his property on Reese Rd. He is looking for a culvert to be replaced again and a concrete bridge placed. **(See attached.)**
 - Letter received from Carl A. McLaughlin, Exec. Dir. Of Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization dated March 20th, concerning FDRLO Shovel-Ready Program. **(See attached.)**
 - Letter received from Mayor Kenyon, dated March 28th, concerning shared space. **(See attached.)**
 - Letter received from Kent Burto, Chairman of the Jeff. Co. Bd. of Legislators dated April 4th, concerning notification from NYS Office of Homeland Security that he must certify that all political subdivision within the county are compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by September of this year. **(See attached.)**
 - Letter received from Franklin D. Cean, President of the Lake Ontario Fisheries Coalition, dated March 2006, urging all governmental units, interested organizations and individual stakeholders to become involved in support of Plan B by written comments of support to state & federal officials. **(See attached.)**
 - Letter received from Stephen Hammond, P.E., Director of Division of Solid & Hazardous Materials, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, dated March 10th containing

“Important Information for Public & Private Solid & Hazardous Waste Managers”. **(See attached.)**

- Letter from Barbara H. Willis, Exec. Dir., North Country Affordable Housing, Inc., dated March 13th informing us that they are applying to the NYS Affordable Housing Corp. for an owner occupied rehabilitation of one to four family occupied homes. Also a reminder that their Mobile Home Replacement/New Construction Program is available for low income families and that they also have funding in Jeff. Co. for accessibility renovations for low income families to accommodate special needs. **(See attached.)**

Minutes:

Motion made by George Kittle, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to approve the March 22, 2006 minutes as written. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26 of 2006 offered by Justin Taylor, 2nd by George Kittle, to move Grievance Day to the Wednesday following the 4th Tuesday in May, due to our Assessor having more than one municipality to participate with. Robert W. Cantwell Jr. Aye, George Kittle aye, Justin Taylor aye, Donald Turcotte aye, and Bonnie Rose aye. **(SEE RESOLUTION BOOK).**

RESOLUTION #27 of 2006 offered by George Kittle, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to allow multiple year dog licenses. Robert W. Cantwell Jr. aye, George Kittle aye, Justin Taylor aye, Donald Turcotte aye, and Bonnie Rose aye. **(SEE RESOLUTION BOOK).**

RESOLUTION #28 of 2006 offered by Bonnie Rose, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, for the Town of Clayton to implement a charge of \$25.00 and/or up to amount that the bank imposes, for any check returned due to insufficient funds or reasoning determined by any bank. Robert W. Cantwell Jr. aye, George Kittle aye, Justin Taylor aye, Donald Turcotte aye, and Bonnie Rose aye. **(SEE RESOLUTION BOOK).**

RESOLUTION #29 of 2006 offered by Justin Taylor, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to adopt a Cyber Security Citizen’s Notification Policy for the Town of Clayton. Robert W. Cantwell Jr. aye, George Kittle aye, Justin Taylor aye, Donald Turcotte aye, and Bonnie Rose aye. **(SEE RESOLUTION BOOK).**

RESOLUTION #30 of 2006 offered by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, for the Town of Clayton Tax Collector to keep up to \$5.00 over payment of town taxes submitted and to pool said money and use to compensate for under payment amounts tendered. Robert W. Cantwell aye, George Kittle aye, Justin Taylor aye, Donald Turcotte aye, and Bonnie Rose aye. **(SEE RESOLUTION BOOK).**

Public:

Legislator Mike Docteur discussed:

- **Sales Tax Elimination** - This elimination on clothing under \$110.00 is being considered at the County Legislature. Mr. Docteur is against this proposal as the county will have to shift the lost revenue to the property owners. Approximate per year figures indicate that the Town of Clayton would have a loss estimate of \$69,454 and the Village of Clayton would see an approximate \$27,335 loss. General consensus of the Clayton Town Board is to support keeping the sales tax as is presently.

- **Highway Issue** - Mr. Docteur has had a discussion with the State D.O.T. about a 5-year plan for road improvements to NYS Route 12E between Cape Vincent and Clayton. He indicated that a portion near Cape Vincent is on the list for improvement. Councilman Kittle indicated that he would like to see the Bike Trail finished along the designated Seaway Trail. Supervisor Cantwell indicated that this Board would also like to see the entire NYS 12E with improved shoulders and made safer.

- **Frontenac Crystal Springs** – Mr. Docteur indicated he was waiting for one of the Colello’s to return from the south. A meeting date has now been set for Wednesday, April 26th at 10 AM at the farm on Middle Road, LaFargeville. Those asked to be in attendance will be Donald Alexander, Phil Reed, Robert Cantwell Jr., Jack Stopper & Mike Docteur.

Supervisor’s Report:

Motion made by George Kittle, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to approve the Supervisor’s Report as presented. (See attachment.)

Grindstone Island Dock Bid Opening:

- 1. Patch Seaway International Inc. - Proposal #1 \$35,000.00 floating
Proposal #2 \$40,000.00 pipe
Plus Non-Collusive Bid Certificate
- 2. Jeremy Kellogg Inc. - \$34,700 floating
Plus Non-Collusive Bid Certificate
- 3. Carleton Island Construction, Inc. - \$47,250.00 pipe
No Non-Collusive Bid Certif. supplied
- 4. Richman Machine, Inc. - \$150,800.00 floating concrete
Plus Non-Collusive Statement
- 5. Richman Machine, Inc. - \$104,800.00 floating steel
Plus Non-Collusive Statement

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to accept the low qualified bidder subject to the style of dock and to establish a committee of Bob Boulton, Bob Cantwell, & Don Turcotte, to establish style of dock and low qualified bidder. Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Justin Taylor, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to authorize payment Abstract #4 2006 in the amount of \$185,269.10. Motion carried.

Bartlett Point Road & Rte. 12E West Potential Sewer Extensions:

Robert Campany, PE of Bernier, Carr & Associates, P.C. distributed and explained to the Board preliminary information regarding a potential sewer district in the Town of Clayton in the area of Route 12E and Bartlett Point Road intersection. **(See attached.)**

After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to do a survey of the potential residents. Potential costs per year per user would be \$650.00.

Rec. Park ¾ Ton Truck Spec Bid:

A snag has developed in the amount of allowance to the dealership, so we will throw out the bids and look at the state contract which is a Ford at this time. Any repairs will be done in Watertown.

Town of Lyme Trash Hauling:

We have taken the option to cancel our arrangement with the Town of Lyme for trash hauling. We were still working on the 2005 contract and were notified by Lyme that there would be an increase to the \$100.00 per lift or they would have to cancel the contract. Supervisor Cantwell spoke Monday with Lyme Town Clerk and informed her that the Town of Clayton has selected to cancel the agreement and the Town of Clayton would be taking a different avenue of trash hauling. We expect that the townships will still continue to work closely in the highway departments.

Youth Commission Raffle:

Supervisor Cantwell stated he had a conversation with Atty. Joe Russell concerning the raffle. Atty. Russell indicated that although it is not unusual to do fundraising for projects, the Youth Commission Board is an extension of the Town & Village boards and as such are not allowed to hold raffles. If the Youth Commission wants to establish a separate booster club, with separate officers, that booster club could hold raffles.

Councilman Kittle indicated that the Youth Commission had applied on November 3, 2005 and received their permit number from NYS Racing & Wagering. "You would have thought if the Youth Commission wasn't suppose to have a permit number, that Racing & Wagering wouldn't have processed that application." The Youth Commission is trying to raise money to complete the dugouts and do upkeep to the fields. It was pointed out that they were supposed to get the license from the Village of Clayton.

Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund:

Mary Mascott has asked to address this board at the April 26th meeting. She is looking to update our agreement and get confirmation of support.

Councilman Taylor expressed he would like any information before hand or not be asked to vote on it that night.

Highway Superintendent:

1. Truck Bid will be thrown out on the 1 Ton. Phinney's Chevy & Olds was the successful bidder however the manufacturing allowance changed. Mr. Boulton would like to instead get a low bed trailer. We currently have a 50Ton trailer that needs substantial repair and would be looking for a 35 Ton trailer.

Motion made by Bonnie Rose, 2nd by George Kittle, to advertise for bids for a 2006 35-ton detachable Gooseneck trailer. Motion carried.

2. Road side trash pickup has been completed.
3. Road sweeping is just about done.
4. Tomorrow, 4/13 starts 10 hour days at the highway dept.
5. The rough grade has been completed on the dirt roads.
6. Refresher HAZMAT training was completed last week.
7. Now sealing the floors in the truck bays at the garage.
8. Peter Marks, G.I. – Cross Island Rd, past Bubby's is not maintained, but the Town of Clayton has an easement. The Town is doing nothing with this property, but is keeping the easement to the river.
9. Road standards need to be looked at for minor, major or private roads. They have to be built to specs for emergency vehicle access. Superintendent Boulton stated he will work with the Planning Board on this.
10. Concerns of ULSD – we must be compliant by October 15, 2006. This will be a cost at the fuel depot.
11. Spring road tour will be May 5th. We will meet at the highway garage at 9 AM.
12. Depauville Sewer meeting will be May 4th at 9 AM.
13. Sending to auction at the Watertown Fairgrounds: 1978 Mack #72; two (2) Army Trucks and 50 Ton trailer.
14. Excess Equipment – One-Ton Ford dump truck and an old truck on G. Island single axle Mack.

Motion by Bonnie Rose, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to authorize the disposal of the excess equipment by public bid process with a minimum established.

Motion carried.

Councilman Justin Taylor inquired if the Town Highway could extend the parking lot on the south side of the new Fire Station on Graves Street, the end toward Niagara Mohawk. Also he is looking for the highway to provide trucking from Watertown of paving

materials, provide manpower & equipment from highway & Rec. Park employees with the okay of the Dept. Heads. If the Town Board approves this request the Fire Dept. would pay the Town for these services. **Consensus** of the Board that this is okay.

Motion by Bonnie Rose, 2nd by George Kittle, for approval of Highway Superintendent Boulton to attend his Annual Training at Cornell. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Bonnie Rose:**
- **Paynter Senior Center** news included: Last night bus trip to Watertown for the Air Force concert.
 - May 13th Trip to Canada for the Tulip festival.
 - Upcoming Cruise on the Rideau.
 - 5/20 Trip to Rochester
 - On 4/20 they will be serving their annual Easter Dinner.
 - **Hawn Memorial Library** news included: 4/2 – 4/9 was Library Week.
 - Saturday, 4/15 at 11 AM is the Easter Egg Hunt at Village Park
 - Tuesday, 5/8 the Village Police Dept. and their Dog will be having a class at 7 PM on Illegal drug use.
 - **Joint Highway** news included: inspection of the sealing of floors in the truck bays.

- George Kittle:**
- **Chamber of Commerce** will be meeting here tomorrow.
 - Haven't seen the #'s as yet on the **Boat Show**, but understand the vendors were pleased.
 - Thank you to Rec. Park & the Highway for their involvement with the Boat Show. The Chamber appreciates what both departments do to make this show a success.
 - **Youth Commission** discussion was earlier in the meeting. Nothing more to add at this time.

- Justin Taylor:**
- Distributed a draft "Disposal of Town Asset".
 - Vehicles & Equipment draft disposal will be next.
 - Nothing to report on consolidation committee as they didn't meet.

- Donald Turcotte:**
- GIS – grant announcements will probably be the end of May.
 - May 4th there will be a walking tour of the wastewater system in Depauville.
 - Keith Wood installed yesterday the new programmable thermostat at the Depauville Community Center.
 - A single quote of \$1,595.00 was received from Hyde Stone for repair to the Depauville Community Center boiler.

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by George Kittle to repair the Depauville boiler at a quote of \$1,595. by Hyde Stone. Motion carried.

- Transfer Site pile of tires are gone. Also since we own the property where some articles have been left, we need to dispose of graded stone, iron, etc. and get that area cleaned up.

Heritage Heights Sewer District:

- We have received notification from the Village Board that the Rates for this district will be increasing for the next year.
- The village has recanted the sewer rate to last years rate and Will be sending a new contract and billing.

Items for Workshop:

- Mary Mascott will be speaking to the Board.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bonnie Rose, to adjourn this regular meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk