

Board Minutes

April 27, 2005

The regular workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton was held in the Board Room with the following present:

Robert W. Cantwell Jr., Vivian Black, George Kittle (Absent), Justin Taylor, Donald Turcotte, Robert Boulton, Bonnie Rose, Kathy LaClair, Keith Wood, Sherie Derrickson, Jim Landry, Stephanie Weiss

Supervisor Cantwell opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Town Clerk:

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Vivian Black to approve the minutes from April 13, 2005, meeting as written. Motion carried, George Kittle absent.

Workshop:

Discuss Showers at Rec. Park with Keith:

The Town Board and Keith Wood from Recreation Park discussed showers at Recreation Park. They tried to justify putting showers in, the cost, how many and where to place the showers. Town Board decided that there are other projects more demanding at this time, i.e. sand shed.

Rug, locks, door, flagpole(s), sidewalk, etc.:

Supervisor Cantwell discussed:

- New rug installed in Supervisor's office, Historian's office and Assessor's office.
- Quote for new locks at Town Hall, and also to include Recreation Park and JHG.
- Keith working on flagpoles, one at each end of the Town Hall building.
- Fixing the sidewalks on Riverside Drive being a priority.

“Local Government Cooperation” Teleconference:

Councilman Taylor discussed Teleconference on cooperation between municipalities, organized by the Office of State Comptroller. Councilman Taylor along with Mayor Sephton will be attending the teleconference in Albany on May 23rd, 2005. Consensus of the Town Board is to

pay for Councilman Taylor's expenses to attend this teleconference unless he is there on other state business.

Support letter to County on Seaway resolution:

Town Board discussed the dangers of opening the seaway to early in the season, Stephanie Weiss from Save the River asked for a letter of support from the Town of Clayton to Jefferson County, on their Resolution No. 106, opposing early opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway and demanding appropriate disaster Planning by the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. **(See attached Jefferson County Resolution.)**

Motion by Justin Taylor, 2nd by Vivian Black for Supervisor to write letter of support to Jefferson County in regards to the St. Lawrence Seaway and good communications with the river communities and to be a part of disaster planning and drills. Motion carried, George Kittle absent.

Support letter to CIA on HOME Program application:

Supervisor Cantwell discussed a letter from Matt Taylor, Executive Director of the Clayton Improvement Association, Ltd., Re: Request for Letter of Support for CIA Homebuyer Assistance Application. **(See attached letter.)**

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Vivian Black for Supervisor to write letter of support for CIA Homebuyer Assistance Application. Motion carried, George Kittle absent.

Amendment to the zoning fees:

Supervisor Cantwell discussed the proposed zoning fees and waiting for the Planning Board's recommendations.

Supervisor Cantwell also discussed the Joint Planning Board Intermunicipal Agreement and that the Village of Clayton has passed the Agreement and that the Town will take action on the Agreement at the next meeting.

Historian's 2004 annual report:

Motion by Vivian Black, 2nd by Donald Turcotte to approve the 2004 Historian's report. Motion carried, George Kittle absent. **(See attached report.)**

Appoint interim Assessor:

Supervisor Cantwell recommended that Kathy LaClair be appointed as interim Assessor at a stipend of \$500.00 per month, starting April 1, 2005, for a period of 3 to 5 months.

Motion by Justin Taylor, 2nd by Donald Turcotte to appoint Kathy LaClair as interim Assessor for the Town of Clayton at a stipend of \$500.00 per month, starting April 1, 2005, for a period of 3 to 5 months. Motion carried, George Kittle absent.

Assessor vacancy program:

Supervisor discussed possibly re-advertising for the Assessor position, making a bigger emphasis on computer knowledge. He also stated that the Town of Orleans is in the process of doing a permissive referendum to go from an elected assessor to an appointed assessor. They will be looking for an assessor as well, and that the possibility of combining the 2 townships for the ability to pay a full-time assessor would be to both townships advantage.

Heritage Heights Sewer District operator:

Supervisor Cantwell discussed the possibility of Superintendent Boulton being the H.H. Sewer Operator as he is the Depauville Sewer Operator. Supervisor Cantwell, Councilman Turcotte and Supt. Boulton will discuss this option and take action at a future meeting.

Road Tour reminder:

Supt. Boulton passed out memo Re: Annual Road Tour. (**See attached memo.**) The road tour was changed from Friday, May 13th, 2005, to Friday, May 6th, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the JHG.

Depauville Sewer refinancing status:

Supervisor Cantwell stated that the refinancing for the Depauville Sewer District has been completed

Depauville Proposed Water District:

Supervisor Cantwell discussed the Depauville proposed water district and tabulating phone numbers and list to make sure the residents have been notified and have had a chance to sign up, (very close to 50%).

Bartlett Point/12E Proposed Sewer District:

Supervisor Cantwell stated, that Rob Campany from Bernier, Carr & Associates and Mayor Sephton need to get an estimate for the Bartlett Point/12E proposed sewer district.

Route 12-sewer survey:

Supervisor Cantwell discussed the Route 12-sewer survey, goes from the Village line to the Town of Orleans (includes 500 plus residents). He stated that the Town would send out fact sheets to those who voted no or have not returned their surveys.

Time Warner Franchise Tax negotiation:

Supervisor Cantwell discussed Time Warner Franchise Tax negotiation; Major rewrites of rules and regulations, controversy between NYC and downstate competitive cable companies. Time frame is now up to 15 years, before it was 10 years.

Town/Village Consolidation Committee:

Councilman Taylor stated he is trying to get a meeting between the Village and Town set up, no response back from Village as yet. He stated that the Clerks have all their information in and will set up a meeting with the Clerks and their staff.

Supervisor Cantwell discussed:

- Saving NY's North Coast – Center for Environmental Cons., May 5th & 6th, Gov. Pataki and Senator Clinton guest speakers in reference to Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River.
- Memo of understanding CLDC – grant fund EPA – funds that have to travel through CLDC.
- Troy & Banks – review Niagara Mohawk bills and proposing to do Verizon and Verizon Wireless bills also.
- Letter from Fire Dept. Re: field days (water ball tournament) proposing to shut down Graves Street, doesn't affect the Town, they have to touch base with the Village and the County.

Supt. Boulton discussed the 2 quotes he received on barging. 1. R.J. Marine Associates, Ltd. and 2. Jeremy Kellogg, Inc. (**See attached quotes.**) The low quote is from R.J. Marine Associates.

Councilman Taylor discussed the Fire Dept. attending the Joint Planning Board meeting on 4/28/05 at 8:45 p.m. on site plans for their new building on Graves Street. The Town Board discussed that they had no problem with turning over the booster fire pump located at Frink Am to the Fire Dept. subject to being agreeable with CLDC.

Motion by Vivian Black, 2nd by Donald Turcotte to give the booster fire pump located at Frink Am to the Fire Dept., subject to being agreeable with CLDC. Robert W. Cantwell, aye, Vivian Black aye, Donald Turcotte aye, Justin Taylor abstained and George Kittle absent.

Motion by Vivian Black, 2nd by Donald Turcotte to adjourn meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried, George Kittle absent.