

Board Minutes

March 23, 2005

The regular 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, Justin Taylor, Donald Turcotte, Robert Boulton, Kathy LaClair, Sharie Derrickson, Roger Howard

Supervisor Cantwell opened this regular meeting at 5:05 PM.

Town Clerk:

Minutes from the previous meeting of March 9th were not available, as the Town Clerk had just gotten out of the hospital. They will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Heritage Heights Public Hearing Resolution:

Discussion by the Town Board with results that it's been determined that the action is a Type II action under the SEQRLaw.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2005 offered by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by George Kittle, a resolution setting a Public Hearing for the proposed extension of Heritage Heights Sewer District for April 13, 2005 at 6 PM in the Town Board Room of the Town of Clayton Offices. Robert W. Cantwell Jr. aye, Vivian Black aye, George Kittle aye, Justin Taylor aye and Donald Turcotte aye. (**SEE RESOLUTION BOOK.**)

Public:

Donna Cantwell, Executive Director of the Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund, gave an update on the Opera House. She stated that the Capital Campaign started June 2004 and is coming along very nicely, however there is still a lot more to go. She reviewed the grants that have been applied for and some that have been secured. Mrs. Cantwell stated they had just received a \$75,000. grant from the Northern New York Foundation, with \$60,000. for the Capital Campaign and \$15,000 distributed over the next three years for programs. Mrs. Cantwell stated that the Patrons Level of donations sponsors the day-to-day operations. The goal for TIPAF is to renovate the upper three floors of the Opera House and be open year round. The Campaign goal is for \$2,500,000.00. The project is tentatively scheduled to start in 2006.

Mrs. Cantwell indicated that a Historic Assessment has been completed and no changes will be permitted to the lobby, front entrance and stairway areas. Next week a Historic Features Assessment will be completed which will determine the color scheme for inside. This phase does not include the clock tower at this time. The problem at hand is the placement of the elevator. Three locations are being discussed at this time consisting of the rear of the building, Merrick St. side possibly located in the current Supervisor Office, or on the other side of the

building, where the fire escape is currently located. Plans for the third floor include retaining the ballroom, poolroom in the foyer, a catering area, and dining and/or conference room.

Mrs. Cantwell distributed a calendar of events for the Cornerstone Series for 2005, a total calendar to date of the Opera House 2005 Season and a Winter 2005 issue of Center Stage.

Mrs. Cantwell concluded by thanking the Town Board for their vision and support in working with TIPAF on this very worthwhile endeavor.

Justice Court Grant:

We have still not completed the last grant that was to see a raised platform and a bench in the courtroom. This will be scheduled soon.

An application has been received from the NYS Unified Court System for the next round of grants. Application deadline is May 1st. In discussion with the Justices, there are records that need to be placed on microfiche.

Heritage Heights Extension Resolution:

This is another resolution that will be done after the public hearing on April 13th that will approve and authorize the extension.

Also Supervisor Cantwell will send a letter notifying the Village of Clayton of the public hearing date and time.

Depauville Water Status/GIS MAP:

Supervisor Cantwell showed and discussed the proposed Depauville Water GIS Map. The map depicts those that have already signed the survey and those yet to sign. Concentration in Depauville is heavy for the water district. Those mostly yet to be contacted are those people on NYS Route 12. They will be contacted soon. Supervisor Cantwell indicated that we are near 50% and as soon as we are near 65%, we will start applying for grants.

Bartlett Point/12E Sewer Survey:

Before the Town Board can move forward, they need a proposed rate from Bernier Carr & Associates. BCA needs to have an amount from the Village and then they can apply for funding.

Discussion followed concerning who will pay from the sewer lateral to the house. In the past the homeowners have, however we will need to see what is funded by loans and grants. There are 28 proposed EDU's.

Frink Remediation Committee Report:

Committee consisting of Bob Cantwell as Chairman, Bob Boulton, Jack Stopper, Bill Grater and Rob Company, met yesterday morning. Discussions included: there is a daily log kept by Highway Clerk as to who goes on the property and for what purpose; Project Administrator Sarah Baldwin has been hired; when to send out the next letter to adjacent neighbors. It was decided that when work starts on the fence neighbors would be notified. Budget was discussed. Also grants that had been received were reviewed. Discussion concerning the Environmental Restoration Program which is a loan. It only is a grant if we don't sell the property. Taxes were discussed. An agreement was signed with the County to pay back \$300,000 in taxes up to January 1, 2004. We now need to discuss with the County taxes and penalties from January 1, 2004 until the Town and CLDC took over the property. Another scenario would be to see if the DEC would cover those taxes if the County doesn't forgive them. Survey of the property is being done by LaFave, White & McGivern of Theresa. There is a possibility that a Grant Anticipation Note (GAN) might need to be secured for a Line of Credit.

ZEO IMA compliance:

Councilman Kittle stated the Village would be sending the remaining amount owed. The Village Clerk had not read the IMA and didn't realize that the amount was in the arrears.

Adult Business Study:

The moratorium is still in effect until June 1005. A draft study has been received by the Supervisor. The Supervisor will discuss with the ZEO to find out what needs to be done next.

GIS:

Town Board discussed what the next steps would be. Councilman Taylor indicated that he would like to see RFP's go out for return in May. At the 2nd meeting in April the Board will take action on GIS RFP's. Councilman Taylor indicated that he wouldn't be present for the April 13th meeting.

Seaway Trail Walking Tour Sign:

Supervisor Cantwell attended a Seaway Trail luncheon meeting at Sackets Harbor yesterday. A guest speaker from the National Byways in Washington was there. She indicated that Federal funds are short.

Our sign is completed and being stored at the Seaway Trail Offices in Sackets Harbor. Councilman Kittle indicated he would get the sign and put it up.

Supervisor Cantwell indicated to Dave Cutter, that the Town would do a corresponding brochure.

Clayton Community Newsletter:

The 1st quarterly newsletter is currently being printed and will be distributed next week to 28 different locations. Brochure holders have already been distributed.

RCI Development:

Supervisor Cantwell received a letter from the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization. They are seeking assistance in identifying potential sites for RCI development. They are looking for information on sites within a 30-mile radius from Ft. Drum that is suited for small-scale single and multi-family development. Both publicly and privately owned sites qualify for consideration. Supervisor Cantwell will complete the form and return it.

Regional Dock Committee report:

Councilman Taylor indicated that he had just attended a committee meeting this afternoon. He had reviewed an underwater tape, which showed wood pilings and structural components of the dock. The thought process at this time is that it might be possible to do land pilings. Also he is requesting that a legal document be drawn with the Town and Clayton Local Development Corporation giving a “public easement” to the section of the Frink America site to the Village for the addition of the dock and walkway. Also a property appraisal needs to be completed. In review of the grant package, Councilman Taylor doesn’t see where the Town & CLDC are co-applicants to the Village Regional Dock grant.

Recreation Park:

Councilman Turcotte stated that each Board member has received a packet from Keith Wood for review. Possibly after each has reviewed there might be comments at our next meeting.

MOTION by George Kittle, 2nd by Vivian Black, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:30 PM.
Motion Carried.