

April 23, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting at the Town Board Room with the following present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Donald Turcotte
Lance Peterson (Absent)	Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair		
Jim Yuhas	Ken Knapp	Skip Edie
Harriet Burris MD (River Hospital)	Cindy Grant	Daniel Grant
Norma Zimmer, Village Mayor	Frances Brown	Gunther A. Schaller
Stan Brill	Deborah Jepma	Roland Van Deusen
Cynthia Nelson (River Hospital)	Ben Moore III (River Hosp.)	Lynn Dobbins (R. H.)
Nicole Berry, Adm. Asst. (R.H.)	Joel Lalonde (JCC Center for Community Studies)	

Supervisor Taylor informed the public that for the foreseeable future the Town Board meetings will be held on the 3rd floor of the Opera House, with the exception of during July & August. The 1st meeting of those month(s) will be held in the Town Board Room and the 2nd meeting(s) will be on Grindstone Island at the School and in Depauville respectfully.

Public:

River Hospital:

Nicole Berry, Administrative Assistant at River Hospital, Alexandria Bay, introduced Joel Lalonde, from Jefferson Community College Center for Community Studies, who reviewed statistical information from the “River Communities Health Assessment” conducted this past year. The study consisted of information gathered from seven (7) geographic regions, spanning six (6) townships, a total of 747 residents were interviewed. **(See attachment book.)**

Deborah Jepma distributed information she had received from Clifford P. Schneider of Cape Vincent, concerning “Noise, Models & Atmospheric Stability at Maple Ridge. (**See attachment book.)**

Cindy Grant discussed radon gas in the area of the proposed Horse Creek Wind Farm. She asked that the Town Board protect the residents of this area. **(See attachment book.)**

Elaine Wilkie distributed health information from her husbands’ heart group. There are some concerns that low frequency noise range of wind turbines could interfere with proper functioning of his AIC defibrillator leading to a possible shut down of the device. They have within the past year moved here because of his health and if turbines are permitted here, they would have to move again.

Town Clerk:

Minutes:

Minutes of April 9th, 2008 were reviewed and a couple minor amendments were noted.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by George Kittle, to approve these minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- 1) NYS DEC letter concerning DECALS Training in Watertown at the Ramada Inn on 5/19 & 5/20. The Deputy Clerk will attend an all day session on Monday the 19th and the Town Clerk will attend a half day session on Tuesday afternoon. The Town Clerk's Office will not need to be closed this way. **(See attachment Book.) Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by George Kittle, to approve attendance at the DECALS and reimbursement for mileage. Motion carried.
- 2) Notice to Produce Prior Pleadings from Harrington, Ridley, Patch, Berry, Hulbert, Wardell & Cantwell. **(See file.)**
- 3) Order of Stipulation of Settlement for Kowalczyk. **(See file.)**
- 4) The Spring Roundtables issue of The Archives Associate. **(See attachment book.)**
- 5) Letter from the Alcohol Beverage & Control Board a notice they have formed a Task Force. **(See attachment book.)**
- 6) Grants Action News – April 2008 edition. **(See attachment book.)**
- 7) Letter from NYS DOT- Dennis Pawlicki acknowledging the Municipal Snow & Ice additional payment to offset increased fuel & salt. **See attachment book.)**
- 8) Hawn Memorial Library meeting minutes of 4/14/2008. **(See attachment book.)**

Supervisor Report:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to approve the Supervisor's Report for March 2008. Peterson – absent. Motion carried.

Condolences:

Supervisor Taylor expressed condolences to MaryAnn and Jim Yuhas on the passing of their Brother and Brother-in-law respectfully.

Public Hearing – Veterans Exemption Increase

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to open the public hearing at 6:06 PM. Peterson-absent. Motion carried.

Those speaking in support of the Veterans Exemption Increase included: Roland Van Deusen, Ken Knapp, Elaine Wilkie and Cindy Grant. No one spoke in opposition.

Supervisor Taylor indicated for information only the economic impact is on \$2.5 million, which equates to approximately \$2400-2600 tax line difference.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to close the public hearing at 6:15 PM. Peterson-absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #33 of 2008:

Resolution #33 of 2008 was introduced by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, adopting Local Law #4 of 2008, a local Law to repeal Local Law #2 of the year 1982, and in its place to adopt the Alternative Veterans Exemption provided in Section 458-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Turcotte-aye; Peterson-absent; Cantwell III-aye. Carried.

Bills:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to approve Abstract #4 in the amount of \$207,497.95. Peterson-absent. Motion carried.

Cemeteries:

George Kittle stated that Hwy. Superintendent Bob Boulton had purchased steel. Stan Brill of Clayton Center has volunteered, however Councilman Kittle feels that he should be compensated for at least part of the construction of the iron fence for Clayton Center Cemetery. Mr. Brill will hand turn the steel for this fence. Councilman Kittle stated that abandoned cemeteries are ultimately the responsibility of the Towns.

Councilman Kittle stated that he would like Mr. Brill to keep track of his time in the construction and placement of this fencing.

Stan Brill indicated he didn't want any compensation for the cemetery work.

Recreation Park Pool:

Discussion by Board of TI School using the park pool for two weeks in August. The school will reimburse for heating and will supply their own lifeguards. Consensus of the Town Board is that this is okay if Keith gives the go ahead.

EDR Draft Agreement-Riverwalk:

Board discussion followed concerning the Draft EDR Agreement concerning Design, Specification and Oversight Services for the Riverwalk along the Frink property at Riverside Drive and Webb Street.

Supervisor Taylor indicated that this is no cost to the town as the grant has accepted our easement as our match.

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd Bob Cantwell III, to approve the agreement and authorize the Supervisor to sign the EDR Agreement. Peterson-absent. Motion carried.

Westlaw/McKinney's:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to approve an online subscription at two person/\$50.00 monthly. Peterson-absent. Motion carried.

Clayton Pre-school:

Supervisor Taylor stated a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning with the Preschool Board and the CIA. The Preschool is hoping to stay where they are for another year. The consensus of the Town Board is to be very supportive in general to the Preschool.

Medical Center Ribbon Cutting:

Samaritan Medical Center ribbon cutting will be this Friday, April 25th at 4:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle

Cemeteries: We've discussed this previously this evening and wants Mr. Brill to keep track of his time.

Donald Turcotte

Depauville Community Center: Just about ready for an open house.

Dan Wiley Letter: Questioned if all the Board had received a letter. Supervisor Taylor will respond if everyone gives him the information needed.

Bob Cantwell III

LWRP: Meeting is tomorrow night, 3rd floor of Opera House, at 6:30 PM.

Recreation Park: Next Town Board meeting we will be setting rates for the lifeguards.

Surplus equipment: Advertisement for two weeks surplus doors/window/hardware and miscellaneous office equipment.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Discussion of being member of Jefferson County Highway Association and NYS Highway Association. The State Association has just hire a lobbyist for the State CHIPS program. We have gained 21-23% increase over the previous funding in the CHIPS allocation.
- Starting tomorrow, we will go back to summer hours of four ten hours days per week.
- Still putting trucks together, sandblasting the dump bodies.
- Still working on lawn work, grading, cleaning intersections and cleaning bridges.
- Supervisor needs to sign the NYS S&I agreement that just arrived. We will pick up a total additional adjustment of \$5,316.03 due to high fuel cost.

Resolution #34 of 2008:

Resolution #34 of 2008 offered by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by George Kittle, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the extension with the State of New York Department of Transportation a fuel adjustment for the Municipal Snow & Ice reimbursement increase for the 2007-2008 season. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Turcotte-aye; Peterson-absent; Cantwell III-aye. Motion carried.

- Town Highway will be helping out with the Village wide pick-up slated for Monday, May 12th. This is a one day event.
- Highway School: is the 1st week in June at Ithaca. **Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to approve expenses to the highway schooling for Mr. Boulton. Motion carried.
- We've been helping the County out with a job on Wellesley Island using the Asphalt Zipper.
- Discussion of Highway Law 319 which has to do with items in the road right-of-way such as mailboxes. Hwy. Superintendent Boulton stated he will implement this law this year.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk