

September 14, 2011

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

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Christopher Matthews
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair (Absent)	Janet Sullins	
Alicia Dewey	Michael Docteur	Pam Mc Dowell
Ken Knapp	Cindy Grant	Duane Hazelton
Jae Lee	Lori Docteur	

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 5:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests:

Legislator Michael Docteur said that he would again be able to attend our Town Board meetings, but only one of the two per month. He gave a brief overview of the County audit and figures that may be used in determining the tax rate for 2012.

The Legislator mentioned that the Watertown Airport expects its first flight with American Eagle on November 17. Improvements to the airport are still underway.

He also stated that Metalcraft Marine has found a location in Cape Vincent.

On that discussion, he mentioned that BOCES will be starting an aluminum welding class which may encourage more local work.

As an aside, Supervisor Taylor mentioned that Senator Ritchie has asked him and some others to sit on a committee dedicated to mandate relief to local governments.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Notice of Quarterly Statement from the Office of the Comptroller (**see attachment file**)
- Notice of expected franchise fee due from Time- Warner Cable(**see attachment file**)
- Grants Action News -September 2011 Issue (**see attachment file**)
- Justice Giles August 2011 Comptroller's Report (**see attachment file**)
- Justice James August 2011 Comptroller's Report (**see attachment file**)
- Minutes from September Depauville Sewer District meeting (**see attachment file**)
- Notice of Professional Development Session for Municipal Officials (**see attachment file**)
- Notice from Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece that their work on the Purcell case has concluded (**see attachment file**)
- Ad faxed August 26 for a Request for Bids on the Zamboni for the August 31 edition of the T I Sun (**see attachment file**)
- Zoning Officer's Monthly Report to the Town Board (**see attachment file**)
- Thank you note from TIYLO for the Town's support of their recent River Rat Triathlon (**see attachment file**)

Minutes:

Motion by Lance Peterson, second by George Kittle to approve the August 24, 2011 minutes as written.

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 51:

The Justice Court and internal audits of Town Departments have been completed. Resolution No. 51 stating that the Justice Court Audit has been completed was introduced by George Kittle, second by Bob Cantwell III. Roll call: Supervisor Taylor: Aye; George Kittle: Aye; Lance Peterson, Aye; Bob Cantwell III, Aye; Chris Matthews: Aye. Resolution passed.

Public Comments:

Ken Knapp thanked the Board for their continued efforts of rectifying the wind issue. He hopes the Board all came to the same conclusion that 50 decibels above ambient is still too much. Perhaps a two-tier (night/day) calculation or another number above ambient would be better.

Cindy Grant read a prepared statement asking the Board to look at the Town of Hammond's Wind Law [see attachment file]. She acknowledges it is a lengthy document. She stated that the property value guarantee will not and already has not held up in court. She invited the board members who drew up the current law to help.

Supervisor:

Supervisor's Report:

Nothing really stood out except the franchise fee. Motion by Chris Matthews, second by Lance Peterson to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Bills and Transfers:

Discussion of the fact that a significant amount of the DEC funding for the Frink project must be repaid when the project is over if the property is sold. **Motion** made by George Kittle, second by Bob Cantwell III to approve the budget transfers. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, second by George Kittle to accept Abstract #9 of 2011 in the amount of \$422,846.19. **Motion** carried.

Prepayment of bills for Local Government Training School:

Motion made by Lance Peterson, second by George Kittle. Motion carried.

Wind Amendment Update:

The Town Board went to Grindstone Island on Sunday, September 11 for an educational exercise on wind noise/decibel levels. As a result, tonight the Town Board has discussed and decided to start the process to amend the current law to lower the acceptable decibel level from 50 to 45dba based on guidelines for community noise by the World Health Organization (WHO) at participating residences and at non-participating

residents' property lines. The Board hopes to set a Public Hearing at the next meeting Sept. 28, at the Paynter Center if the amended document is ready.

Internal Audit Results:

As a result of the internal audits recently completed, it was suggested that safes be provided for monies held that cannot be turned over to the clerk or to the bank in a timely manner.

Arena Project Updates:

Councilman Cantwell reported that the plans for the arena are "gelling nicely". Colored renderings are expected soon.

Zamboni bids:

The bid went in the TI Sun August 26, but no bids have been received to date.

Financial Software Update:

Of the three packages considered so far, one has great versatility for Human Resources and for vouchers and bills to be viewed remotely by board members.

Frink/CLDC:

Expecting detailed rendering for public viewing shortly.

Grants Update:

Not much has changed since last month. Individual grants have been rolled into one consolidated NYS application. We will now be applying for a safety lift for the pool under the NYS Parks program. LWRP funding is available again this year. And, since the Chaumont River has been designated an inland waterway, any municipality on that River may apply for LWRP funding. Specifically, we will be applying for a Hamlet Revitalization grant for Depauville .

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Depauville Clean-up was Monday. Other than brush, everyone else waited to put their items out on the weekend. Worked from 7 – 4, and took 4.92 tons away. Also, took care of the tree at the Community Center.
- Decided to write a spec and put the sander out for bids. It will cost half of what it can be purchased for at the State Bid Price.
- New truck is now at the shop. The dump part has been modified to accept the sander.
- Using up budget to work on Ellis Road and Schnauber Roads drainage.
- Barriers can be worked on at the Grindstone Town dock.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle:

- Turned in Financial Disclosure form.
- Negotiations information on a new health plan are due Monday from Jim Yuhas.

- Wind exercise was phenomenal. Also recently stood in front of a small unit and could not hear any sounds coming from it.

Lance Peterson:

- No bids on the Zamboni.
- All is fine at Cerow Recreation Park.
- Farmers Market winds up tomorrow August 15.
- Next Business with a Twist was supposed to be at Possum Lodge on Grindstone Island. Location has been changed to the schoolhouse. RSVP by today if you need boat transportation.
- Outdoor Recreation Show is this weekend; three different food vendors and a farmers market will be set up each day.
- Board of Directors Nominations will be mailed tomorrow with a return deadline of September 30.
- 14th Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet will be held Sept. 24. Registration at 9:30 at the Legion. Rain Date Sept. 25. Volunteers are needed also. Inquire at the Chamber.

Bob Cantwell III:

- TIYLO reports a successful River Rat Triathlon despite the hurricane. There were only a few no shows, and more showed up on the day-of that hadn't pre-registered.
- TIYLO is having their Halfway to St. Patty's Day party this Saturday, Sept. 17 to benefit the Calumet Drill Team.

Chris Matthews:

- Elaine Tack, from TILT is excited about the Rails to Trails program. They want to get the schools involved, starting with the Middle School. He is also discussing this with the Youth Commission. Perhaps they will have a race.

Public Comments:

- Cindy Grant had more wind comments. She said the present law has vague verbiage. The board should attend some of the wind education programs. Also need to consider the low frequency effects, the low sounds that can be felt, but not always heard. Referenced Tocci report and how Iberdrola can get around it. Afraid they will put test towers in Clayton Center.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to adjourn this regular meeting and enter executive session to discuss the labor contract at 6:30 PM.

Motion carried

Motion made by Bob Cantwell III, second by Lance Peterson to come out of executive session at 6:50 PM

Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk

