

September 28, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular workshop meeting at the Paynter Center 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	Joe Russell	Ben Moore
Pam Mc Dowell	Jeanne Snow	Cindy Nelson
Andrea Bates	Heather Gazdik	Bob Nelson
Dick MacSherry	Ken Knapp	Bud Baril
Cindy Grant	Duane Hazelton	Jack Stopper
Paul Frinkman	Larry Aubertine	Carolyn Anderson
Linda McCausland	Waring Blackburn	Will Moth
Paul Luck		

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

Guests:

Ben Moore, of the River Hospital Foundation, spoke on a survey they did regarding two items: that the community at large wasn't aware of the services the hospital now provides, and that the community wants more transparency of finances. He had a chart of the financial progression from 2008 to the present, which showed losses in 2008 and 2009. Then, with the recession, Medicaid funds were cut so they had to eliminate the skilled nursing facility. This year the financial picture looks better and they are making improvements, to include a cardiac department and hopefully mental health facility. They are also doing more media campaigning to better inform the communities.

Town Clerk:

As per last meeting's decision to allow pre-paying attendance at government training schools, the following persons are attending the Local Government Conference in Potsdam on October 11:

Kathleen LaClair, Alicia Dewey, Henry LaClair, Bud Baril, Larry Aubertine, Paul Heckmann, Twyla Webb and John Kehoe.

Correspondence:

- Received an invitation to attend the Joseph Lonsway Medal of Honor Ceremony on November 11 at the Colon-Couch American Legion (**see attachment file**)
- Save the River sent its annual notice of water quality for the 2011 Beach Season (**see attachment file**)
- Nationwide Insurance sent their annual privacy statement (**see attachment file**)
- The Chamber of Commerce sent a flyer announcing Thursday, October 13 as their annual banquet at the Pier House Restaurant (**see attachment file**)

Minutes:

The Supervisor made a request for clarification on the fact that the Town Board was starting the process for amending the local wind law, not having already made a decision to do so, as was written. **Motion** by Lance Peterson, second by George Kittle to approve the September 14, 2011 minutes as amended . Motion carried.

Resolution No. 52:

Shared Highway Services Agreement:

The Supervisor gave a description of the document. All Town and Village in Jefferson County have been asked to participate. Alicia Dewey and the Highway Superintendent, Bob Boulton, having worked on this for the past several years. This will become an attachment to the five-year Snow and Ice Contract.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Lance Peterson, 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.

Supervisor:

HR/Personnel Files:

The Supervisor handed out packets of information for the Board Members about software for Human Resources tracking and notes related to fiscal responsibility of the Supervisors Office. He would like them perused for the next meeting on Oct. 12.

Fuel Depot Agreement:

Will be discussed further during the Joint Town & Village Board meeting later this evening. Sally Switzer, from the TI Central School, will be here to discuss. Environmental liability insurance is at question.

Arena Project Update:

There have been no meetings since the last update. Councilman Kittle is going to call Bill Grater to have a presentation prepared for the next meeting.

Grants Update:

- See attachment file

Financial Software Update:

There are four packages that were looked at, and two of those are very promising. We will set up a time with the Board and other parties when we get dates from the potential clients.

Budget:

The Town Board has met twice. Would like to set a time to meet specifically to go over the Highway Budget particulars. Date agreed upon is October 3 at 7 a.m., moving the Department Head meeting to 8 a.m.

Photovoltaic Bids:

The bids for photovoltaic systems were opened in the Town board room at 4:00 on September 28, 2011. There were two

bidder, New Century Electric and B&D. Present for the opening were Supervisor Taylor, Deputy Clerk Janet Sullins, Augusta Withington of Fourth Coast, and Shawna from New Century Electric. The base bid called for a 230 watt panel. New Century Electric had no bid based on the original criterion, but they had an alternate bid of \$174,586, using a 240 watt panel. The base bid from B&D was \$161,135.28, and there was no alternate bid. Councilman Matthews was not comfortable awarding the bid without seeing what the discrepancies were, so they will see them at Monday morning's meeting. The Board authorized the Supervisor to make the award based on the subsequent review this coming Monday. Also it was agreed upon that future bids will be opened 48 hours prior to a board meeting for the Board to review them.

Zamboni Update:

There still have been no bids on the Zamboni, so it will be mothballed and perhaps sold at a later date or used in emergencies.

Frink/CLDC Update:

We will wait until the Joint Town/Village Board meeting to discuss further. We are still waiting for the presentation from the developer. Also are evaluating a CDBG Block grant to help with infrastructure.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Shared Services: Owed Jefferson county \$56K at beginning of year. Still owe them \$38K, but we are where we should be at this point. Superintendent Boulton had worksheets for the Board to show them the breakdown. The plan is to keep solar separate. Also, Councilman Matthews suggested a quarterly report from Candie. This will be further discussed at Monday morning's meeting.

Committee Reports:**George Kittle:**

- There should be an evening meeting on the Healthcare Plan overview for the employees and their spouses to come, so that they fully understand and can ask questions.
- Was at the Justice Court recently and was absolutely impressed how professional it is, especially compared to when proceedings took place in the public hall of the Municipal Building

Lance Peterson:

- Skating starts October 13 at the Arena.
- Outdoor Recreation Show went very well.
- 14th Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet had 160 participants; the same as last year, and it was a great success despite the weather.
- The Chamber Awards Banquet is at the Pier House Restaurant October 13. RSVP by October 7.

Bob Cantwell III:

- Not much to report; Highway Department is inventorying roads

Chris Matthews:

- Nothing to report

Public Comments:

- Cindy Grant had planned to speak on wind, but due to the meeting running late before the Joint Meeting, she withdrew her decision to speak.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews to adjourn this regular workshop meeting at 6:05. Motion carried.

Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk