

**January 23, 2008**

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting in the Town Board Room with the following persons in attendance:

Justin Taylor  
Lance Peterson  
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle  
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte  
Robert Boulton

Alicia Dewey  
Les Drake  
Aaron Fulton  
Anna Forbes

Kris Rusho (TI Sun)  
Tom Murphy  
Erin Reff  
Debra Jepma

Ken Knapp  
Nancy Murphy  
Cindy Grant

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting at 5:00 PM.

**Public:**

Ken Knapp stated he was pleased with the look of the Financial Report. He still has concerns concerning reworking the law in regards to Horse Creek. Also that PPM is still recruiting land owners outside of the overlay district.

Debra Jepma stated she also was concerned that if the Local Law wasn't changed then PPM would get approval for Horse Creek on the current law. She felt this would affect quality of life for neighbors in this district.

Cindy Grant was interested if a study of property values for that district would go down.

Supervisor Taylor indicated that this Board would not be considering changing the Local Law unless or until information warranted such a change. The Town has given Jefferson County the authority to analyze certain criteria in connection with the proposed Wind Turbines. Mr. Taylor indicated that we won't change our path until we have all information available to this Board. Once the information has been digested by this Board, then we will make our determination as to whether we consider changing the law.

Councilman Kittle indicated we can't stop getting information and all information will be taken into account before making a determination.

**Town Clerk:**

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the Annual Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup> as written. Motion carried.

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the regular minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup> as written. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- Received the Agenda for the Youth Commission Meeting of January 23th. **(See attached.)**
- Received Thousand islands Land Trust winter schedule of events. **(See attached.)**
- Received correspondence from Les Drake concerning the Assistant ZEO and Code Enforcement position. **(See attached.)**
- Notice of a Land Use Planning Workshop to be held on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Jules Center Amphitheater at Jefferson Community College entitled The Fort Drum Story: The Scope and Potential Impact of Base-related Growth. **(See attached.)**
- Received a letter dated January 19<sup>th</sup> from Nellie Mae Schauer thanking the Board for their increase of financial support to the Hawn Memorial Library. **(See attached.)**
- Received a letter dated January 17<sup>th</sup>, from Steven Binion, Director of the Office For The Aging inquiring of referrals who might be in need of assistance. **(See attached.)**

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution #25 of 2008**, introduced by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, authorizing the Town Highway Superintendent to sign permits with the New York State Department of Transportation from time to time allowing the Town of Clayton to temporarily obstruct, install, construct, maintain, operate or replace any facilities within the bounds of a State highway right-of-way pursuant to Sections 52, 103, 203,249 and/or 250 of the Highway Law. Justin Taylor-aye; George Kittle-aye; Donald Turcotte-aye; Lance Peterson-aye; Robert W. Cantwell III-aye. Motion carried. **(See Resolution Book.)**

**Fish Advisory Board Appointment:**

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to appoint Keith Dasno as member to the Jefferson County Fish Advisory Board. Motion carried.

**Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar Appointment:**

Town Clerk Kathy LaClair appointed Janet M. Sullins as Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar, at a per hour rate of \$10.00, starting part time on January 17<sup>th</sup> and Full time on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Town Clerk LaClair reported that Ms. Sullins will also replace Diane Clark, as Clerk to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board in a couple of months. **Motion** by Donald Turcotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to ratify the appointment of Janet Sullins as Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar. Motion carried.

**IMA/Shared Municipal Offices:**

Supervisor Taylor had distributed a draft copy of an Intermunicipal Agreement for Joint Municipal Building of the Town and Village of Clayton. If anyone has any issues or suggestions for what is proposed, please get back to the Supervisor. We will be discussing at the Joint meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Code Enforcement & Assistant ZEO:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to appoint Richard A. Ingerson to the position of Assistant ZEO and full time Code Enforcement Officer. Motion carried.

**NYC Association of Towns trip:**

Town Clerk LaClair indicated that reservations for attendance at the conference, hotel and bus reservations have been completed and confirmed.

**Reval Public Awareness Session(s):**

The Town Assessor will hold the first of two “public awareness sessions” on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This is make the public aware of activity and the process of the revaluation process and what it means to each property owner. This will be recorded so that we can put this on the web. Another session will be later in the year.

**Pearl Seas Cruise Ship:**

Supervisor Taylor indicated information has been received that Pearl Seas Cruise ship will be mooring at Frink Park dock this summer.

**Tax Fact Pack:**

Alicia Dewey, Assistant to the Supervisor has been working on a Tax Fact Pack that will be added to the web within the next few weeks.

**Preschool Closing Notice:**

In today’s TI Sun an article is on the front page concerning the closing of the Clayton Area Preschool. The preschool is citing a decline in enrollment down from 40 to 29 enrollees. Part of the decision seems to stem from the building being torn down for the expansion of the Samaritan Medical Facility. Dr. Slatterly from TI School has offered the preschool use of a couple of rooms at the Guardino Elementary School. There is universal funding available from the State for preschools. Supervisor Taylor indicated the preschool is a viable commodity in our community and this Board should be supportive.

**JCJDC Luncheon:**

Supervisor Taylor indicated that he, Alicia Dewey and Bob Cantwell III will be attending the JCJDC luncheon at the Black River Valley Club this Friday.

**Joint T/V of Clayton meeting:**

Supervisor Taylor indicated he would like to have a joint Town meeting with the Village of Clayton on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Clayton Opera House.

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to advertise for a Joint Town/Village Boards Meeting on 2/13 at 6:30 PM in the Opera House. Motion carried

**Pool:**

Letter has been received from Lars Hauck of the TI School requesting the use of the Clayton Pool on 6/14 for grades 1,2,3&4. This would require the pool to be opened for one (1) day prior to opening for the regular session. We will do what we can to accommodate this request.

### **Capital Projects:**

A 1991-2008 Community Development Capital Plan sheet was distributed. We need to add a Salt & Sand Shed for 2008.

### **Highway Superintendent Report:**

- NYS DOT flyer was distributed concerning “property owners’ snow disposal responsibilities.” **(See attached.)**
- 2/1 Osh Kosh will be on the Titesworth web site until 2/13.
- New truck will be completed by next week and Bean Mack will then go through it.
- New Sander will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February.
- Sand & Salt Building – Kevin Patchen will work on the metal building. We will have detailed plans for the next Town Board meeting.
- Four (4) trucks will be out this evening. They have gone through a lot of iron recently.

### **Committee Reports:**

George Kittle: Letters will go out to all who applied for the Code Enforcement position.

Donald Turcotte: Grant application went into the Northern New York Community Foundation (Alex Velto) asking for \$12,000. Contractors will be on site this Monday at the Depauville Community Center. Councilman Turcotte would like to know when any construction meetings will be held.  
DEC – Burning Ban: Much discussion has been held lately concerning the possibility of a County Burning Ban. If a Ban is put in place Councilman Turcotte would like this put on the Web Site and a letter of notification sent to everyone.

Lance Peterson: Clayton Chamber of Commerce has received the 2008 Visitor Guide.  
River Winterfest 2008 starts this Friday with a dance from 7-9 at the K of C Bldg.  
Chamber budget has been approved at their last meeting.

Bob Cantwell III: Nothing yet to report.

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:18 PM. Motion carried.

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk