

February 10, 2010

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

Justin Taylor
Lance Peterson
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte
Robert Boulton

Jim Yuhas
Anna Forbes
Pam McDowell (TI Sun)
John S. Forkey

Alicia Dewey
Jae Lee (WDT)
Ken Knapp
Michelle Calhoun

Mike Docteur (Leg.)
Chuck Ebbing
Cindy Grant
Kevin Forkey

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

Guests:

County Legislator Mike Docteur discussed the Jefferson County PILOT meeting of the previous night. He stated he didn't support it for several reasons: (1) He didn't feel the distribution rate was equitable; (2) no profit & loss statement from the developer was presented; (3) County Attorney had not read it yet.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Justice Reports from Justice Clarence Giles & Clif James for January 2010. **(See attachment file).**
- Notice of Compliance from NYS Dept of Labor for Opera House. **(See file).**
- Grants Action News for February 2010. **(See attachment file).**
- Statement of 2009 Town Justice cases for Clif James. **(See attachment file).**
- Jefferson county Planning Board Newsletter for February 2010. **(See attachment file).**
- Notice of Tug Hill 21st Annual Local Government Conference at Jefferson Community College on April 1st.

Town Clerk reported that Tax Collection 2010 is up to date. A check was given today to the Supervisor for \$1,158,283.22 for making the budget whole. Tax Collection total for this year is \$6,140,560.84 and to date the collection totals \$4,523,981.33. Between now and June 1st there is another \$1.6+ million to collect.

The Panini check depositing machine has been a good investment and has helped out tremendously with getting money into the Bank Accounts faster.

Depauville Sewer users were billed on 2/2, which is right during the busiest time for tax collection. The first billing since the Town Clerks Office has taken over billing is to date received approximately ¼ returns.

Supervisor Report:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to accept the Supervisor's Report for January 2010 as submitted. Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to pay Abstract #2 of 2010 in the amount Of \$565,435.78. Motion carried.

Chamber Permission to Use Facilities (Boat Show):

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, for Boat Show April 9th – April 11th, with moving in on April 8th and out on April 12th. Motion carried.

Route 12 Sewer:

The Town Board will have someone from Bernier Carr & Associates at either the last meeting of February or early March to give update and answer questions.

Opera House Lift:

Was out of service for a month. Notice will go out, that this is not a service elevator and will be used solely for handicap access.

Joint Fuel Depot Contract:

No action will be taken on the contract until fully reviewed by Atty. Joe Russell. We were presented, in person, a copy of the contract on Tuesday February 9th.

Route 12E Sewer District:

One estimate has been received. Approximately 32 residences have signed up. This is a no cost district. Town Board consensus was not to send out letters again. Others may sign up on an annual basis only.

Joint Justice Court:

Contractors working on at this time; currently picking out paint colors.

Frink America:

Last Friday, February 5th, Commissioner Granis of the NYS DEC, presented the Town of Clayton with a Certificate of Completion for the 8.4 acres at the former Frink America site. A nice grouping of attendees witnessed the presentation and a small luncheon was held at the Antique Boat Museum. This successful remediation gives the highest cleanup level at the site for “residential use”. This is a “no restriction” requirement for the site.

RFP’s are not out yet; hoping for proposals to be out by late March. We will be looking at long term financing with early pay off.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- The final Mitigation meeting will be held on 2/16 @ 5:30 PM in the Jefferson County Legislative Chambers.
- Cleaning Mode: Light weather has given opportunity for stripping the walls, new lighting, and cleaning ceiling at the Highway Garage being completed by the workforce.
- This Friday, 2/12 is the Chili Cook-Off at noon at the Highway Garage.
- Tank Removal at the Depauville Barn will be 2/19 @ 9 AM.
- Waste Oil Burning Furnace discussion – with work being done by workforce. NYSERDA Grant monies are available to help with this project.
- Community Service: Have a young man helping with shoveling.
- Used Scissors Lift: Have a chance to purchase; this would be a joint purchase costing approximately \$2,000-2,500. We will look at and test.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to authorize the Supervisor to apply for a RFP 10 Grant for Arena – PV and Joint Highway Garage – PV & High Efficiency Waste Oil Furnace. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to replace the Ford service truck with a Dodge at State Bid price of \$44,735.40. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Grindstone Island Cemetery need to get a survey completed. Jeff Marra has done abstract searching and has a vested interest in helping get this completed. We have been working with Paul Warneck at Jeff. Co. Real Property.

Donald Turcotte: Heritage Heights – On February 2nd it was reported that the pump was working double time.

Depauville Sewer – last meeting was canceled; but the flows are high also.
No Library report.

Lance Peterson: **Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to send Kenny Garnsey to ice schooling in Chicago approximately \$1400. Motion carried.
Staff at the Chamber working hard getting this year's events underway. Applications have been sent out for the Food & Wine Festival. New vendors are eager to participate.
Tentatively, the 1st Business with a Twist will be in March & hosted by Coyote Moon Vineyards.
Work on the Spring Boat Show are underway. Applications have been sent out. This event is scheduled for 4/9-4/11.
Summer concert Series are being booked.
This weekend is the Cardboard sled contest sponsored by Hazelwood Construction and O'Brien's Restaurant at the Lion's Field at noon.

Bob Cantwell III: LWRP – DOS has in their hands at the time doing a final review of corrections.
TIYLO – Upstate Ice Jam this weekend.

Public:

Chuck Ebbing spoke about "communication" between the Town of Orleans and Town of Clayton.
The Town of Orleans has formed a Wind Financial Committee with Mr. Ebbing as the facilitator. He asked all the Town Board to attend if possible.

Jack Forkey discussed: green energy- waste oil furnace. The dollars needed for this area. Should look at smoking, drinking and gambling and let wind energy help pay our taxes.

Kevin Forkey spoke briefly about wind and gave documentation from previous meeting. (See attachment file.)

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk