

**February 13, 2008**

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Clayton Opera House with the following present:

Justin Taylor  
Lance Peterson  
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle  
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte  
Robert Boulton

Alicia Dewey  
Cindy Grant  
Nancy Murphy  
Jim Yuhas

Michael Docteur  
Anna Forbes  
Thomas Murphy  
Henry LaClair

Ken Knapp  
Duane Hazelton  
James Forbes

**Public:**

**Jeff. Co. Leg. Mike Docteur reported:**

- Attended this past Saturday the Save the River event. It was a great forum.
- Plan B as proposed by the Town will be ignored by the International Control Board. He stated that we have lost local control of water levels.
- Mr. Docteur is a Director on the Jefferson County Soil & Water Board and a meeting was held recently with Great Lakes Cheese Management. They estimate that this area will need an additional 20,000 cows to produce the amount of milk needed.
- Will be attending a meeting in Rome. Gov. Spitzer made available kitchen services and the County is looking at cost savings in regards to the jail.
- Attended a PILOT agreement meeting this past week for Wind turbines. This agreement is not favored by his colleges at the County level. Mr. Docteur reports that he has no support for this agreement.

**Ken Knapp:**

- Happy that the former Proven Farm has re-opened and is now an organic farm.
- Discussion of Eminent Domain threatened in the paper for another municipality which is a very scary thought. He is hoping that this board deals with the financial aspects of the Wind Turbines. Also that the Boards make sure the project application meets all requirements.

**Cindy Grant:**

- Read a prepared letter. **(See attachments file.)**

**Dwain Hazelton:**

- Read a prepared letter. **(See attachments file.)**

**Anna Forbes:**

- Read a prepared letter. (See attachments file.)

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- Justice Clarence Giles January 2008 report. (See attachments file.)
- Justice Clifford James January 2008 report. (See attachments file.)
- Workshop Notice for Northern New York Library: Putting Theory into Practice: Responding to Mold and Other Environmental Problems. Pre-registration is required. (See attachments file.)
- Notice of Physicians that accept the \$25.00 for the Pre-Employment & Firefighters Physicals. (See attachment file.)
- February issue of Grants Action News received. (See attachment file.)
- Letter received from the State of NY Dept of Public Service concerning running out of numbers in the 315 area code and soon a new area code will be needed. (See attachment file.)
- Received the 2007 Annual Report from the Northern New York Library Network. (See attachment file.)
- Received the 2008 Budget Proposal from the Clayton Youth Commission. (See attachment file.)
- Received a letter from Pamela Jones & Brian Lantier, Co-Chairpersons concerning the Clayton Area Pre-school. (See attachment file.)

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to approve the January 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Town Clerk Report for 2007:**

**Motion** by Robert W. Cantwell III, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to approve the Town Clerk Report for 2007. Motion carried.

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution #26 of 2008** offered by Donald Turcotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Bed Tax Contract between the Town of Clayton and the Clayton Chamber of Commerce for \$10, 302.14. Justin Taylor-aye; George Kittle-aye; Donald Turcotte-aye; Lance Peterson-aye; Robert W. Cantwell III-aye.

**Set Public Hearing on Opting out of §487:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert W. Cantwell III, to set a public hearing date and time for February 27, 2008 at 6 PM to opt out of §487 which will not exempt wind turbines from real property taxes. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Report:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to accept the Supervisor Report as presented. Motion carried.

**Bills:**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Cantwell III, to approve payment of Abstract #2 in the amount of \$807,139.19. Motion carried.

**Asst. ZEO & Codes Enforcement Officer:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to hire Richard Ingerson for the position of Assistant ZEO at a yearly salary of \$4,000 and Codes Enforcement Officer at a yearly salary of \$28,500, starting retroactively on February 8, 2008. Motion carried.

**Supervisor:**

**Area Codes:** Letter was received indicating we are about to run out of 315 area code numbers and will soon be adding another area code. We have been asked for our input.

**Time Warner Franchise Agreement:**

This agreement expired several months ago. It automatically renews and there are no subsequent changes.

**Code Enforcement:**

Supervisor Taylor indicated this looks to be a simple task to bring back from Jefferson County. He also indicated that 144 hours of training per year is required. There will be some classes in Watertown and 5 or 6 other designated places that Mr. Ingerson will be attending.

**Joint Municipal Building Agreement:**

Supervisor Taylor inquired if the Board had any concerns on the draft agreement. None were offered.

**National Grid Wind Sheet:**

Supervisor Taylor clarified the information offered by a member of the public at the last meeting. 132 is the mega watt rating of the proposed Clayton/Orleans project not the number of turbines which is 62.

**Building Insurance:**

Discussion of the utilization of the Town Hall/Opera House and Recreation Park buildings. The Board will discuss further at the 2/27 meeting.

**Annual Request for Boat Show:**

A letter has been received from the Chamber of Commerce requesting use of the Highway Dept. on 4/4/08 – 4/6/08.

**West Side Sewer:**

Surveys had been sent and we're starting to receive the completed surveys back. It's looking that there is no support in doing this.

**Edgar Dewey turning 100:**

Supervisor Taylor indicated that a Clayton citizen, Edgar Dewey, will be turning 100 on 2/17/08. A certificate will be prepared for him and signed by both the Mayor and Supervisor.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

- Annual Chili cook-off will be held Friday 2/22.
- Showed a chart of the use of the Highway Employees \$600 plan.
- Should discuss at the Joint T/V meeting an “energy audit” for the Joint Barn. It’s time to do the building has been there since 1994.
- Letters have been sent by the 911 addressing at Jeff. Co. to notify residents, surrounding Fire Dept & Emergency Medical on road changes.
- Rock Salt this month at \$72,304.20. Total for January & February at \$91,466.73.
- RICOH Copier – Office Systems has sent a quote. This is a state contract and should be shared by both Town & Village.
- Oshkosh is on the auction block at a starting price of \$2800.
- Thank you to the highway guys, their doing an excellent job. We appreciate the Town Boards support.

**Committee Reports:**

Donald Turcotte: Depauville Community Center: General Contractor will be out this week. We have a verbal on the grant we submitted to the Northern New York Community Foundation. Because the Library doesn’t have a 501C3 the grant funds will need to go through the Town.  
Heritage Heights Sewer: Rob Campany will be pulling out a pump tomorrow.

George Kittle: HMAc will be holding a Vegas Night at the Opera House on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Questioned how fees are calculated for events. In the past, their two events at Recreation Park have showed two different amounts and based on use, clean-up, etc. why they aren’t the same price for both.  
Clayton Main Street Funds: All the dollars haven’t been spent yet. TIPAF has applied to do the stairs.  
Arena was filled last weekend. Many compliments from all over as this is a nice facility.

Lance Peterson: Chamber Budget is completed.  
Fishing Derby this weekend cosponsored by the K of C & Clayton Fire Dept.  
Jan Brabant is doing his wind sailing at Zenda Farms.  
Ice Shanty contest this weekend.  
Chamber meeting is tomorrow night.

Bob Cantwell III: Also attended Arena last weekend. Heard many people express that this arena is a fantastic facility. Paynter Senior Center & Hawn Library nothing to report. LWRP public meeting had an excellent turn out of people. Clayton pre-school: even though we can't do anything monetarily for them we do need to be very supportive of their efforts and continuation. CLDC is co-hosting Business with a Twist at the Opera House on Thursday 2/21.

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:38 PM. Motion carried.

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk