

February 24, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular workshop 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

Amy Flack
John Forkey
Cindy Grant
Mike Patchen
Duane Hazelton
Rose Scott
Kevin Forkey
Alicia Dewey

Erin Brick
Gary DeYoung
Jae Lee (WDT)
Dale Kenyon
John Forkey
Jamie Lee
Chris Dimmick (BCA)

Jim Schnauber
Ken Knapp
Larry Aubertine
Peter Colello
Phil Scott
Michelle Calhooun
Jared Thisse (BCA)

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

Guests:

Chris Dimmick of Bernier Carr & Associates PC discussed the Route 12 Sewer District, stating that this in total was a \$15.7 million Capital project and that his company is looking for a combination of grant funding. He distributed to the Board a change of wording for the Section 1.0- Executive Summary page, which deals with anticipated funding components. (See attachment file.) A letter of commitment from funding agencies is needed before taking this to the public.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to authorize Bernier Carr & Associates PC to present the "proposal" to funding sources and also to present to any regulating agencies and Atty. Joseph Russell for comments. Motion carried.

The Route 12 Sewer District Committee will include: Councilman Donald Turcotte, Alicia Dewey- Assistant to the Supervisor, Orleans Town Supervisor Donna Chatterton & Alexandria Bay Town Supervisor Martha Millet.

Amy Flack, Executive Director of the Opera House, thanked the Town Board for their support that has been given to Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund in relationship to the Opera House. TIPAF has been housed at the Opera House now for two and a half years. TIPAF has identified a study for growth and is now working on implementation of several programs. In 2009 approximately 170 events had taken place in the Opera House and over 14,000 people not counting tour groups had been through. She and the TIPAF Board are looking forward to a continued partnership with the Town, in the use of the building. (See Attachment file).

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Notice of Time Warner Franchise Fee arriving in 5-7 business days. (See attachment file.)

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the minutes of January 27, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

Recreation Park Pool Cover & Storage Reel System Bid:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded Donald Turcotte to accept the lone bid of \$18,393.00 from T-Star Enterprises, INC. for the Insulated Swimming Pool Cover & Storage Reel System, subject to the review by Fourth Coast and Keith Wood. Motion carried.

Supervisor:

Letter(s) of Support for NYS Parks:

Motion by Donald Turcotte, seconded by lance Peterson, to send Senator Darrel Aubertine & Assemblywoman Addie Russell letters opposing any cuts to NYS Budget that would result in closing of the State Parks and Historic Sites. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

The Town Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated and Bud Baril, Chairman of the Planning Board is looking for individuals to work on this project. Thousand Islands Young Leaders Organization will help out with this.

Joint Meeting Agenda Items:

The Joint Town/Village Board(s) meeting will be held on 3/24 at the Town Board Room. We have a list of two items at this point: NYS Assistant Atty. General to discuss Project Sunlight & the bill for the Joint courtroom project. If any of the Board has something else they would like to discuss, please let the Supervisor's Office know before the meeting so we can have it on the agenda.

**NYS Comptroller Information:
(See attachment file.)**

Proclamation for Everett Foster:

A draft has been completed, when finalized Supervisor Taylor will present to the Foster Family. Mr. Foster was Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review from 2007-2009.

Discussion of a possible need to seat a person as an alternate to the Board of Assessment Review.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Discussion of upgrading the "Smoking Policy".
- SPEDES Permit: Would like Rob Campany of Fourth Coast to finalize the application that needs to be sent in.
- Tanks (2): Needing to be disposed of. Removal was from the Depauville Town Barn; there was no contamination.
- Scissor Lift: Would like to purchase jointly with the Town Highway/Village DPW/Recreation Park out of Town Equipment account and then be reimbursed from the others. Cost is \$2500. **Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the purchase. Motion carried.
- State Bid for truck to replace "parts" truck. 2010 Chevrolet with lift gate @ \$26,727.04. This amount is the 2009 price for the 2010 truck. **Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to buy from State Bid. Motion carried.

- Would like to advertise the three (3) trucks as soon as the new trucks arrive. **Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Donald Turcotte. Motion carried.
- Lights from the Highway department that were replaced would also like to surplus. These are being housed at the Old Highway Garage at present. We will check all departments and advertise everything at once.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Association of Towns- Mostly a mild discussion on the resolutions presented. The most highly controversial was discussion on “open burning”. Jefferson County Soil & Water- High asset with projects for planning and bidding. Web site is a legal avenue for “Public Notices”.

Donald Turcotte: Heritage Heights Sewer is doing well. There will be a meeting at Depauville Library with Alicia Dewey. No time has been set yet.

Lance Peterson: Recreation Park Pool- Mechanical is now on site and Hyde Stone will start next week. Chamber of Commerce- 53,000 Visitor Guides have been distributed. The Chamber “thanks” the Town for the contracts and payments. Business with a Twist will be held on Wednesday, March 17th at Coyote Moon from 5-7 PM.

Bob Cantwell III: TIYLO- Earth Day functions at the local schools.

Public:

Ken Knapp spoke in support of the State Parks. This will cause a major impact on the communities if the parks are closed for the season. In regards to the Frink Project he commended the Town especially the Highway Dept. for all the work that had been done.

John Forkey spoke about the impact of the closure of the State Parks; Girl & Boy Vikings for basketball; different municipalities decreasing funds to dump sports as a way to save money; NYS possibly going broke with no funds for road maintenance, Schools being decreased in State Aid; Towns being decreased in “bed tax”; the possibility of looking at double digit figures increasing our taxes next year; and NY State now talking of holding refund checks longer.

Larry Aubertine spoke of the educational experience of attending the New York City Association of Towns Schooling. Meeting with people across the State and comparing the likeness of problems.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular workshop meeting at 6:35 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk

