

March 12, 2008

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

Justin Taylor
Lance Peterson
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Robert W. Cantwell III (Absent)

Donald Turcotte
Robert Boulton

Jim Yuhas
Ken Knapp
Stephen A. Witham Jr.

Alicia Dewey
Michael Docteur

Cindy Grant
Thomas Murphy

Public:

Michael Docteur, County Legislator had recently spoken with now Senator Darrel Aubertine concerning County, Town of Clayton, Clayton Local Development issues. Mr. Docteur had spoken with Jack Stopper of the CLDC to see if it would be helpful to have a representative from Sen. Aubertine's Office sitting at the next CLDC meeting. This would help the Senator to understand the function and priority of the CLDC and aid in helping with grants to our area.

Leg. Docteur also stated an article will be forth coming in the Watertown Daily Times (WDT) about the County Jail issues.

Discussion also about Whispering Pines and the dangerous situation that building is in.

Cindy Grant distributed to the Board and read a letter from DeWayne & Elaine Wilkie. (See attachment folder.)

Ken Knapp inquires if comments would be accepted for the public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2008 concerning Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

Mr. Knapp also indicated a need for more input from persons living in the area of the proposed Horse Creek Wind Farm.

Mr. Murphy inquired if the town could support someone coming into the area starting a car wash.

Correspondence:

- Time Warner the 2007 Franchise Fee Worksheet. (See attachment file.)
- NYS Archives, information on a seminar on Managing Maps & Plans. (See attachment file.)
- North Country Affordable Housing, Inc. notice of low income household's eligibility for Mobile Home Replacement/New Construction Program & Owner-occupied Rehab. (See attachment file.)
- Jeff. Co. Public Health Service – 2008 Spring Rabies Vaccination Clinics. (See attachment file.)
- Vellano Bros. hosting a Municipal Training School covering the latest on water distribution product installation, safety, security and maintenance. (See attachment file.)
- Invitation to Clayton Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual Banquet. Must respond by April 5, 2008. (See attachment file.)
- Grants Action News March 2008 edition. (See attachment file.)
- Thousand Islands Land Trust pamphlet Reflections for Winter 2008. (See attachment file.)
- Justice Clarence F. Giles Jr. report for February 2008. (See attachment file.)
- Justice Clifford James report for February 2008. (See attachment file.)

Minutes:

Minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

Discussion of Town Law/Personnel:

Discussion with the Town Board concerning personnel that is only considered as part-time from previous two years of full time use.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Taylor stated that we would review the report at the next meeting as it hasn't been received as yet.

Bills:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to pay abstract #3 in the amount of \$344,739.22. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

Intermunicipal Agreements:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Lance Peterson, authorizing Supervisor Taylor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Joint Town/Village of Clayton Planning Board as long as there is no substantive change. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by George Kittle, authorizing Supervisor Taylor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Joint Town/Village of Clayton Zoning Board of Appeals as long as there is no substantive change. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

Village DPW:

Village Mayor & Trustees have asked the Town to investigate taking over highway functions. Both Boards fielded questions from the all department employees potentially affected. Haven't asked for any public comment as yet until there is enough information to be able to give answers.

Village Support Letter:

The Village has sent a letter of support for their application for the Regional Dock Phase 2 portion to Sen. Clinton. The consensus of the Town Board to also send a letter of support as well.

Riverwalk Grant:

Supervisor Taylor discussed with the Board the estimate of \$60,000 for doing the Riverwalk at the Frink Property. He has asked Bob Cantwell Jr. to forward a scope of that project. He indicated to the Board they should feel free to share their thoughts with Bob Cantwell Jr., Jack Stopper and Lori Durand.

Public Hearing/ 6:00 PM – Local Law #1: Opt Out of NYS Real Property Tax Law §487:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to open the public hearing at 6 PM. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

Ken Knapp stated that in no way should the Town not tax the Wind Turbines and supported the idea of opting out of this law.

Supervisor Taylor indicated that he has been having meetings to do a "lifetime of the project PILOT" and not a traditional PILOT. This local law is housekeeping to be able to direct income to the Town of Clayton.

Mr. Witham had seen the advertisement and wondered what it was all about.

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by George Kittle, to declare this a Type II Action under the SEQRA Law and that no further review is necessary. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by George Kittle, to close the public hearing at 6:10 PM. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 29 of 2008 introduced by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2008, Enacting an opt out from NYS Real Property Tax Law §487. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Turcotte – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell III – Absent.

Public Hearing/6:15 PM – Local Law #2: Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to open the public hearing for Administration and Code Enforcement. Cantwell – Absent. Motion carried.

Board discussion on Administration and Code Enforcement.

Ken Knapp stated that as a builder, it is important to call for an inspection and have inspected quicker than going through the County Code Office. Having Codes in the Township will be much easier and quicker for the builder.

Supervisor Taylor responding to a question stated that it potentially will be required that each Wind Turbine have a building permit.

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by George Kittle, to close the public hearing at 6:30 PM. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Report:

New truck is back to Beam Mack problem with some bolts and pins.

Fuel cost are extremely high this year.

Salt purchase this year also expensive. So far this year have spent \$156,000 out of this budget.

Asphalt prices are higher this year than what we ended with last year.

Heritage Heights – Will speak with contractors about completing the project this week.

Shared Services meeting was today. Al Forte and John Cooke, Director of Region 7 were there. Kudos to Alicia Dewey for a job well done.

Committee Reports:

Donald Turcotte: Depauville Community Center: There was a walk thru this AM. Several things need to be completed as yet. The electrician finished today.

George Kittle: Assessment Forum: Thought there was a great turn out and would encourage another forum later in the year.

Code Officer: How's he doing thus far? Answer: He has been arranging his office, and learning Assistant ZEO duties. Has he started attending schooling? Answer: He is setting up scheduling for attendance as various schoolings. Will he or did he research other towns to see what their fee structure is? Answer: He has been researching all other towns, villages and Jefferson County fee schedules.

TI Hockey at State Finals: Would like to do a Proclamation and have it presented at the Athletic Banquet. Consensus yes.

Lance Peterson: Nothing to report at this time. Meeting for Chamber will be next week.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:05 PM. Cantwell III – Absent. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair