

March 23, 2011

The regular Workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton met in the Town Board Room with the following persons present:

Justin A. Taylor

George E. Kittle

Lance Peterson

Robert W. Cantwell III

Christopher D. Matthews

Bob Boulton

Kathy LaClair

Ken Knapp

Pat Youngs

Duane Hazelton

Pam McDowell (TI Sun)

Cindy Grant

Jae Lee (WDT)

Alicia Dewey

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Taylor after opening the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Letter from Asurion Insurance Services, Inc. in regards to Verizon Wireless Subscription— Monthly premium & Total Equipment Coverage for two (2) Town of Clayton Wireless phones change. **(See Attachment Book.)**
- Notice from Northern NY Library 2nd annual North Country Archives and Special Collections Conference: Efficiency, Effectiveness and Education. **(See Attachment File.)**
- Thank you note from Clarence Giles Jr. **(See Attachment File.)**
- Notice from “Progressive” concerning Explanation of NYS Comparative Negligence Law. **(See Attachment File.)**
- Received copy of The Archive Associate – Spring 2011. **(See Attachment File.)**

FYI - Two (2) notices in the TI Sun: 3/16 Mowing GI Cemeteries and 3/23 – Administrative Offices Closed – Thursday, 3/31 for training at JCC Tug Hill Local Government Conference.

Minutes:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to approve the minutes of March 9, 2011 as written. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #34 OF 2011:

Resolution #34 of 2011 was introduced by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, a resolution for Public Rules related to Photographing, Recording and/or Broadcasting meeting of the Town of Clayton Board. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Matthews – aye.

PASSED.

Code of Ethics:

Discussion only. Board members asked to review the proposed Local Law concerning updating the Code of Ethics, and establishing a Board of Ethics for the Town.

Workplace Violence Policy/Program:

Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement given to the Town Board for their review, make any comments back to the Supervisor’s Office and possible adopt at the next meeting.

Grindstone Schoolhouse Grant Application:

Supervisor’s Office is helping write a grant application for enhancements at the school.

Frink Project – Environmental Excellence Award Application:

An application will be sent in to apply for the Environmental Excellence Award Application.

New GIS site hosted by DANC:

DANC will take over hosting the GIS site. If we had stayed with Fountains Spatial given the current changing technology, we would have had to heavily invest in our current system in order to upgrade. Going with DANC will cost over one third less than the current amount.

Assessment:

Recommendation by Denise Trudell, Sole Assessor, in the matter of Atty. Gebo/Robert Purcell, Grindstone Island is to settle. The Grindstone Island parcel is currently assessed at \$808,000 and is requesting a negotiated settlement of \$615,000. The Petitioner's appraisal came in at \$605,000 and the Town's appraisal came in as \$830,000. Action is to "TABLE" for two (2) weeks to give Board members time to discuss this with the Assessor, along with the Zicari case.

Pay Options for Part-time Elected & Appointed Officials:

We have been paying every two weeks, with the exception of the Joint Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Assessment Review which receive their pay quarterly. Discussion of Town Board salary and payment method.

Accident/Incident Report:

Draft presented to the Town Board for review. Will have department heads review and report back when revised.

Code Enforcement:

Discussion of building markers for unsafe structures. Code Enforcement Officer has ordered signs for two structures in Depauville and 1 structure on Webb Street. Discussion followed concerning a porch overhang being held up by stilts all winter on James Street in the Village.

Recreation Park:

Discussion concerning ideas for Recreation Park like "showers". Need inquire of vendors, employees, amongst the Town Board and the General Public to see if this is viable and if anything else would be appropriate, so as to attract more use of the Arena. Looking for feedback.

Marine Development 2 – Floating District, Proposed Amendment #33 to Zoning Ordinance:

Proposed Amendment #33 to the Zoning Ordinance was introduced by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to set a public hearing date and time for April 13, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.

Change of Meeting time:

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by George Kittle, to change the meeting time to 6:00 PM on April 13, 2011. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Hauling sand now for next year is in progress.
- Extended Sand Contract to Bach's for the same price as last year.

- Water problems – several washouts; probably not enough in the area to get aid; however we are documented in case.
- Street sweeping has started.
- Tree cutting: Some done in the Township and four (4) completed in the Village.
- Trucks: doing brake work on all the truck; just 78 left to do.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Cemetery: Mowing for Grindstone Island Cemeteries is out to bid.
 Kaitlyn Wilkie: Didn't get the supplies for the Depauville Youth Center last year. Need to facilitate with a voucher for this year and a Tax Exempt Certificate. Just need a check for the \$300 to purchase materials. Councilman Kittle will help to co-ordinate getting materials.
 David Sedaris, noted Author coming to the Opera House. He is known for his wit and incisive social critiques. He is a pre-eminent humor writer.
 "Midgets" won the 16-U Tourney. Councilman Kittle would like to have individual letters to go to all on the team and the Coach. This team is comprised of kids from surrounding townships.
 Discussion of the possibility of having showers at Recreation Park.

Lance Peterson: Clayton Chamber Events: Spring Boat Show: April 8-10. There will be an Opening Celebration on Friday, April 8th from 6-8 PM. All the vendors are returning and there are several new vendors as well.
 The Highway Legends are moving forward with their Car Show on May 20-22.
 The Food & Wine Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. They will have several new vendors this year.
 All the Visitor Guides have been sent out for distribution.
 Business With A Twist went well at Hazelwood's last week.
 Business With A Twist for April will be held at Angel Rock Waterfront Cottages at a date to be announced.
 Paul Dee Scholarship recipients are Amanda Pursel and Amy Mack.

Bob Cantwell III: TIYLO: 3rd Ice Jam completed and all went well. Able to donate \$150 from the Hot Chocolate Hustle fun Run/Walk to the Paynter Center for their Bus Fund.
 Also served about 50 spaghetti dinners in LaFargeville at the American Legion.
 TIYLO and TI Land Trust working again in partnership to again have "Zenda Gardens". Applications will be sought the beginning of next month. Seeds have been ordered. Partnering with Bella's where she'll offer the Zenda Sandwich- for which the garden will supply the tomatoes and she'll donate a portion of the profits back to the garden.
 TIYLO: 2nd Annual Community Cleanup and Green Fest will be 4/30 Earth Day for cleaning up areas of the Village. They will be looking for volunteers to help with the community cleanup. Green Fest will host a number of exhibitors, with a recycled art show; up cycled fashion show, small food-less-traveled event and demonstrations and presentations. This is being made possible from the Cool Air-Clean Planet Community Catalyst Fund.
 TIYLO: has received a second grant from the NYS Urban Council and the We Live NY program for their Livable Communities Capacity Grant Program. TIYLO will partner with the CLDC to create a leadership program focused on educating

community members of the resources, assets, and leadership of the River Region.

Paynter Senior Center: No meeting this month.

Chris Matthews: Spoke with Dave Smith concerning the lights at Recreation Park. Mr. Smith needs to talk with Keith Wood about lighting issues.
Potential Closure of Cape Vincent School: Election to the School Board need to be watched. It is some Cape Vincent peoples feeling that Clayton is saying to “Close the school”. Four (4) candidates for School Board are up this year. Two people are still interested and two have left.
TI Foundation Dinner is at the Clipper Inn on April 6th. Take outs start at 4:30 PM and dinner in from 5-8:30 PM.

Executive Session:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to go into Executive Session at 6:27 PM to discuss a certain personnel issue. Highway Superintendent Boulton was asked to stay for the discussion. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to come out of Executive Session at 7:08 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular workshop meeting at 7:09 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk