

March 25, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting at the Town Offices located At 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, New York with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor
Lance Peterson
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte
Bob Boulton

Alicia Dewey
Ryan Wincott, TI Sun
Kris Dimmick, BCA
Harv Hurley
Tom Garrett
Peter Bourcy
Herbert Listemann
David Coutts
JoAnne Eschenberg
John F. O'Neill
Cary R. Brick
Jared Thisse, BCA

Leslie Drake
Alice Barton, Hawn Liberian
Norma Zimmer, Mayor
Peter Bounds
Rita Garrett
Chuck Livingston
Marty Fahmer
Franklin Shaffrey
Barb Ierlan
Ruth Desimone
Mary Bowman

Ken Knapp
Cindy Grant
David Larrabee
G. Davenport
Fred Jackson
Thomas Smith
Ann Fahmer
Don Badour
Sally Farmer
Tom Desimone
Joe Orobona

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Taylor, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- NYS-ORPS award of State assistance through the Coordinated Assessment Program (CAP) for Consolidation Incentive Aid in the amount of up to \$7.00 per parcel. The Town of Clayton will receive \$27,220.48 based on 3,968 parcels. **(See attachment file).**
- Copy of letter Assessor Denise Trudell sent to Howard-Smith Family LLC concerning Agricultural Exemption. **(See attachment file).**
- Letter from Jerry Wetterhahn in support of Wind Power. **(See attachment file).**
- Letter from Jefferson County Bd. Of Elections of their decision to resume the use of the remodeled Depauville Community Center facility for the 2009 elections and all future elections. **(See attachment file).**
- Letter informing the town that Safeco Surety has joined with and is part of Liberty Mutual Surety, a member of Liberty Mutual Group. **(See attachment file).**
- Letter from the Clayton Improvement Association, Ltd. (CIA), who are applying for additional funds for both Association Home Improvement Program in the amount of \$300,000 & \$400,000 from NYS Division of Housing & Community Revitalization through the NYS HOME Program. This would be used to assist income-eligible homeowners to make critical repairs & improvements to their homes. **(See attachment file).**
- Letter from North Country Affordable Housing, Inc announcing a recent award of \$700,000 for the Mobile Home Replacement Program. Low-income resident owners of mobile homes in Jeff. Co., Lewis, & St. Lawrence counties may apply to receive a grant up to \$35,000 towards costs of replacement with a stick built home. **(See attachment file).**

- Letters from: Marion Vaadi, Angela Mangum, Steve & Julie Dawes, Mrs. Helen Shampine, Delina E. Tubolino, Deborah Jepma, Marilyn Brentlinger concerning Horse Creek Wind Farm project and possible noise levels & setbacks from property lines. **(See attachment file).**
- Agenda for LWRP Committee meeting of March 18, 2009. **(See attachment file).**
- Agenda for Land Use Planning Workshop-Project Review: subdivision and Site Plan Processes” Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Jules Center Amphitheater, JCC. **(See attachment file).**
- Minutes from LWRP Committee meeting of March 18, 2009. **(See attachment file).**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Local Government Conference:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, for Town Clerk Kathy LaClair, Supervisors Assistant Alicia Dewey, Code Enforcement Richard Ingerson, Zoning Officer Henry LaClair, Zoning Board members: James Kenney, Harold Carpenter, Les Drake, Dave Storandt, Planning Board: Larry Aubertine & Duane Hazelton to attend the NYS Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference at JCC, on March 26th. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Don Turcotte, for Town Clerk Kathy LaClair and Deputy Town Clerk Janet Sullins to attend Jeff. County Tax Collectors & Town Clerks Association Dinner Meeting at Savory Café, Watertown. Motion carried.

Audit of Supervisors 2008 Balance Sheets:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to approve the audit of the Supervisor’s 2008 Balance Sheets as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Hawn Library:

Hawn Librarian Alice Barton discussed the “economic effects” in relationship to the library. The summer season will be fast approaching and last summer people were standing in line waiting to utilize the computers. She is looking to purchase a wireless DELL computer and a carousal table that will hold six (6) computers for a total of \$3624.

Consensus of the Board that they would be willing to help with this special request if the budget permits.

Supervisor Report:

Status of Assessor’s Office:

Memo from Assessor Trudell to the Town Board indicates that the office has lots of activity at this time. **(See attachment file).**

Joint Municipal Building Status:

This project is on hold until November of 2009 unless a huge amount of aid is available through the Stimulus Package.

Battery Recycling Status:

A barrel has been purchased and is in use at the Transfer Station at this time. When this barrel is full of household batteries, it will be replaced with an empty barrel at a charge of \$40-\$50 to the

Town.

Energy Audit: Lighting Quote(s):

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to go ahead with a capital cost of about \$4,042.20 with work being completed by our employees for Recreation Park. Motion carried. **(See attachment file).**

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donald Turcotte, for expenditure of funds to City Electric for replacement of lights for a total cost of \$2,824.55 at the Joint Highway Facility with personnel completing the work. **(See attachment file).**

Route 12E Sewer & Water Districts: Public Meeting at 5:30 PM:

Supervisor Taylor began the public meeting with an introduction of the town officials and a brief explanation as to why the proposed sewer & water district. This would be a no costs/no expense districts. If a property owner didn't want to hook up, they don't have to. Each property owner not included would pay a nominal annual fee; while someone that wanted to hook on would be responsible for the costs of connection and a usage fee from the Village.

The sewer district would strictly allow people to tie in if they wanted to. This public meeting is for gathering information.

Chris Dimmick of Bernier, Carr & Associates was on hand to help explain the concept of each district And how someone might want to hook up to the system(s). After listening to the concerns, Mr. Dimmick stated that 98% of the concerns and positive ideas can be addressed. He will be back for the Public Hearing with some answers to questions or problems posed this evening. Mr. Dimmick stated that some avenues would need to be reviewed with Atty. Joe Russell.

Several area residents spoke against having these districts.

Several area residents spoke in favor.

Village Trustee Joe Orobona explained that the Village is looking to make a long term goal and commitment to the environment. The Village is not looking for everyone to come on board. The Village has cap excess capacity to handle the outside users.

Discussions ended at 6:40 PM.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: If nothing else this discussion this evening was a great exercise. Spoke with Paul Barton, Clayton Youth Commission concerning Kaitlyn Wilkie questions about supplies at Depauville Community Center youth activities. Mr. Barton can't supply supervision but would be willing to help with a couple hundred dollars with supplies.

Donald Turcotte: Nothing to report this evening.

Lance Peterson: Boat show is sold out for both buildings. Volunteers are needed. Ladies Night at the Clayton Opera House: 1st time being held on March 20th well attended and vendors were pleased.

Chamber of Commerce has signed a contract with the American Bass Anglers for September 2009. This should see 100 + anglers to the area.

Business With A Twist: tonight at Bonnie Castle Rec. Center sponsored by the Alexandria Bay & Clayton Chambers.

Bob Cantwell III: Boat show this coming weekend.
Tractor bid should be at the next meeting.
Transfer Site & Recreation Park are closed Good Friday.
Public meeting for LWRP is April 7th.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Energy Audits: Very happy with economic impact of project.
- CPR/First Aide course-Blood Pathogen course for Village/Town/Rec. Park completed for NYS Dept of Labor. More training will be available.
- 380 Komatsu parts priced out at \$7000 to replace with new. Personnel made the parts for a cost of \$2000.
- Grading roads and servicing machinery.
- Painting walls getting ready for Boat Show.
- Discussions of DOT Rates, County Municipal Agreement renewing at one (1) year instead of 3 years.
- RMS Gravel out of Dryden: Travels to crush gravel and supplies own equipment. Quotes at 4" \$2.65/ton; 1 ½' @ \$2.85/ton & ¾" minus at \$3.20 - Highway Supt looking for 1 ½ and ¾ minus.

Public:

- Cindy Grant a public thank you to Bob Cantwell III for the time he is putting in with the Wind Committee and all the meetings that he attends.
- Cindy Grant: Reminder of the importance of the Wind issue.
- Ken Knapp a public thank you to the Wind Committee for helping to preserve Community spirit.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk