

March 26, 2008

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

Justin Taylor
Lance Peterson
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte
Bob Boulton

Denise Trudell
Cindy Grant
Melanie Brabant

Alicia Dewey
Norma Zimmer
Elaine Wilkie

Nicole Cornaire
Ken Brabant

Public:

Denise Trudell Assessor for the Town of Clayton stated the initial phase of the 2008 Town revaluation is complete. Last year the taxable value was \$295,039,774 and the preliminary taxable value now is \$698,876.609. The projected change in the Town tax rate would drop to \$0.846 from the current \$2. The change in the County rate is the present county rate of \$12.79 and would drop down to \$5.20. The TI School rate of \$19.07 per \$1000 should drop to \$8.87. These figures are prior to Informal hearings and Grievance Day and are subject to change by reductions given at that time. During Grievance procedures about 10-15% reduction is given back. There are 3900 parcels in the township: 44% of the assessment changes went down; another 15% stayed about the same; and 41% of the residential assessment went up.

The Assessor also stated she had received phone calls of concerns from Senior Citizens and if the Town Board so deems they can change the income level for seniors from the current \$18,000 up to \$28,000 to allow more seniors to be eligible.

Ms. Trudell also informed the Town Board that Veteran exemptions have been expanded to include Cold War Veterans at the State level which will increase levels of exemptions.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Ken Brabant by Supervisor Taylor and Mayor Zimmer on behalf of the entire Town & Village Boards thanking him for all his work at the Lions Field preparing the ice skating rink and his various contest for growing the tallest sunflower. Mr. Brabant's involvement in his community is very much appreciated.

Cindy Grant inquired if there was anything new concerning the Wind Turbines. Supervisor Taylor stated that there was not.

Elaine Wilkie spoke to the Town Board about health concerns if placement of Wind Turbines were allowed. They had just recently moved back to the area from Florida to get away from health hazards and if the wind turbines were to be allowed in this area, they would have to move again.

Town Clerk:

Minutes:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve the minutes of 2/13/08 as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by George Kittle, to approve the minutes of 2/27/08 as written. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to approve the minutes of 3/12/08 as written. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Assessment Notices of 23 Town properties have been received. **(See attachment book).**
- Copy of letter to the Assessor from Phillip R & Janice A. Beattie concerning questions regarding the 2008 Preliminary Assessment Roll has been received. **(See attachment book.)**
- Hawn Memorial Library meeting minutes of 2/19/08 & 3/18/08 have been received. **(See attachment book.)**
- A letter from Edgar Higgins concerning the revaluation had been received. **(See attachment book.)**

Resolution #30 of 2008:

The public hearing for Local Law #2-Code Enforcement was held at the last meeting on 3/12/08.

Resolution #30 of 2008 was introduced by George Kittle, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to adopt Local Law #2 of 2008 a local law providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Turcotte-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye. **(See Resolution Book.)**

Resolution #31 of 2008:

Resolution #31 of 2008 was introduced by Lance Peterson, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, authorizing the enactment of building permit fees in relationship to taking over Code Enforcement in the Town of Clayton. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Turcotte-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye. **(See Resolution Book.)**

Discussion of additional fees and or another inspector needed in the future. Consensus if a special project the Board has the latitude to bring someone on.

Intermunicipal Agreement-Code Enforcement:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Clayton concerning Code Enforcement. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Local Law #3:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to set a public hearing for April 9, 2008 at 6:00 PM for Local Law #3 of 2008 authorizing the Zoning Enforcement Officer to set public hearing for the Joint Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Supervisor:

Kowalczyk v. Town of Clayton Settlement Offer:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by George Kittle, to authorize settlement of \$186,500 assessment for the years 2007 & 2008 on advice from Assessor Trudell and Atty. Joseph Russell as it would cost more to fight this in court. Motion carried.

Steve Weed-Reassessment Education Video:

Assessment (Part 1) video has had 1,099 viewers and with the other parts a total of 1,983 viewers to the internet blog.

Proclamation for the TI Varsity Hockey Team:

Supervisor Taylor had Ms. Dewey draw up a Proclamation of Congratulations for the TI Varsity Hockey Team for a momentous 2007-2008 season. The proclamation was circulated to each Board Member & the Town Clerk for their signatures and will be presented to Joe Eppolito, Head Coach at the banquet on Monday, 3/31 at the THIS auditorium at 7 PM.

Association of Towns Resolutions:

Supervisor Taylor stated he had received the published booklet of Resolutions. He would like to send a letter of support for the resolutions passed. Consensus of the Town Board to send a letter of support of the resolutions that passed.

Supervisor's Report:

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve the Supervisor's report as presented. Motion carried.

West Side Sewer:

Of those polled in the area of the proposed West Side Sewer, we have received back 8 yes and 10 no. Discussion of the Betty Grant five (5) family parcels and the need to have included the need to pay included in the property deed transfers.

Request for Podium:

The Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals have expressed the need to have a podium for use at their respective meetings to aid in a more civil approach to these boards. A podium will be ordered.

Draft Contract Proposal –EDR for Riverwalk:

Supervisor Taylor stated he had just received this afternoon the Draft contract proposal for EDR. He hasn't had a chance to look at this as yet.

Historian Report:

Norm Wagner has submitted his annual New York State Museum Annual Report for 2007. (See attachment Book.)

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Financial concerns due to raising costs.
- Started grading dirt roads today.
- Also have started cold patching.
- Reese Road and all of the back roads have damage. This roads will be posted with a 12-ton limit.
- Costs this winter and by the end of 2008. We have spent \$107,000 out of a \$198,000 budget thus far. Salt prices up as are the asphalt prices, not to mention fuel. Discussion by the Board that the Highway budget will not have to face the brunt of everything and will help as much as possible.
- Zipper useage: A few towns have already expressed they would like to rent the zipper this summer and its looking like it will be busy all summer.

Committee Reports:

- George Kittle Books have arrived that stated he would purchase. The two (2) libraries have received theirs and another is here in the Town Offices.
- Donald Turcotte Heritage Heights: Approval has been given to give out the work order. We will replace both the pumps and the panel. Also the sewer cost with the Village will be going up and it is more important than ever to get this job completed.
Depauville Community Center: Had a meeting with Keith Wood, Alicia Dewey, Connie Haver. We received the \$11,850 grant from the NNY Community Development Fund-Alex Velto.
- Lance Peterson Chamber of Commerce: Has sent a letter request through Mr. Peterson for funds to help with ads to market the area.
Arena: Racing Car Show this weekend & the Annual Spring Boat Show will be the following weekend.
- Bob Cantwell III LWRP next meeting will be 4/24/08.
Recreation Park: Talked with Keith about fees possibly going up. We will increase ice time and wedding fees this year.
Transfer Site: No changes, all fees will remain the same.
Wish list for the Arena: Need for a new Zamboni; boards; showers.
Wish list for the pool: Several items to look at shortly: filters; roof; sun block shaded area.

Discussion of concerns of energy prices going up and can we maintain at out current tax rate.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk