

April 9, 2008

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

Justin Taylor (Absent)
Lance Peterson
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte
Bob Boulton

Ken Knapp
James P. Shaw

Cindy Grant
Alicia Dewey

Lora Wilson
Henry LaClair

Public:

Jim Shaw spoke to the Board about raising the limits of the Veteran's Exemption. Jefferson County had just raised their limits and he was looking for the Town to also raise theirs. He stated that this means a lot for fixed income families and he is hoping that by bring this to the attention of the Town Board that they will also see the benefits.

Bob Boulton also spoke citing that Jefferson County had raised their limits and the County estimated that it will cost them \$220,000. With the Town level it would mean much less.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to set a public hearing date for April 23rd at 6:00 PM to raise the limits for Veteran's Exemption. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

Ken Knapp stated he also supported the proposal to raise the Veteran's exemption.

Mr. Knapp also spoke about Title 10 coming down. He feels that this is a reasonable law, however fears some of the effects of the law.

Cindy Grant inquired if the Board had heard anything yet on the SEQRA. Deputy Supervisor Kittle stated he had heard nothing as yet and probably won't hear anything until summer concerning the findings. It's possible that the Economic Study will be completed by the Center of Studies of JCC; however that is not for certain as yet.

Lorie Wilson stated that she was opening an Acupuncture/Message Therapy business on 5/1 through 9/30 at the Grater Architects Building. This will only be at this location for the summer season.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Justice Clarence F. Giles March report. **(See attachment book.)**
- Justice Clifford James March report. **(See attachment book.)**

- NYS DEC – Annual Inspection letter concerning Depauville Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Facility. **(See attachment book.)**
- Letter from Michael Sligar, Chief Operator of the Wm. T. Field Memorial Pollution Control Plant. **(See attachment book.)**
- Cornell University Cooperative Extension – Upcoming Seminar for the Role of Adirondack North County Foods in Community & Economic Development. **(See attachment book.)**
- Letter from Jessica Des Lauriers, Development Manager of Audubon International, informing of various seminars & workshops that address the challenges currently facing New York’s municipal boards & communities. These seminars can be useful to fulfill NYS training requirements for planning & zoning boards. **(See attachment book.)**
- Land Use Planning Workshop Notice – ZBA Basics: An Overview of ZBA Powers & Duties – Wednesday 4/23 at JCC. **(See attachment book.)**

Minutes:

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve the minutes of March 26th, 2008 as written. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

Recreation Park Equipment:

Keith Wood, Supervising Foreman at Rec. Park had indicated by means of e-mail, that he needs to purchase equipment. He has found under state bid a John Deere 997 which is a commercial diesel and a x700 which is a rider with mower deck, cab and snow blower.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, authorizing Mr. Wood to purchase the following under state contract: a John Deere 997 for \$11,708; and the x700 for \$10,306. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

Assessor’s Schooling:

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to send Nicole Cornaire, Assessor’s Clerk to Assessor Schooling and approving the \$110 fee associated with attendance. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

Clayton Center Cemetery:

Bob Boulton stated that Stan Brill, a Clayton Center native, would like to reset some of the stones and replace/repair a fence. There has been a page wire fence there since the 1920’s; the County will stump some trees. Mr. Brill would hand make the wrought iron fence and his time is donated. The steel would be purchased by the town. Mr. Boulton asked the Board to think about for the next couple of weeks and discuss again at our next meeting.

Discussion of Towns responsibility for cemeteries.

Proposed Amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Henry LaClair, Zoning Enforcement Officer reviewed with the Board proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance. Mr. LaClair asked the Town Board to set a public hearing at the April 23rd meeting for May 14, 2008 at 6:00 PM, the reason being that Jeff. Co. Planning will review the proposed amendments at their meeting the last Tuesday of April and send their comments back to the Town. Consensus of the Board – they will set the public hearing at the next meeting.

Mr. LaClair also stated that because there seems to be a lot of the small blue blow up pools now, his office will be enforcing permit requirements on these.

Board discussion on setbacks of gravel pits where they adjoin another pit.

The Town Board completed part II of the SEQRA short form in relationship to the proposed amendments.

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by Don Turcotte, that the proposed action **Will Not** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Boat Show had a very good turn out.
- Heritage Heights: two (2) pumps and a electrical panel box have been installed. One (1) float isn't working properly and will be replaced next week.
- Dirt roads – Mainland we have gone from 24 miles down to 9 miles of dirt roads. We've finished grading the main land and have Grindstone Island yet to do.
- Cold patching continuing and also sweeping of intersections.
- Lawn cleanup to start next week in Depauville.
- Chainsaw school next Tuesday. The County will be hosting.

Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2008:

Motion Bob Cantwell III, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to open the public hearing for Local Law #3, a local Law authorizing the Zoning Enforcement Officer to schedule public hearings before the Joint T/V of Clayton Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals at 6:09 PM. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

No SEQRA is needed as this is an administrative action.

No public comments on this subject.

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to close the public hearing at 6:15 PM. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

Resolution #32 of 2008:

Resolution #32 of 2008 was introduced by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to adopt Local Law #3, a local law authorizing the Zoning Enforcement Officer to schedule

public hearings before the Joint Town/Village of Clayton Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals. Taylor – Absent; Kittle – aye; Turcotte – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell III – aye. (See **Resolution Book**.)

Committee Reports:

Donald Turcotte

- Depauville Community Center repair work just about taken care of.
Also there were changes to some of the equipment being required and it was okayed by Mr. Velto.
- Silgar letter had to do with sewage loads that had to wait to be unloaded at their facility.

Lance Peterson

- Attendance to the Boat Show was about 3,000-3,200.
- Wine Show coming up in May.
- April 24th Business with a Twist at P.J.'s.

Bob Cantwell III

- We have already touched on the Mowers for Rec. Park and the Boat Show.
- LWRP meeting will be 4/24.
- Paynter Senior Center – nothing to report at this time.

Motion by Donald Turcotte, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:20 PM. Motion carried. (Taylor – Absent.)

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk