

June 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton was held in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall, Riverside Drive, Clayton with the following persons present:

Justin A. Taylor

Robert W. Cantwell III

Kathy LaClair

George Kittle

Christopher D. Matthews

Lance Peterson

Robert Boulton (Absent)

Michael Docteur

Steve Dorr

Alicia Dewey

Ken Knapp

Cindy Grant

Jim Yuhas

Pat Youngs

Pam Mc Dowell (TI Sun)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Taylor led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance after opening this regular meeting at 5:00 PM.

Guests:

Jefferson County Legislator Michael Docteur discussed Benchmarks problems with the State of New York. The legislature is concerned that Benchmark will not be operational; however they are saying that they may soon have new leadership and will hopefully continue with the help of Jefferson County.

Legislator Docteur also discussed the Watertown International Airport and the arrival of a new air Carrier sponsor.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- TILT picnic will be June 17th. **(See attachment file).**
- Village of Clayton has sent the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. **(See attachment file).**
- Association of Tax Collectors/Town Clerks of Jefferson County will have a dinner meeting at Ryan's Restaurant on Tuesday, June 21st at 6:00 PM. Topic will be discussions on the dog licensing contract with Jefferson County. **Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, for Town Clerk LaClair to attend. Motion carried.
- Time Warner Cable notice of 2011 Franchise Fee Worksheet for January thru March. **(See attachment file).**
- Justice(s) Clarence Giles and Clifford James May report to the NYS Comptroller. **(See attachment file).**
- Grants Action News for June 2011. **(See attachment file).**
- Invitation to Save the River Groundbreaking for their Building Expansion, Friday, June 3 @ 5-6:30 PM. (See attachment file).
- Time Warner Cable's agreements with programmers that carry their services routinely about to expire. Some programmers might cease to be carried and listings of some stations that may be added, relocated, dropped or have a name change within the viewing areas. **(See attachment file).**
- Jefferson county News Release of 6/1/2011 for Annual thirty Day Period for Landowners to request the addition of viable Agricultural Land to existing Agricultural Districts. **(See attachment file).**

- Notice of Tribute to Dr. John S. Eppolito by the Thousand Islands Foundation on May 26th upon his retirement as a Board Member to the Foundation. **(See attachment file).**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of May 25, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

Supervisor:

Supervisor's Report:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve the Supervisor's Report of May 2011. Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve payment of Abstract #6 for June 8, 2011, in the amount of \$85,379.59. Motion carried.

Lifeguards Rates:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to pay Ashley DeVito as Pool Director \$12.00 per hour starting May 19, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to pay the following lifeguards as follows:

Kristi Freitag – Head Guard	\$11.00 p/h
Jennifer Rhinebeck – Head Guard	\$11.00 p/h
Erycka Phelps – 1 st yr/with WSI	\$10.00 p/h
Tim Freitag – 1 st yr/No WSI	\$ 9.00 p/h
Miranda Bechaz – 1 st yr/ No WSI	\$ 9.00 p/h
Kristin McGraw – 1 st yr/No WSI	\$ 9.00 p/h
Anyone Else coming on would be @	\$ 8.00 p/h and will be reflected in future minutes.

Motion carried.

Discussion followed concerning the extension of the season of adult swim time. This will be referred to the Pool Director to look into.

Transfer Site:

FYI – the Transfer Site was broken into last week. Cash was taken all checks were left.

Cerow Recreation Park Recommendations Status:

Supervisor Taylor and Councilman Kittle met with Bill Grater, Grater Architects, last Monday. Mr. Grater will look over the recommendations and get back to the Town Board with an estimate of costs.

Code of Ethics:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, the Town Board is okay with the concept of wording changes provided by our Attorney that changed the format from the Local Law wording to resolution wording concerning the Code of Ethics, and that the County Board of ethics would be the "advisory board" rather than a local board of ethics. Motion carried.

Frink Bond Update:

The renewal for the Frink Bonding will be early July 2011 in the amount of \$92,500 plus interest. Supervisor Taylor reported there are adequate funds in the Frink Capital account at this time, and after the payment there will be approximately \$20,000 left. Also the Supervisor expressed that the Frink property needs to be sold by July 2012.

FYI's:

Supervisor Taylor stated that the Town Board members had been sent copies of the Department Heads Monthly Reports. These are very informative and helpful information if Council is approached about specific questions by the townspeople.

Notice has been received from the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services, that the town has met the requirements for aid for Cyclical Reassessment on our 2010 Assessment Roll. The Town of Clayton will receive \$15,560.55 in aid, which was computed using a parcel count of 3977, which was extracted from our 2010 final assessment roll, time $\$4.1005 \times .989$ to equal the aid payment amount.

Health Insurance Review:

Town Board discussion of potential health insurance plan options previously provided by the Health Insurance Review Committee, including Blue Cross/Blue Shield HRA, HSA & FSA Insurance plans. First look, Councilman(s) Kittle and Peterson believed that the FSA would be most negotiable. If the HRA would buy down the rate, then they wouldn't mind going with this option. HRA: the 1st \$500 of a "single" plan or the 1st \$1000 of a "2-person/family" plan would come from the Employee. Discussion: that the 1st \$500 could be paid back to the employee from the \$600/Flex Benefits Plan. Discussion that the Town Board is looking to provide a "benefit" to the employees, but needs to be financially feasible to the employer.

After extensive discussion and review, the consensus of the Town Board is to take the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Plan to the employees and dismiss the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Health Savings Account (HSA).

Discussion continued concerning the insurance coverage and cost shares for the Town Board members. Councilman Matthews stated that a precedent was set years ago to provide health insurance to the Town Board. Further discussion about a \$15,000 cap worth of combined benefit and salary possibly could be given. Nothing was finalized concerning the Town Board's Health Plan and this will be discussed further at another meeting possibly at "budget" time.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to go into Executive Session at 6:27 PM to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to come out of Executive Session at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to adjourn this regular and workshop meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk