

June 25, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting on the 3rd floor of the Opera House with the following present:

Justin Taylor
Lance Peterson
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte (Absent)
Bob Boulton

Alicia Dewey
David Knapp
Pamela McDowell
Carol Reff

Ken Knapp
Rod Buchen
Herrick Stickney
Tricia Bourcy Ludlow

Karen Matthews Salisbury
Rachel Cole
Cindy & Daniel Grant
Frances Ludlow

Public:

Ken Knapp expressed his feelings on the wind turbines in the suspension mode. He stated that certain taxpayers also are on hold with their lives as well because of the uncertainty and that many have concerns and that we collectively need to work through the issues.

The following expressed views on the current revaluation, Assessor and various Assessor's staff:

Will Salisbury read a prepared statement. (See attachment to file.)

Steven Wallach submitted a prepared statement read by David Knapp. (Not given to Town Clerk).

Cindy Grant, Karen Salisbury, Greg Lago, Rachel Cole, Herrick Stickney and Frances Ludlow had questions or statements of how: Assessor and staffing are employed by the town; inspections were done and the guidelines used.

Carol Reff inquired as to where we were in the process for possibly allowing mobile homes in the Hamlet of Depauville.

Tricia Ludlow spoke on concerns for her child's safety at her fathers home in the Hamlet of Depauville with a know child abuser living across the road.

Town Clerk:

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve the 5/28/08 minutes with grammatical changes only. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Cantwell, 2nd by Lance Peterson, to approve the 6/11/08 minutes with grammatical changes only. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- IRS as of July 1st raising mileage rate by \$.08 to \$.585 per mile. (**See attachment file.**)
- Received notice from the Village of Clayton of a 30% increase for the 2009 Heritage Heights Sewer District fee. It will be going to \$585 from \$452.50 per EDU. (**See attachment file.**)
- Clayton Celebrates Summer Parade – Sunday, 7/20/08 @1 PM. (**See attachment file.**)
- Invitation to Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Primary Care & Ophthalmology Center on Sunday, 7/6/08 from 4-6 PM. (**See attachment file.**)
- Received News/Views June 2008 from International Water Levels Coalition. (**See attachment file.**)
- Letter from Joey Lynn Ramseier requesting donations for the Fireworks display. (**See attachment file.**)
- Letter from the Village of Clayton discussing budget amount to the Youth Commission. (**See attachment file.**)
- Received paperwork from Bottar Leone, PLLC concerning Norma J. Jareo. (**See file.**)

Fuel Bid:

Town Clerk will advertise in the TI Sun for two (2) weeks for returns by 7/23/08.

Supervisor:

MOU with NYSORPS:

Supervisor Taylor stated we had done an agreement with the Office of Real Property Services last July and it is now time to renew that agreement. **Motion** by George Kittle, 2nd by Lance Peterson, for the Supervisor to sign new agreement. Motion carried.

Equalization Rate:

Notice of the Tentative Equalization Rate, currently at 100% for the 2008 Assessment Roll has been received from the State of New York State Board of Real Property.

Frink Land Planner Grant from Gov. Paterson:

A letter of award has been received the Frink Land Planner Grant for the \$35,000 that was requested. The funding is provided through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program of the Department of State under Title II of the Environmental Protection Fund.

Depauville Community Meeting:

Supervisor Taylor stated he attended with about 30 others, a Depauville Community meeting on June 23rd. Topic of conversation was 4-wheelers on the main roads in Depauville. The community consensus is they will have to take care of this internally.

Recreation Park – 4-wheelers:

Supervisor Taylor indicated that the Town will address the issue of 4-wheelers on the grounds of Recreation Park. We have been having some trouble with them recently.

RFP-Farmland Protection Implementation Project:

Supervisor Taylor stated this is a drainage program for the Ag District.

Elevator/Fire Alarm System Maintenance Contracts:

Both contracts are up in July of this year. **Motion** by George Kittle, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, for the Supervisor to negotiate both contracts and sign for the Town of Clayton.
Motion carried.

Employee Handbook Revisions:

Will be revised after Department Head Review and Union negotiations.

Bed Tax Request:

Discussion and consensus that our Bed Tax is a pass through, given to the Chamber of Commerce and is budgeted by them. If anyone has a request for some of that funding they need to make a request to the Chamber of Commerce.

Grindstone Island Marquee:

The Grindstone Island School committee is looking to erect a 3' marquee.
Superintendent of Highways Bob Boulton stated that he is also looking at a kiosk at the dock and one at the school for 911 numbers and roads for emergency use.

Grindstone Island Meeting Location Change:

Supervisor Taylor would like to have the meeting at Dodge Hall. He stated there is a little more room and we need to check to make sure there are enough chairs.

Highway Report:

- **Frink** – The County will be increasing the truck reimbursable rate by \$10.
- - We will be out of the Frink property by the end of August.
- G.I. - We have done calcium chloride on the roads.
- - Also trimming the roads.
- **Highway shutdown** - the week of the 4th of July.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Feels that taxpayers need to be given time to say their piece.
We are not shutting the door on them – this is a huge issue.
More education needs to be done as assessments v/s tax rates are not understood.
People can schedule a time with the Assessor to visit inside of the homes for more accurate assessments.

Donald Turcotte: Supervisor Taylor stated that Mr. Turcotte is still in Syracuse and hopefully will be in River Hospital convalescing soon.

Lance Peterson: Food & Wine Show was a great success with over 3100 attendees, which is over 1000 from last year. There were 55 vendors.

Recreation Park is to be commended. The downtown merchants also benefited.

Chamber of Commerce is working on there new 800 number.

Coast Guard Cutter will be docked at Frink Park for the 4th of July.

Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 5th at dusk.

Lion's Club Fishing Tournament is this weekend.

Farmer's Market will begin tomorrow night and be held on

Thursday's thru August from 4-8 PM.

Thursday Night Concert Series will also start tomorrow night at Frink Park.

Bobby Cantwell III: Nothing to report as no meetings were held since last town board meeting.

July 9th meeting will be held in the Town Board Room.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:15 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk