

August 11, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting in the Town Board Room, located at 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, NY with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Lance Peterson
Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton	Kathy LaClair
Jim Yuhas	Alicia Dewey	Ken Knapp
Duane Hazelton	Tom Grant	Cindy Grant
Daniel Grant	Pam Mc Dowell (TI sun)	Vivian Vergin
Michael Docteur (Co. Leg.)		

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting at 5:00 PM. Daniel Grant led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests:**

County Legislator Mike Docteur expressed condolences on the passing of Councilman Donald Turcotte.

Co. Leg. Docteur indicated that Jefferson County is committed to a \$5 million project to build two elder-care facilities in the county. The County is looking to apply for a \$30 million grant that is due August 25<sup>th</sup> with grant awards expected out at the end of this September. The state grant would only support assisted-living beds and another grant would be needed for nursing home beds. The total plan for one of the facilities would have all nursing home beds and 120 assisted-living beds and would be built on outer Washington Street by Samaritan Medical Center on 14 acres that they own. The other building, with 60 assisted-living beds, would be built in Carthage, with the help of Carthage Area Hospital. In comparing figures of what Jefferson County would spend for making payments on a new facility to the yearly amounts for the aging Whispering Pines, there is little difference and an upgraded facility with more beds is sorry needed.

Leg. Docteur discussed the Jefferson County Wind PILOT program. As the program is proposed, towns would have no say. Leg. Docteur believes that this needs to come back to the local taxing jurisdiction and he is working to that end.

Jefferson County has passed a resolution aiding the STAR team.

Hwy. Supt. Boulton expressed a thank you to Leg. Docteur for helping get the bleachers for the upcoming Fireman's Convention.

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- Assessment Notice of Petition with the Supreme Court: (1) John Lanzione; (2) James C. Adamson, Katherine Castor, Stephen Castor, Susan Charbonneau, Robert Dodenhoff, Ronald Chisamore, Beverly Cole, Rachel Cole, Walter Compare, Jeannette Compare, Caryn Contino, Alan A. Dennison, Louise Ann Ford, Martin Kenner, Camilla Smith, James E. Ludwig Jr., Diann I. Ludwig, Barbara A. Mead, Michael J. Mead, Eliza J. Moore, Camp Murray Holdings LLC, James C. Pontious, Paul W. Rath, Sandra C. Rath, Spookhollow Corporation, David Taylor, Donald Taylor.
- Assessment Notice of small Claims: Beverly Cole; Ronald J. Cooper; Thomas C. & Beverly J. Geisler; Martha B. Tottenham-Smith; Bradley T. & Kristen S. Kranz.

- Justice Clarence F. Giles Jr. July 2010 report to the Comptroller. **(See attachment file.)**
- Justice Clifford James July 2010 report to the Comptroller. **(See attachment file.)**
- Resignation letters from Janet Sullins from the position(s) of Joint T/V Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk.
- Grants Action News for August 2010. **(See attachment file.)**
- Depauville Sewer District Minutes of August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Letter from Atty. Kevin O'Brien of Mitchell Goris & Stokes, LLC, a response to Peter Marks four page document distributes at the Town Board meeting 7/28 on Grindstone Island. **(See attachment file.)**
- Petition to abandon road on Grindstone Island & a formal objection to reopening the abandoned northernmost end of Cross Island Rd., Grindstone Island. **(See attachment file.)**
- Notice of 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Conference @ SUNY Potsdam, Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. **(See attachment file.)**

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to postpone the 7/27 Special meeting minutes with the CLDC and 7/28 Town Board minutes until our next meeting. Motion carried.

**Resolution #45 of 2010:**

**Resolution #45 of 2010** was introduced by George Kittle, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an Inter-Municipal Agreement for Shared Services for Maintenance Data Processing System (MDPS) with the County of Jefferson, County of Lewis and Multiple other Towns and Villages. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye. PASSED.

**Supervisor:**

**Supervisor's Report:**

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the Supervisor's Report as presented. Motion carried.

**Bills:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the payment of Abstract #8 in the amount of \$129,044.03. Motion carried.

**Code Enforcement Officer Position Status:**

The second round of interviews will be after the Town Board meeting this evening.

**Board Member Position Vacancy:**

Since Councilman Turcotte was a Democratic, his party will be meeting to seek a replacement. An application will be required and an interview process if more than one person is interested.

**Save the River Position Statement Response:**

Supervisor Taylor submitted the following as a draft statement: "The Town will rely on the experts at the NYS DEC and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service to determine the impact and any mitigation that may be needed related to Bird and Bat mortality related to any proposed Commercial Wind Project in our established overlay district. They have the expertise and ability to express their positions on this and other related topics as part of the well established SEQRA process of any active

application the Planning Board may have.” Supervisor Taylor stated that at this time it should be noted that we have no active application pending with the Town of Clayton at this time. Consensus of the Board that this will be our statement.

**Court Room Damage:**

Court Room damage occurred with the power surge by National Grid that took out a compressor unit(s). The Village has estimated the cost will be under \$1,000 to fix and the Town will pay one half the amount. Consensus of the Board that this was an acceptable 50/50 expense.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

- Finished blacktop on Kehoe Tract yesterday.
- Possibly will do some millings work on the Zang Road.
- Grindstone Island work is completed.
- Mobile Mapping should be completed in Lewis County about 8/15 or 16 and then will be starting in Jefferson County.
- Will need an appointment to the Depauville Sewer Board for vacancy.

**Committee Reports:**

**George Kittle:** A new logo for the Town is needed. Contest Rules will be completed by Alicia Dewey, Executive Assistant. Possible to put this into the TI School Art Dept. Good Job has been done on the Cemeteries. Has received many positive comments.

**Lance Peterson:** Chamber of Commerce: 9/17 & 18 will be the Fall Boat Show. 750 Visitor Guides are left out of the 85,000 that were printed this year. The “hits” are up on the Web Site. Good job to Chris Bogenschultz for the designing of the Web. Traffic in the Chamber Office is up. People are making reservations on demand this year at motels, etc instead of pre-registrations.  
Cerow Park: Wrestling this weekend with thousands in attendance. Tuesday night was St. Mary’s Gala with over 600 in attendance. After the event, Recreation Park Crew cleanup during the night hours to be ready for the 9 AM set up for the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Show. Accolades to Keith and the Staff for their tremendous workings.  
Discussion of showers: Hoping to have some numbers ready for budget time. Supervisor Taylor will ask Rob Campany to work some numbers and give feedback.  
Pool will be closed the weekend of 8/21 and reopen on 8/23. The pool will shut down for the season on 8/27.  
Discussion of chipping at the Transfer Site: Crew is chipping all the time. Solar panels & equipment should be here Friday and work to start immediately.

**Bob Cantwell III:** Have been receiving positive comments of the work that was done on Grindstone. Accolades to Bob Boulton and Highway Personnel  
Discussion with local businesses indicating an “over the top” record year. Received a copy of an email that Amy Flack, TIPAF received, concerning the Los Lobos Concert. Sold out crowd. People impressed with the area and will be back for future vacations.  
TIYLO: 9/29 River Rat Triathlon has at present 72 registered.

**Public Comment:**

Ken Knapp located a 3,000 year old archeological site which contains meadow findings. He showed a spearhead as one of his findings. He is a member of an Archeological Group and this is a new discovery of an old place that is located on his property.

Vivian Vergin distributed a letter to the Town Board which expresses a complaint concerning a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and his treatment of her and her application.

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

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**Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk**