

August 22, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their annual regular meeting at the Depauville Free Library & Community Center with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Lance Peterson
Robert W. Cantwell III	Christopher Matthews (absent)	Robert Boulton
Kathy LaClair		
Ken Knapp	Pam McDowell, TI Sun	Jan Larrow
Tresa Forkey	Larry Girard	Keitha Huchzermeier
Connie Haver	Bob Haver	Susan Farmer (CIA)
Beth McGraw (CIA)	Cindy Grant	Leona Wilkie
Jasper Wilkie	Karen Nadder-Lago (Librarian)	

Meeting was opened at 5:00 PM with the Supervisor leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Time Warner Cable – Notice of upcoming changes to their billing system ie: New account numbers, etc. **(See attachment book).**
- Grants Action News- August 2012 edition. **(See attachment book).**
- Rotella Grant Gazette- August 2012 edition. **(See attachment book).**
- Notice of 21st Annual Local Government Conference @ SUNY Potsdam on October 9th. Need to pre-register before October 2nd. **(See attachment book).**
- Open House notice for Cape Vincent Family Health Center – Thursday, August 30th; 4-6PM. **(See attachment book).**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of August 8th as written. (Matthews-absent). Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Ken Knapp discussed the LWRP and discussed the Depauville Free Library/Community Center Grant.

Workshop Topic(s):

Fuel Bids:	<u>Company</u>	<u>Furnace Fuel Oil</u>	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Propane Fixed</u>	<u>Variable</u>
	Philly Fuels	3.885	3.085	2.031	1.232
	Ferrell Gas	X	X	1.99	X
	Griffith	3.819	3.3595	1.859	1.3675
	MX Petroleum	3.469	X	1.579	X

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to award to Philly Fuels at the Variable Prices of Furnace Fuel Oil \$3.085 and Propane \$1.232. (Matthews-absent). Motion carried.

Set Budget Workshop Date(s):

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to set a Budget Workshop date for September 19, 2012 @ 5 PM in the Town Board Room. Should another meeting be needed it would take place September 26, 2012 following the meeting at the Paynter Center. (Matthews-absent). Motion carried.

County Charge Backs – Tax Cap Override Local Law:

Jefferson County Town Supervisor’s Association has been in discussions with the Jefferson County Administrator concerning charge backs to the towns tax levy. Such discussions were to explore ideas changing the method and timing of submitting charges for the non-mandatory services the County provides to the towns in order to satisfy the State Comptroller’s Office that these costs are part of the towns’ levies under the new tax cap law. Charges include workers’ compensation, dog control, repayments of tax certiorari, and the costs of printing the town tax rolls. The County is looking to change this by providing estimates of these costs to the towns in time for them to be included in their respective budgets, and then by billing the towns for these services and costs in the following year. That being said, it is necessary for the towns to now do a tax cap override for the added budget amount which is not suppose to exceed 2% levy over the previous years’ property taxes.

Joseph W. Russell, Town Attorney advises that we do this Local Law upon his recommendation.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to introduce and to set a Public Hearing date for September 12, 2012, at 5:30 PM for Local Law #2 of 2012, A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law§3-c. (Matthews-absent). Motion carried.

Depauville Sewer Billing [ad valorem option]:

Discussion concerning changing the Depauville Sewer billing from quarterly notices to putting a yearly amount on the Town & County Tax bills. Supervisor Taylor explained that the Town could realize a savings from the budget of approximately \$1000-\$1500 per year if the yearly amount were to be a line item on the Town & County Tax bills, such as is the case with the Reed Point District and the Heritage Heights Districts.

Depauville Sewer Board attendees, expressed that many of the Depauville Sewer users have enough trouble paying the amount per quarter, let alone come up with the total amount along with Town & County taxes the first of the year. Besides, there are many elderly on fixed incomes as well as low income families that simply won’t be able to pay so much at one time. The Board attendees stated they would rather keep things the way they were now. You usually have 20-30 users that continually don’t pay the quarterly amounts. Town Clerk LaClair stated that the majority of those were paid by escrow/mortgages on the following T & C tax bills.

Suggestion from the Sewer Board was possible changing the current quarterly bill to reflect on the first bill of the year, an option of paying the full yearly amount or the quarterly amount.

Town Board on advice from all in attendance to leave the billing and collection as is – Quarterly billing.

Depauville Library Grants [NCLS Construction Grant & RARP]:

Depauville Librarian Karen Lago explained that a construction grant has been applied for through North County Library System State Library Grants. Nothing has been heard at this time. This grant would be for an addition on the back portion of the Library which would have a handicap ramp access, storage room and much needed windows to help with the lighting. The addition would help open up the lower floor for a greater use of the Library rooms.

Mrs. Lago is working with Susan Farmer and Beth McGraw, from the Clayton Improvement Association, on a RARP Grant for a program that will help pre or early schooled children to improve reading skills.

Depauville LWRP Hamlet Revitalization:

Board Room Video Screen:

The Planning Board had asked for a Laptop Computer and a screen for reviewing Subdivisions and other plans submitted. On Tuesday, a TV/Video screen was installed in the Board Room and today the Laptop Computer was received.

September Workshop Meeting:

We will again this year have the 2nd meeting, September 26th workshop meeting at the Paynter Center.

Assessment Training session(s):

Consensus of the Town Board to send Kim Johnston to the two (2) day Assessment training session and one day testing, to be held in Syracuse on September 25 & 26 and October 10th. There is no charge for the training, but mileage will be reimbursed.

TIYLO Request to Use Frink Property :

Consensus of the Town Board to allow TIYLO use of the Frink Parking lot area for a post triathlon party from noon – 2 on Sunday, August 26th.

Depauville Minutes:

Supervisor Taylor requested that the Depauville Sewer minutes be sent in by email in the Microsoft Word format to the Town Offices. If not please send a copy of your printed minutes by mail.

JCC Course:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to send Alicia Dewey to take a Human Resources course for \$900 at JCC so as to be able to update the Employee Handbook. The course will run from 9/12-12/12. (Matthews-absent.) Motion carried.

Public Questions:

Jan Larrow inquired if there would be a fall pickup in Depauville this year. Hwy. Superintendent Boulton stated he would be able to do that, but would need to get back to them with the date.

Highway Superintendent Report:

-  **Factory Street project:** We had received a grant for this project. It has been a fun project and is just about completed. Now putting in a pipe going out to County Route 54. Will then need to be paved and a guard rail installed.
-  **Jefferson County #54:** County 54 will be repaved this coming year and the County will revamp the hill coming into Depauville and adding curbing. Clayton Highway Dept. is looking to be able to help with this project.
-  **Discussion** concerning paying final bills and the close out of the Factory Street Grant project.

Committee Report(s):

Bob Cantwell III:

Parking Committee meetings start up September 12th.

Paynter Center meeting next week.

Drum Mountaineers looking for a couple hours ice time this fall. Please keep them in mind when setting up the schedule.

George Kittle:

Discussed the longevity of the Towns gravel pit.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to adjourn this workshop meeting at 6:15 PM. (Matthews-absent) Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk