

August 25, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular Workshop meeting at the Depauville Community Center, Depauville, NY with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor
Robert W. Cantwell III

George Kittle
Bob Boulton

Lance Peterson
Kathy LaClair

Ken Knapp
Connie Haver
Thomas R. Grant
Pam McDowell (TI Sun)
Daniel Grant

Pat Youngs
Cornie Schnauber
Gerald Hill
John S. Forkey
James Kenney

Elaine Dillon
Duane C. Hazelton
Joedy Hill
Cindy Grant
Alicia Dewey

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular Workshop meeting at 5:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Thank you for your kindness & help from the family of Donald I. Turcotte. (See attachment file.)
- Letter from Peter Marks dated August 13, 2010. (See attachment file.)
- Letter from Jefferson County Dept. of Insurance concerning the Apportionment of Plan Assessments for 2011. (See attachment file.)
- Letter from Heidi Kester thanking the Board for their support of the swimming program at Cerow Recreation Park. (See attachment book.)
- Fax from Town of Barker concerning Marcellus Shale. (See attachment file.)
- Notice of Public Sale from T.I. Bridge Authority. (See attachment file.)
- Notice of Supreme Court Applications for Review of Assessment from Robert E. & Julie L. Purcell; Ten Acres Properties, LLC; Patricia M. Zicari; and Maria Coraccia, Charles Gugino and Angelo Escalera, for the 2010 tax year.

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of July 27, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to approve the minutes of July 28, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the minutes of August 11, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution #46 of 2010 was introduced by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to certify examination and audit of Town Justices 2009 monthly reports and account books. Taylor-aye; Kittle aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye. PASSED.

Resolution #47 of 2010 was introduced by Robert W. Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, a resolution adopting Lead Agency, Findings, Conclusions and Rationale relating to the probable environmental impacts of the Joint Town/Village of Clayton Local Waterfront Revitalization Project

and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the EAF and file the Negative Declaration. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye. PASSED.

Resolution #48 of 2010 offered by George Kittle, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, a resolution adopting the Jefferson County, New York, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye. PASSED.

Supervisor:

Proclamation for Donald Turcotte:

A Proclamation honoring Donald I. Turcotte for his many years of dedicated service to the Clayton Community and the North Country Region was read by Town Clerk LaClair. (See attachment to the Minute Book.)

Code Enforcement Position:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to hire Richard Ingerson effective 8/26/2010. Motion carried.

Fourth Coast Solar Service Provider Agreements:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to accept and approve both solar services Project(s) Provider Agreements: 30kW Grid Tied Photovoltaic System – Highway Garage & 21kW Grid Tied Photovoltaic System – Cerow Recreation Center. Motion carried.

Supervisor Taylor stated that bids that were to be opened today, would be pushed back one (1) week to September 1st, to give local contractors time to bid.

Petition to Abandon Road-Grindstone Island:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, not to entertain this petition on Recommendation of Highway Superintendent and Town Attorney that the Town doesn't want to abandon our access to any portion of the Cross Island Road on Grindstone Island. Motion carried.

Vacant Board Position:

The local Democrat Committee has submitted a list of six (6) names to the Town Supervisor. The local Republican Committee has submitted three (3) names. Discussion followed. **Consensus** of the Town Board is not to appoint a person to the Vacant Board Position and allow the electorate to elect from two (2) candidates in the November 2010 Election. Each political party will select one (1) person to run on their line this November. Since the position is up for election next year, the person will have to run for election two (2) years in a row.

Vacant Depauville Sewer Board Position:

The Town Board will ask the new Town Board Member to be on the Depauville Sewer Board.

Tables and Chairs-Town of Alexandria:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to sell the agreed upon number of older tables from Cerow Recreation Park to the Town of Alexandria Bay for \$5 per. Motion carried.

Recreation Park WI-FI:

The project was completed yesterday. The Town will increase the cost for all events next year to help pay the yearly cost.

ORPS Presentation:

The Town Assessor in conjunction with a State ORPS Representative will be holding a public session on August 30th on the 3rd floor of the Opera House, at 6:00 PM. This will be the second time this session has been held. The session is to give the public general property tax information, reassessment process & benefits to taxpayers, and how equalization rates affect the property taxpayer. There will also be time for questions and answers with both the local and state representatives.

GIS Conference – October 24-26:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to approve Alicia Dewey to attend the 26th NYS GIS Conference at Saratoga Springs and for the Town to pay meals & lodging for the attendance. Motion carried.

Dog Licenses:

Town Clerk Kathy LaClair has attended a BAS presentation today at the Town of LeRay. A big part of the discussion has been on Dog Licensing, which has been state mandated and transferred responsibility from New York State Ag & Markets to the Towns. More to follow.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Resolution #48 which was just passed this evening will help with the water problem we have on Factory Street, Depauville.
- Dry Hydrant installation at the Clark Farm has been completed.
- Inventory of town roads and infrastructure has been completed.
- Community Center: Might look for grants for access to downstairs for more utilization of the Community Center. Possible that the majority of work could come from in-house.

Discussion by Councilman Kittle concerning the NYS 12E French Creek Bridge and the mowing the State leaves until after the tourists leave town. Need to look at to see if there isn't a better approach to getting rid of the shrubbery.

Committee Reports:**George Kittle:**

Code Office is practically paying for itself. It was a good decision for the Town to take back from Jefferson County.

Town of Barker resolution: Don't need to weigh in on as to many unknowns for us.

We need to figure out if we want to include financially in this next budget for showers at the Rec. Park. Need to know how we would pay for this.

Discussion on "sound" system at Arena, need to schedule budget meetings, "sign" at Taylor's Corner, NYS Rte 12E and "political signs" length of time they're out. No resolution to any discussion items.

Lance Peterson:

Chamber of Commerce: Car Show coming 9/25 with rain date 9/26. Fall Boat Show will be 9/17 & 18.

Ladies from Chamber will be at the NYS Fair distributing brochures. Ad looking for a new Executive Director is in the TI Sun & WDT. Karen Goetz has been Exec. Dir. For the past twelve years and is retiring on 12/31.

Chamber Board is looking for five (5) people, criteria must be active in the Chamber to be on the Board.
Gun Show was very well attended.
Ice will be going on at the Arena about 10/7 or 10/14.
Pool will close this Friday, August 27th for the season.
Thousand Islands Arts Center Craft Show this weekend at the Arena
Discussion of letter received from the School requesting using the Soccer field. Consensus of the Town Board that the School may use the soccer field for the Girls team.
Discussion on the New York State Volunteer Fireman & Drill Team Convention this past weekend and showed the booklet paid for by Advertising Sponsors.

Bob Cantwell III:

Wrestling is looking to possibly expand to two (2) weekends starting next year.
LWRP : completed the resolution this evening to accept Lead Agency.
TIYLO: This Sunday, 8/29 1st Annual Triathlon, have at this time 130 registered and are expecting more to register the day of. TIYLO will have a Volunteer meeting Thursday, 8/26 at 6:00 PM at the TILT Bldg.

Supervisor Taylor informed the Town Board that Cornie Schnauber, former Depauville Sewer Collector and current Consolidated Health Board Secretary/Treasurer will be retiring her Secretary/Treasurer position. We will be looking for a replacement.

Public Comments:

Cindy Grant submitted material for Town Board review concerning Environmental potential impacts in relation to Wind Turbines.

John Forkey stated he agreed with not getting involved with the resolution concerning shale. He also commented that he is happy that the Town of Clayton isn't like Cape Vincent, with all their negativity. Mr. Forkey is also sorry to learn of Mr. Turcotte passing and urges the Town Board not to let Don's vote concerning Wind be in vain. Mr. Turcotte took a stand.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular workshop meeting at 6:20 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk

