

## September 12, 2012

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

Justin Taylor  
Robert W. Cantwell III  
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle  
Christopher Matthews

Lance Peterson  
Robert Boulton

Alicia Dewey  
Janice Beattie  
Cindy Grant  
Kevin Rarick  
Ellen L. Stiefel

Duane C. Hazelton  
Phil Beattie  
Ken Knapp  
Bruce Shaw

Michael Docteur  
Pam McDowell, TI Sun  
Augusta Withington  
Gordon Stiefel

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

### Guests:

Michael Docteur, Jefferson County Legislator discussed working at the County level to strengthen drug laws and hopes by months' end to have a new law in place. Discussion followed, concerning "Charge backs" to Towns and the new way to have accounting procedures as defined by the Comptroller's Office for accountability.

### Town Clerk:

#### Correspondence:

- ✓ Grants Action News – September 2012 received.
- ✓ Time Warner Cable- On or about October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 services that are currently made available to customers in an analog (or both analog & digital) format as part of the Standard or Basic cable tier will be made available in digital format only.
- ✓ Time Warner Cable agreements routinely expire; carriage of programmers may discontinue or expire soon.
- ✓ Northern NY Library presents notice of: Care & Handling of Archival Materials, Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in Watertown & Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in Plattsburg; also Arrangement & Description of Historical Records, Tuesday, 11/6 in Oswego & Friday, 11/9 in Saranac Lake.
- ✓ Quarterly Statement of Justice Court distributions for 6/30/12 from the Office of the State Comptroller with explanation of the receipt & distribution of the fines, fees & forfeitures reported on behalf of the municipality.
- ✓ Justice(s) Clarence F. Giles & Clifford James monthly report for August 2012 to the NYS Comptroller.
- ✓ Jefferson County Real Property Tax Service is having a demonstration of online collection of taxes on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to attend this meeting. **Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, for Tax Collector to attend this meeting. Motion carried.
- ✓ Spay/Neuter/Now-sent packet of information concerning their SNN Mobile Clinic; SNN Voucher Program; and a listing of Vet. Clinics that accept the Voucher Programming.

### Minutes:

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to accept the minutes of 8/22 as written. Motion carried.

**Resolution(s):**

**RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2012** was introduced by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Christopher Matthews, a resolution to certify Examination and Audit of the Annual Review of Town Justices 2011/2012 Monthly Reports and Account Books. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III aye and Matthews-aye. **PASSED.**

**Supervisor Report & Reconciliations:**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the Supervisor's Report for August 2012 and the Reconciliations thereof. Motion carried.

**Bills:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve the payment of bills for Abstract #9 in the amount of \$119,460.57. Motion carried.

**Local Government Training School Authorization:**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews to authorize staff and other public officials to attend the Local Government Conference in Potsdam on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and to pre-pay for the attendance at the early registration fee amount of \$35 prior to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Internal Audit(s):**

The Internal Audits have been completed in all Departments. Asking the Town Board and Dept. Heads to review and the Town Board to accept the findings at the next meeting.

**Budget Workshop:**

Budget Workshop meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Town Board Room.

**Joint Meeting Agenda:**

Supervisor Taylor has a list of topics for the Joint Meeting that includes: Route 12 Sewer Status; Long-term Frink Project Financing; Frink Bonding Resolution; and Transient Dock Resolution and who will operate the docks? If any Town Board member has anything to add, please contact the Supervisor's Office by the middle of next week.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

-  Starting back on five days/8hrs per on 9/24.
-  Paving on Factory street on 9/19.
-  Hamlet of Depauville Cleanup Day will be Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7 AM. Depauville Library will distribute pamphlets.
-  Roof has been completed at the Depauville Barn.
-  Little garage at the Depauville Community Center needs the roofing shingles replaced.
-  We're still mowing on Grindstone Island.

**5:30 PM – Public Hearing: Local Law to Override Tax Cap:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to open the public hearing for the Local Law to Override Tax Cap. Motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Phil/Janice Beattie spoke against the proposal for overriding the 2% Tax Cap. NYS had passed this so that it would keep municipalities from raising 2% or over the taxes from the previous year. If this Board passes this Local Law, it will give rise to going above the 2% cap and they don't see why it can't stay under the 2%. In the next ten (10) years with the Frink development project and the dock project we will need to increase for infrastructure. The Town needs to hold the line and stay within the 2%.

Supervisor Taylor explained that this Local Law is for the year 2013 only and is needed due to the fact that accountability for charge backs from Jefferson County needs to come out of the Towns budget, which it currently does, however it needs to be in a budgeted line to give accountability. If the budget and chargeback stay the same, the total levy and tax rate should not increase.

Jefferson County Legislator Mike Docteur stated that this was the decisional mandate that came from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It made more sense that it was positioned in each town's budget rather than in the County Budget.

Supervisor Taylor explained that the Association of Towns is urging every Municipality to pass the override this year to send a message to the State as to what problems unfunded mandates create.

Mrs. Beattie stated she understood the problem; however who is the State, but us. The State makes the decisions, but it still comes back to the people who pay the taxes either locally or at the State and/or Federal level. There are more and more retired people, with reduced incomes, that simply can't afford more increases in taxes.

**Motion** by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to close the public hearing at 5:57 PM. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2012:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2012**, offered by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, a resolution adopting Local Law #2 of 2012 to Override the Tax Cap Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law§3-c. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; and Matthews-aye. **PASSED.**

**Introduction** of Town Supervisor Kevin Rarick, Town of Orleans by Supervisor Taylor.

**Committee Reports:**

**George Kittle:** Nothing for this evening.

**Lance Peterson:** **Rec. Park:** Staffing is down by two due to sick leave. Chris is working with the Assessor a couple of days a week & they're almost done with the islands. Schoolhouse bathroom project at the Research Center on Grindstone Island will have to wait until next Spring. There is \$400 left in that budget. Questioned that now being on the National Historical Register, are there certain requirements that might limit the scope of the project. Project is contained on the inside of the building and therefore not a problem. Purchase of ice boards: TIYH will purchase one and Keith feels that he has enough in his budget to purchase another. The cost is \$7500. The time for set up will come off the TIYH ice time, approximately 15 minutes. The Town has been offered \$1500 for the Old Zamboni by Davis Mechanical. Consensus of the Town Board is to retain this machine for a while and probably would be able to get more than that just to scrap it. Councilman Matthews is

opposed to keeping any longer.

Grease Traps may be needed at the Arena Concession Stand and in the Utility Room.

Concession currently has a drywell.

There is a fire hydrant leak at Recreation Park that needs to be fixed.

There was a mishap at a Recreation Park light pole and it will be repaired.

**Chamber of Commerce:** The 2013 Membership mailing is going out this week.

The advertising rates will be the same as 2012. The deadline for information to be returned to the Chamber will be October 12. They have changed the forms to make easier for businesses. They have included information on the opportunities available to members to sponsor and volunteer for events.

There are ten (10) cases of Visitor Guides left. People have been asking and picking them up all summer. The kiosks needed to be filled at least 3 times per week and sometimes more in July.

The Vintage & Classic Car Show planning is going great. There are 15 people pre-registered at this time. The trophies are on display in the Chamber front window. Planning on doing a car hop this year.

Punkin Chunkin plans also going well. The event is being sponsored by Clayton Marina. There are contestants and sponsors for the BBQ contest; TI Arts is sponsoring a scarecrow contest. The Library is sponsoring horse and carriage rides, costume contest, pumpkin carving and painting contest, bobbing for apples, etc. TI Museum will have the largest and oddest shaped pumpkin contest.

The Business With A Twist will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at the Thousand Islands Realty.

**Bob Cantwell III:** **TIYLO:** River Rat Triathlon was very successful.

**Chris Matthews:** Nothing for this evening.

**Public:**

**Discussion of Route 12 Status:**

- Recap of Grant dollars applied for.
- Depictions were showed and reviewed. No calculations have been completed as yet.
- Gordon & Ellen Steifel interested and would help acquire signatures to develop the corridor.
- Consensus to proceed to investigate corridor further.

Training session at JCC for Human Resources Course was cancelled.

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:30 PM and go into Executive Session to discuss Budget Contractual. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to come out of Executive Session and Adjourn meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried.

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk