

September 23, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular workshop meeting in the Town Board Room at the Town Offices with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Donald Turcotte
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair		
Mike Docteur (Co. Leg.)	Ken Knapp	Cindy Grant
Steve Witham	Louise Witham	Rick Spencer
Gerald Wetterhahn	Dan Murdie	Jae Lee (WDT)
Tom Grant	Pam McDowell (TI Sun)	Jamie Lee
John Forkey	Derek Forkey	Kevin Forkey
Alicia Dewey		

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Supervisor Taylor.

Guest:

Jefferson County Legislator Mike Docteur discussed the County's 2010 Budget which they are Currently working on. He stated he felt that things were looking pretty good although 80% of the budget is State mandated. He felt that the 2011 budget will be very challenging. Leg. Docteur stated that he has been working with the Town Supervisors concerning the chargeback process for elections.

Leg. Docteur also has been working with Soil & Water and Hwy. Supt. Boulton locating a spot to put a dry hydrant. Supt. Boulton stated they have found a location at the Clark Farm on the corner of Morris Tract Road and Fox Corners Road.

Correspondence:

- Justice Clifford James August 2009 report to the Comptroller. **(See attachment book).**
- Annual letter from the T. I. Snowmobile Club. **(See attachment book).**
- Notice received late (9/15/09) from Goldberg Segalla. **(See attachment book).**
- Letter from Craig Holt concerning proposed zoning changes to Grindstone Island. **(See attachment book).**
- Quarterly Statement of Judicial receipts & disbursements for the period 6/30 – 9/10/09. **(See attachment book).**
- Letter & plaque from NYSERDA to Keith Wood for the NY Energy Smart Commercial Lighting Program (CLP). **(See attachment book).**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the 8/26/09 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to approve meeting minutes from 9/9/09 with one change under Hwy. Report. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #42 of 2009:

Resolution #42 of 2009 was presented by George Kittle, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to support

the Thousand Islands Land Trust Grant application to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the purchase of a compact tractor for maintenance and upkeep of Trails and Open Spaces. Taylor-aye, Kittle-aye; Turcotte-aye; Peterson-aye and Cantwell III-aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments Agenda Items:

Ken Knapp commended everyone on getting the Sand/Salt Shed started. Thank you also to Bob Boulton, for his part in preserving the sand/salt from the elements and saving tax dollars.

Supervisor:

GIS Training:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to increase budget item \$1500 for further training with DANC to include three (3) eight hour training sessions plus mileage for GIS Training in November 2009. Motion carried.

State Constitutional Convention:

Letter has been received from Brian Kolb, Assembly Minority Leader, asking for support for convening a non-partisan "People's Convention to Reform New York." This legislation would move the meeting currently scheduled for the year 2017 up to meeting in 2011. The meeting is needed to address reforms like state spending and property tax cap; debt reform; banning backdoor borrowing; requiring a 2/3 "Super Majority" for tax increases; recall of state elected officials; initiative and referendum; term limits for State Legislative Leaders and non-partisan redistricting reform.

Board consensus, to support by resolution at our next regular meeting.

Town Permit for Cerow Park:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Robert Cantwell III, for the Town of Clayton to apply starting next year for Town permit for camp grounds and charging competitive prices for camping at Cerow Park which will be contained in the agreements for Cerow Park shows. Motion carried.

Emerge NNY:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to sponsor Alicia Dewey at \$35 and Robert W. Cantwell III at \$45 to attend the Emerge NNY Seminar being put on by the Watertown Jaycees and sponsored by Jefferson County Job Development Corporation at JCC this Fall. Motion carried.

Letter to Assessor:

A favorable letter from Linda Thayer, Clayton resident, has been received by the Assessor concerning Ms. Trudell's fair and impartial assessment practices. Ms. Thayer is very happy to see people all people paying on 100% assessments.

Recreation Park Energy:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to accept conceptually the design recommendations submitted by Fourth Coast, Inc. and to permit them to put out for bid the specs for the pool: filters, boiler, to replace the roof at the Pool House with Solar thermal and a pool cover. Motion carried.

Health Insurance & Benefits Options:

Due to rising costs, currently going up 10/15% a year, a consensus of the Board is to look to see if there is a comparable insurance at a better cost. The Teamsters Union Insurance doesn't end until 12/31/2011.

Colonial Voluntary Benefits visited the Town Highway & Village DPW Depts. We currently offer Aflac Benefits Options. As with Aflac Benefits options, anyone can use payroll deductions if they want to avail themselves of Colonial.

CLDC/Frink:

DEC Bill Jesimore has sent a letter citing several "odds & ends" that need to be completed. DEC is hoping to have all paperwork completed within about thirty days to give a cleared okay for the Frink property.

Ice Schedule:

The Town has decided to extend the ice at both ends of the season. We have finalized the scheduling of time for all parties. People that rent time are committed to their times. Anything over the contracted time of \$55 per hour will be considered at the \$70 non-contracted rate.

Bartlett Point Water:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, to authorize the amount of \$2,224 for the 5X11X6 concrete vault. Motion carried.

Communications Outage:

A couple of weeks ago, a fiber optic break occurred in the Watertown area knocking out service to the 686, 658, and other areas. The case in Clayton 686 region left people with no way to call in or out of the area, thus leaving emergency cases at high risk. In discussions with Verizon, Supervisor Taylor learned that Verizon has nothing in place to re-route the calls as other places in New York State can do. Supervisor Taylor as a member of the Jefferson County EMS & Fire Emergency Advisory Board has volunteered to write to the Public Service Commission to rectify this crucial issue.

Town Board consensus that Supervisor Taylor should also write on behalf of the Town of Clayton, not only to the PSC but to our Local & State Representatives to get on the bandwagon in support of redundancy.

Budget Workshop:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, to set a Budget Workshop for Wednesday, 9/30/09 at 5:00 pm in the Town Board Room. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Salt /Sand Shed: Concrete work has been completed and the framing is up. Putting the last of the ties on today & will cover soon. Would like to pave before both ends are enclosed possibly within a couple of weeks.
- Wood Road: Finishing up the shoulder work.
- Hauling sand & screening what we now have.
- Salt will be sending in the 1st order of 1800T, pricing at \$59.49/T.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Next Tuesday, 9/29/09, Alicia Dewey & I will be walking and locating the water lines at Zenda, putting them on GIS.

Donald Turcotte: Heritage Heights: pumps are running for short periods of time.
Depauville Library: Haven't been able to connect with Connie Haver as she isn't back from her vacation yet.
Hawn Library: Nothing new to report.

Lance Peterson: Chamber News: Fall Boat Show had approx. 1000 people attend.
Business with a Twist will be at Teasm from 5-7, tomorrow night.
12th Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet will be this Sat. 9/26; rain date will be Sun. 9/27.
Chamber Fall Banquet will be Thursday, Oct. 8th at Foxy's Restaurant. Cocktails starting at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 PM.
Recreation Park: No variance yet received for Zamboni room doors. Hoping to receive soon.
Transfer Site: Starting January 1st, 2010 the Transfer Site will be closed on Thursdays leaving them open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM each day.

Bob Cantwell III: LWRP: working on proposed zoning changes to help with Town & Village. Hoping to be submitting changes by October 11th to D. O. S. Hopefully by next April be ready to adopt the changes and by June/July 2010 be listed on Coastal Waterways.
TIYLO: 1st Annual Monster Mash & Halloween Bash Haunted House & Costume Dance at the Clayton Opera House on October 30th, for adults and Saturday 10/31 for the kids.
TIYLO: Will hold a Triathlon the last week of August 2010.

Public Submitted Requests:

Kevin Forkey discussed the following concerning the Horse Creek Wind Farm:

- Rally of local supporters.
- He respects everyone's opinion on the subject, but feels that the Town Board should consider everyone's opinion that lives in the Wind Overlay District. The Board should listen to both sides of the issue.
- Mr. Forkey believes that the Town of Clayton should leave the current zoning ordinance in place as there is no scientific evidence to say otherwise.
- These and other comments are contained in the prepared speech submitted to the Board.
(See attachment file).

Derek Forkey discussed the Horse Creek Wind Farm with scientific support documentation of Epsilon Associates Inc., March 20, 2009, Response to "Wind Turbine Syndrome", which was prepared for NextEra Energy Resources, LLC.

Mr. Forkey stated that Dr. Pierpont's, who is a pediatrician, report was self published and not studied, therefore is flawed and not reliable as there were problems with her findings. Mr. Forkey further contends there was no evidence of her published report and in fact there was only 1 problem in 39,000 cases. This publishing was released about two (2) weeks ago. Mr. Forkey stated

that he didn't have that report with him, but would get a copy to the Board within the next couple of days. Mr. Forkey requested that the Town Board take a good look at the evidence being presented.

Jack Forkey stated that whether you have a pro or con presentation for the Board, 5 minutes was not enough time to present your case. When you have a hundred million dollar project, five minutes is not enough time to give all input. This is a large project and the financial as well as the health, safety and welfare of the entire township is in question.

Motion was made by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to adjourn this regular workshop meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk