

October 3, 2012

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

Justin Taylor

Robert W. Cantwell III

Kathy LaClair

George Kittle

Christopher Matthews

Alicia Dewey

Lance Peterson (Absent)

Robert Boulton

The meeting was opened at 7:10 AM with the Supervisor leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk distributed the Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Supervisor Taylor stated that the Town has budgeted \$1.6 million for Sales Tax Revenue up from \$1.5 million last year.

Supervisor Taylor noted that the tax rate will remain the same at \$1.37 per thousand which was accomplished by a positive 6.9 million dollar assessment change and utilizing an additional amount of sales tax revenue.

The Town will utilize the Tax Cap override to make an accounting change with Jefferson County relating to the handling of Charge Backs that will now be included in the Town Budget.

Supervisor Taylor and the Town Board remained at their 2012 compensation, which was a 5% reduction from the 2011 Budget year.

Other bargaining and non bargaining staff received a 3% raise after a zero % in the 2012 budget year.

The Town Board has chosen to leave 1.5 positions vacant again in the 2013 budget year.

Benefits package includes a \$12,149 increase retirement and a as yet to be determined increase in health care. Nationally there has been about a 6% increase in health care, however our representative has indicated that it might be possible to see a 14-16% increase locally.

The general town operating budget increased to \$4,064,494 from \$4,043,586 or \$20,908 or .005%.

Special Districts: GD increased to \$125,188 from \$125,000
 GH increased to \$31,500 from \$29,500
 GR increased to \$4,600 from \$4,125
 SL1 Depauville remained the same at \$6,000
 SL2 Heritage Heights Lighting remained the same at \$1,500

Supervisor Taylor stated the Capital/Frink Redevelopment fund was increased to \$2,289,749 which takes into account the new transient dock facility which is in its final planning stage for construction in 2013. All of which is covered by grants and reimbursements from the future sale of the Frink parcel.

Supervisor Taylor expressed that this budget is more legalistic to look at instead of hidden in various

accounts.

Highway Superintendent Boulton inquired about line items in his budget. He is worried that reducing the amounts in this 2013 Budget will have a major impact on his 2014 budget. Discussions followed with estimated figures for the DA account could roll \$300,000 and DB roll \$32,000 going into the 2013 budget from this year depending on expenses from this year.

Supervisor Taylor explained that certain line items were lowered by the Town Board and if the Highway, Town Clerk's Office and Recreation Park Dept. Heads, are in need of something unforeseen the Town Board will see that those departments have needed money for unforeseen circumstances. The Dept. Heads just need to approach the Town Board. There are other spots in the Budget that can help those departments out.

The Supervisor explained we are using less fund balance in this budget than previous years with a goal of establishing a percentage of budget reserve account for each fund during the budget process over the next several years. Once this is established it will allow for unknown variables in the economy, assessments, revenues, expenditure, environmental and natural events.

MOTION by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews to accept the Tentative Budget for 2013 as presented. Peterson – absent. Motion carried.

Frink Discussion: Supervisor Taylor stated he would send a copy of the RFP/ Land Disposition Agreement and Draft Matrix to the Town Board for the Frink Property. Councilman Chris Matthews stated he would like to attend the meeting with Supervisor Taylor and the JCIDA next week.

MOTION by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, reimburse Supervisor Taylor and Kim Johnston for attendance to Lake Placid to attend the installation of Assessor Denise Trudell as President of the NYS Assessor's Association. Peterson – absent. Motion carried.

MOTION by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this Special Meeting of the Town Board at 7:58 AM. Peterson – absent. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk