

October 12, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Christopher Matthews
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair (Absent)	Janet Sullins	
Jim Yuhas	Alicia Dewey	Michael Docteur
Pam Mc Dowell	Ken Knapp	Paul Luck
Jae Lee	Duane Hazelton	Cindy Grant
Kristi Dippel		

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

Guests:

Legislator Michael Docteur spoke briefly that sales tax revenues for Jefferson County are up, surpassing the projected revenue by one million dollars. The total budgeted for the year was 31 million dollars.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Grants Action News Monthly Newsletter for October. **(see attachment file)**
- Notification and Registration Form for NYS Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials Fall Conference October 19-21, 2011 at Niagara Falls. **(see attachment file)**
- The Monthly Justice Report to the NYS Comptroller from Clarence Giles for July 2011. **(see attachment file)**
- The Monthly Justice Report to the NYS Comptroller from Clifford James for July 2011. **(see attachment file)**
- Monthly Report from the Zoning officer to the Town Board. **(see attachment file)**
- Monthly report from the Code Enforcement officer to the Town Board. **(see attachment file)**
- Report from the Assessor that the Village Revaluation is complete. **(see attachment file)**
- Notice from NNY Library Network of a Basics of Archives Class November 9 in Watertown . **(see attachment file)**
- Letter from Aubertine and Currier regarding the County Planning Board article on No More Incomplete Plans. **(see attachment file)**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, second by Bob Cantwell III to approve the September 28, 2011 minutes as written . Motion carried.

Resolution No. 53:

LWRP Grant for Depauville Hamlet Revitalization:

Since the Chaumont River travels as far as LaFargeville, it was discussed that the Town of Orleans be included in the grant, as well. The LWRP would have a 50% local match with the state, and

Orleans and Depauville would have 25% each. **Motion** to adopt the resolution made by Bob Cantwell III, second by Chris Matthews. Roll call: Supervisor Taylor: Aye; George Kittle: Aye; Lance Peterson, Aye; Bob Cantwell III, Aye; Chris Matthews: Aye. Resolution passed.

Public Hearing – CDBG Grant:

At 5:08 p.m., the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant was opened. Kristi Dippel, representing the Clayton Local Development Corporation spoke, encouraging taking advantage of the resources for infrastructure. There would be no out-of-pocket costs to the Village and Town and there is \$750,000.00 available. Ken Knapp thought it was a fantastic idea and that the Town should apply as soon as possible. Paul Luck agreed, but asked about ongoing costs and how they increase incrementally.

There is another Public Hearing scheduled for the Village’s meeting.

Motion to close this public hearing made at 5:11 by George Kittle, second by Bob Cantwell III. Motion carried.

Arena Projects Update:

Bill Grater, of Grater Architects gave a partial update as a result of the survey done 10 months ago asking the community what changes they would like to see done at Cerow Park Arena. He presented a slideshow with the proposed changes. They included everything from new bleacher areas, to concessions, to lockers, showers and dressing rooms , a fitness center and room for the referees. An elevator was even included to get to the second level. The lobby would be expanded, and the Zamboni room may be moved. There would also be more room for parking, particularly parking for the handicapped, and a drop off zone.

The Supervisor thanked Mr. Grater and his team for their hard work.

Supervisor:

Supervisor’s Report:

Motion by George Kittle, second by Lance Peterson to accept the Supervisor’s Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Bills and Transfers:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, second by George Kittle to accept Abstract #10 of 2011 in the amount of \$104,428.78. **Motion** carried.

Set Budget Workshop and Public Hearing for Budget:

We recently received the chargeback estimates from Jefferson County. They included assessment settlement agreements around \$10,000 and increase in workers compensation. The Teamsters contract is still being negotiated. Supervisor recommends reconsidering keeping the tax rate at \$1.30; may raise it to just under the tax cap to cover those chargeback costs from the county and other increases that we have no control over. It was suggested that there be another budget workshop to discuss incremental adjustments and the new financial software package. Tentatively there are two software demonstrations scheduled for October 19.

Motion made by Bob Cantwell III, second by Lance Peterson to advertise for a budget workshop on October 21 at 7 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chris Matthews, second by George Kittle to shave a Budget Public Hearing for October 26 at 6 p.m. during the next Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Fuel Depot Agreement:

We had received the school's draft document . It has been returned with the request to have the previously discussed and requested changes made. Supervisor Taylor has requested a meeting with Joe Menard, the school superintendent, and with the President of the School Board to further discuss this long-overdue agreement renewal .

Photovoltaic Bids:

Motion made by George Kittle, second by Bob Cantwell III to award the Solar Consortium bids for the for the photovoltaic panels to B&D, the lower bidder, with a bid of \$161,135.28. The other bid came from New Century Electric at \$174,586.00. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 54:

Procurement Policy Update:

It was discussed at the last meeting that we update our bidding practice and include it in our annual procurement policy. Introduced by Lance Peterson, second by Chris Matthews to amend Resolution No. 21 of 2011. **Motion** to adapt the resolution made by Lance Peterson, second by Chris Matthews. Roll call: Supervisor Taylor: Aye; George Kittle: Aye; Lance Peterson, Aye; Bob Cantwell III, Aye; Chris Matthews: Aye. Resolution passed.

Personnel Salary Update:

Motion made by George Kittle, second by Chris Matthews to adjust Philip Carnegie's wage by .50 per hour, as of July 1, 2011, as required by the labor agreement, reflecting the increase in his rate to \$15.72 per hour. Motion carried.

Frink/CLDC Update:

We have asked the developer to separate his presentation visuals from the discussion on the land purchase when they are here on October 20.

Resolution No. 55:

Establish Laptop Computer Policy

The Town owns 5 laptop computers, Supervisor recommends we establish a laptop computer policy. It is agreed that there can be some personal information on the computers. Upon separation from the Town , the respective employee may have the opportunity to purchase the laptop at a depreciated price. **Motion** made by Chris Matthews, second by Bob Cantwell III to pass the resolution. Roll call: Supervisor Taylor: Aye; George Kittle: Aye; Lance Peterson, Aye; Bob Cantwell III, Aye; Chris Matthews: Aye. Resolution passed. See attached policy.

How to Measure Sound:

Discussion on adding to the Zoning Ordinance a process on how to measure sound to determine decibel levels for wind turbines. Chris Matthews presented a draft and made a motion Chris, seconded by George Kittle to start a process on How to Measure Sound. Motion carried.

Meet the Candidates Night

There will be a Meet the Candidates Night at 7 p.m. on October 26 at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the opera house. There will be a public forum. Congressman Owens' representatives will be here from 5-8 p.m.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Working on Ellis Road
- Getting snowplows together; changed boom mower over
- The bid for the sander will be advertised in the TI Sun on October 19. Bids will be opened Monday Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. to comply with the new procedure of opening bids two days before a Town Board meeting.
- PESH will be inspecting the Highway garage on Friday October 14, at 10 a.m.
- Discussion regarding a voucher that was submitted but not paid. It didn't have the requisite back-up material but will be prepaid as soon as that is received .

Councilman Peterson discussed the heavy trucks that are using the newly-constructed Wood Road.

Councilman Matthews also mentioned a large washout, from all the hard rain, on the Cross Island Road, that needs to be addressed.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle:

- Councilman Kittle said we need to get the negotiations finalized as soon as possible and finish up the healthcare portion of it. He asked permission to talk with Bill Sherman before the negotiations meeting on the 19th.

Lance Peterson:

- The ice is on at the Rec Park arena.
- The Chamber Banquet is at the Pier House Restaurant tomorrow, October 13.
- The Chamber is working on its new Visitors Guide and the Shoppers Poker Run for the holidays.

Bob Cantwell III:

- TIYLO is having their twice-yearly meeting at 6:30 on Monday the 17th at the TILT building. It is a community meeting; all are welcome to talk about what's been happening and bring any new ideas with them.
- TIYLO will be partnering with the Rotary Club for a Meet the Candidates forum October 26 at 7 p.m. after the Town Board meeting on the first floor of the opera house. There will be a quick overview of how the voting process works and how to do write-in votes.

Chris Matthews:

- Nothing to report

Supervisor Taylor said that Thousand Islands High School is a recipient of a Carolyn White Fitness Award, one of only 75 that are awarded throughout the entire United States, to foster wellness.

The School's use of the Cerow Recreation Park pool was used as an in-kind match within that grant application.

Resolution No. 56:

Raise the Senior STAR Exemption to \$20,449.00

The Assessor's report said that the last time the senior income level changed was in 1996. In the last month when seniors have been coming in to renew their enhanced STAR exemption, she could tell that it wasn't high enough, and thought that perhaps we could raise it to approximately \$20,449. Currently it is \$18,899. Other towns have gone higher and a motion was made to follow the lead of other towns and raise the limit to the \$20,449. A resolution was introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III to raise the senior exemption to \$20,499. Roll call: Supervisor Taylor: Aye; George Kittle: Aye; Lance Peterson, Aye; Bob Cantwell III, Aye; Chris Matthews: Aye. Resolution passed.

Public Comments:

Cindy Grant wanted to know where the wind law stands. She was told that Attorney Russell would create the language to lessen the allowed decibel level from 50 to 45. Then she asked if there was a date in mind for the Public Hearing, but was told that the amended law would have to go to the County Planning Board first.

Senator Ritchie asked Supervisor Taylor to co-chair a committee on mandate reform.

Motion by George Kittle, second by Chris Matthews to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:45. Motion carried.

Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk