

**October 22, 2008**

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

Justin Taylor  
Lance Peterson  
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle  
Robert W. Cantwell III (Absent)

Donald Turcotte  
Bob Boulton

Ken Knapp  
Stu Peters  
Migonette Reff  
Danny Woodley  
Ryan Wincott (TI Sun)  
Lori MK Durand

Jae Lee (WDT)  
Louise Witham  
Erin Fulton  
Elaine Wilkie  
Patty Booras-Miller

Diane Peters  
Jamie Lee  
Michelle Woodley  
Judy Tubolino  
Cindy Grant

**Public:**

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting with discussion, questions and answers. Topic was “What is the function of the Town Board?” Discussion included Local Laws and protection of the people. Supervisor Taylor indicated that before the Town Board can entertain changing any Local Law that all information needs to be garnered from all sources. There is a process that needs to be followed and that is not always a speedy process.

Speakers during this session included: Stu Peters, Patty Booras-Miller, Migonette Reff, Jamie Lee, Cindy Grant (**see attachment file**), and Ken Knapp.

Discussion of more participation at major events. Discussion of doing the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer before meetings.

**Public Hearing for Preliminary 2009 Budget:**

**Motion** was made by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to open the public hearing for the Preliminary 2009 Town budget at 5:45 PM. Motion carried. (Cantwell – Absent).

Speakers included: Ken Knapp and Elaine Wilkie. Mr. Knapp inquiring about any possible cost savings for fuel as the prices has been falling the last few days. Answer: It is unknown at this time as the prices are volatile and probably will be for awhile. Elaine Wilkie asked that the pond lighted fountain at Depauville, be taken over by the Town. (**See attachment file**). Answer: Councilman Peterson stated he had made inquiries from the persons previously paying that bill and was told that it was costing them approximately \$500 or so a month. Councilman Peterson stated he will have written documentation for the next meeting.

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to close the public hearing at 6:08 Pm. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

**Town Clerk:**

**Minutes:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2008. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

**Correspondence:**

- NYS DOT letter dated 10/14/08 from Martin Percy, PE, PTOE, Regional Traffic Engineer, concluding evaluation regarding the Village of Clayton request for establishing buffer speed zones on State Route 12E & State Route 12 southerly approaches to the Village of Clayton. **(See attachment file).**
- Notice from Association of Tax Collectors & Town Clerks of Jefferson County a dinner meeting in Carthage on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. **(See attachment file).**
- Justice Clifford James report for September 2008. **(See attachment file).**
- Notice of Land Use Planning Workshop-Revising Zoning Laws will be held Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Jules Center Amphitheater, Jefferson Community College. **(See attachment file).**

**Resolution #46 of 2008:**

**Resolution #46 of 2008** was introduced by Lance Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to amend the amended NYS Snow & Ice agreement adjusting to \$83,519.88 due to the increase of fuel, sand & salt prices. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

**Supervisor:**

**Appointment of Alternate to Planning Board:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to appoint Duane Hazelton as alternate to the Planning Board as recommended by Planning Board Chairman Bud Baril. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

**County Snow & Ice Negotiations:**

Supervisor Taylor reported that the Towns are still in negotiations. There will be a meeting tomorrow morning with the County, all Town Supervisors and town Highway Superintendents.

**Update on No-cost Sewer District:**

Supervisor Taylor has requested Rob Campany of Bernier Carr & Associates to prepare a map of the proposed No-cost district for both water & sewer. The proposed named is NYS Rte 12E Sewer District.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

- Even with the adjustment by the State and modification to the Town Budget, the Highway budget line is still \$160,000 short for the sand & salt line.
- Will be attending schooling on 10/28 & 10/29 in Watertown. Looking for ways to cut back on using salt with alternatives.

- Trucks: Have one (1) equipped and ready to go in case of weather change. We will be working on the second truck tomorrow.
- Kehoe Drive: finishing shoulders and will be done for this year.
- Boom Mower: Working at trimming back at intersections and will send one more time to Grindstone.
- Energy Audit: Bernier Carr & Associates are completing the report.
- Frink Development: Telephone Co. has put anchors in and will be dropping lines on Friday, 10/10/08. Any contaminated soil will be removed in a couple of weeks.

**Budget Transfers:**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte to approve Budget Transfers to the General Fund-Town-wide; General Fund-Part town; Highway fund-town wide; and Highway Fund part town on October 22, 2008. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

**Committee Reports:**

**George Kittle:**

Cemeteries: Two weeks ago paid in the bills for a tree to be removed from the Dutch Gap Cemetery.  
 Youth Commission: Booster Club doing well to help support YC. Have acquired some new members. Also starting Coaches recognitions.  
 Next Town Board meeting would like to request that we go into Executive Session for 10-15 minutes to discuss labor contract.

**Donald Turcotte:**

Repairs at Heritage Heights are being addressed. Hoping to do work internally.  
 Discussion of Heritage Heights Sewer District securing a BAN for \$6,000 and legal costs and interest above that amount. Another suggestion would be for the Town to cover from the General Fund and reimburse the fund over the next 2-3 years. **Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donald Turcotte, to charge the thirty seven Heritage Heights Sewer users \$675 per EDU for the next two (2) years to pay off the major improvements to their district. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

**Lance Peterson:**

Pool Shower Room Floor: Has spoken with Casey Bates about using non slip flooring.  
 Antique Car Street Meet: Had 145 entries.  
 Business With a Twist: Will be held at HMAc on 10/30/08; co-sponsor will be Cummings Funeral Home.  
 Starting 12/4, the downtown Merchants will be open on Thursday evenings until 8 PM.  
 Chamber of Commerce is looking to do co-op advertising for the holidays.

**Bobby Cantwell III (absent):** Supervisor Taylor explained that Mr. Cantwell III is at Canton tonight for a debate. Last meeting we discussed Recreation Park signs and raising the fees. **Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to raise in increments of \$25 per year (\$125; \$150; \$175; & \$200) for the next four (4) years the Recreation Park fees for placing an advertising sign. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

Supervisor Taylor on behalf of the Town Board, thanked Elaine Wilkie for providing donuts and coffee for the meeting this evening.

**Motion** by Donald Turcotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to close this regular meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried. (Cantwell-absent).

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk