

## October 26, 2011

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

Justin A. Taylor

Robert W. Cantwell III

Kathleen E. LaClair

George E. Kittle

Christopher D. Matthews

Lance Peterson

Robert D. Boulton

Kenneth Knapp

Cindy Grant

Jamie Lee

Alicia Dewey

Pat Youngs

Pam McDowell, TI Sun

Mary Lou Tabolt

Duane C. Hazelton

Jae Lee, WDT

Diana Grater

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

### Town Clerk:

#### Correspondence:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House, Sunday, 11/6 from 10 – 4 at the Jefferson County Dog Shelter for National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. **(See attachment file.)**
- Barb Harter, Bus to NYC (2/19-2/22) for NYS Association of Towns. The Town Clerk needs to respond to Ms. Harter by 12/15 with the reservations. **(See attachment file.)**
- NYS DEC – Routine inspection of the Transfer Station on 9/9 – no violations reported. **(See attachment file.)**
- NYS DEC – Routine inspection of the Clearing Debris Landfill on 9/9 – no violations reported. **(See attachment file.)**

### Minutes:

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of October 12, 2011 as written. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTIONS:

**Resolution #57 of 2011** was introduced by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, a resolution for the Town of Clayton to extend into an agreement No. D005386 with the State of New York Department of Transportation for the Fixed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice agreement to expire on June 30, 2013. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Matthews – aye.

**PASSED.**

**Resolution #58 of 2011** was introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, a resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement for On-Line Banking with KeyBank, known as Key business Online Services. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Matthews – aye. **PASSED.**

### Financial Software Package:

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to purchase the new software package and hardware from Edmunds & Associates at a purchase price of approximately \$25,000 out of the 2011 funds. Motion carried.

**Introduce/Set Public Hearing for LL#2 of 2011 (Wind):**

**Resolution #59 of 2011** made by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to introduce Local Law #2 of 2011. This Local Law will amend Local Law #1 of the year 2007 in regard to sound level and where it is measured from. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Matthews. **PASSED**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2011 for November 9, 2011 at 6 PM. Motion carried.

**Introduce/Set Public Hearing for LL#3 of 2011 (Senior Exemption):**

**Resolution #60 of 2011** made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to introduce Local Law #3 of 2011. This Local Law is to Amend Local Law #1 of the Year 1995, as amended by Local Law #4 of the Year 1996 to modify the sliding real property tax exemption scale for property owners in the Town of Clayton age 65 and over. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Matthews – aye. **PASSED.**

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews, to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2011 for November 9, 2011 at 5:30 PM. Motion carried.

**Fuel Depot Agreement:**

Nothing at this time has been received. Mr. Menard has indicated that the TI School district meeting will be the second Tuesday of next month and that he will have a document to the Town after that meeting.

**Add Lifeguard:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to add Antonia Benvenuto as a Life Guard, retro to August 11, 2011 at \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**Frink/CLDC update & Christmas Parade:**

**Consensus** of the Town Board that we are supportive of the Christmas Parade Committee's use of the Frink property for the fireworks and bonfire after the Christmas parade on December 3, 2011.

**Proposed Clayton Hotel:**

Architectural concept drawings of a potential building on the Frink site have been viewed by the Town /Village /Joint Planning/and CLDC Boards last Thursday. These Boards welcome healthy discussion and input from the public. The CLDC during the next 30 days will be taking written questions and comments and will pass them on to Krog, so that we will have available answers to those questions.

The next presentation should be on a Saturday to allow for more public participation and viewing.

**Helipad:**

A meeting will be held on November 2, 2011 for the stake holders of the proposed Helipad. This is the last part of a Homeland Security Grant that was previously secured. This helipad would be located between National Grid and the Clayton Fire Dept. building.

**Heritage Heights Sewer Rate:**

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, that after discussion and review of the

Village rate increase for outside users, the Heritage Heights Sewer rate be raised to \$795.84 per user. This increase only accounts for the Village's rate increase, and does not include an increase to the Town of Clayton's operation and maintenance fees. This fee will remain the same as in 2011. Matthews – abstained. Motion carried.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

- Crews have been cutting back line of site and doing drainage work on Bald Rock Road.
- Millings have been used on County Route 69 work from Jefferson County.
- Crews have been working also on Ellis Road.
- Tree removal from wind storm damage has been completed.
- Crews have replaced a pipe on the Grindstone Island roads, replaced a fuel tank and placed a barrier at the Grindstone Island Dock site.

**Committee Reports:**

**George Kittle:**

Bargaining negotiations are still ongoing.  
Employee Health Insurance not finalized as yet.

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to cancel the Town Board meeting scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> as it is the Thanksgiving holiday. Motion carried.

**Lance Peterson:**

**Recreation Park** – Keith is looking to purchase a floor scrubber.  
**Chamber of Commerce** – The Shopper's Poker Run will be held Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10-5, ending at O'Brien's at 5:00 PM.

The tree lighting ceremony will also change and be held at 5:30 PM before the start of the Christmas Parade on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

2012 Visitor's guides are being designed and put together.

Ornaments are being collected for the Festival of Trees at the TI Museum. All Chamber Members are asked to donate an ornament from their business.

**Bob Cantwell III:**

**TIYLO** - looking for sponsors for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Masquerade Ball.

**Chris Matthews:**

Nothing on Heritage Heights.  
Youth Commission is quieted down for the year.

**Public:**

Diana Grater had some questions concerning the proposed Clayton Hotel on the Frink Property. (She had come in at the tail end of the previous discussion.) Supervisor Taylor reviewed what was stated previously in the meeting.

**Public Hearing (2012 Budget):**

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to open the public hearing on the 2012 Budget at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

All the previous mentioned people, with the exception of Diana Grater, who left, was in attendance for the public hearing.

Ken Knapp was the only one of the public to speak. He expressed that the Town Board is doing an upstanding job at keeping the rate down and believes we shouldn't raise a rate just to have a fund balance as so many other Municipalities do.

Supervisor Taylor explained the 2012 increases to the budget are due to retirement and health benefits that will increase by \$118,200. The Town lost \$ 2½ million in assessment due to lawsuits. The Town's levy will raise, which the taxpayers will see as \$ .07 per \$1,000 of assessment value. Jefferson County has charge backs to the townships, which we have no control over. The Town Board has taken a 5% pay cut for the 2012 fiscal year. Contractual labor negotiation are unknown at this time.

No further discussions or comments.

**Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to close the public hearing at 6:15 PM. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:16 PM. Motion carried.

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk