

October 27, 2010

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

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Lance Peterson
Robert w. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton	Kathy LaClair
Ken Knapp	Duane C. Hazelton	Cindy Grant
Daniel Grant	Pam McDowell	Janice Beattie
Phillip Beattie		

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

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece letter concerning their conclusion on the Clayton Housing Associates – Tax Cert File and transferring their file into storage, where it will be retained for a period of eight years from the date of their letter of notice, at which time the file will be destroyed through a procedure which retains the confidentiality of the contents. **(See attachment file.)**
- Letter of introduction by Toski, Schaefer & Co., P.C., Certified Public Accountants. **(See attachment file.)**
- NYS DEC letter of acknowledgement of receipt of the Town’s letter regarding the recent adoption of a position statement by the Town of Clayton. **(See attachment file.)**
- NYS DEC – Notice to Municipality regarding water quality standards violation with sufficient evidence to commence an enforcement action against property owner at Breezy Pines Road, Kehoe Drive & Blanchard Lane East. **(See attachment file.)**
- National Grid – letter of energy efficiency incentives that can help lower energy costs. **(See attachment file.)**
- Letter from Jefferson County Bd. of elections – Notice of delivery & pickup of election scan voting machines. Also arrival of election Inspectors at 5:15 AM on 11/2. Polls opening at 6 AM and closing at 9 PM. **(See attachment file.)**
- Notice of Bus registration with Barb Harter for the NYS Association of Towns Conference to be held February 20-23, 2011 at New York City. **(See attachment file.)**

Minutes:

Motion by Lance Peterson, 2nd by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of 10/13/2010 as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment of Agenda Items:

Cindy Grant had some concerns concerning the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency Proposed Re-adoption of Uniform Tax Exemption Policy and Guidelines. Any money collected by JCIDA placed in an interest bearing account and used as a credit for the neighbors within a 2 mile radius of any proposed action to help reduce the neighbor’s taxes.

Dog Licensing Local Law:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to introduce Local Law #1 of 2010, which is a

Local Law to regulate the licensing, identification and control of Dogs within the Town of Clayton. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to set a Public Hearing date for November 10, 2010 at 6:00 PM, to hear all persons in connection with Local Law #1 of 2010, a Local Law to regulate the licensing, identification and control of Dogs within the Town of Clayton. Motion carried.

Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEP) Discussion:

Supervisor Taylor stated there is a meeting on 11/3 @ 7:00 PM at the Amphitheater at Jefferson Community College, Coffeen St., Watertown, NY. This is a public hearing to address the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, with any comments relative to the proposed UTEP. Each tax jurisdiction would be given the opportunity to negotiate for PILOT payments on a pro-rata base. In the event that an agreement was not reached, the Taxing jurisdiction would get reimbursement in proportion to the amount of real property tax they collected had the project not been tax exempt.

Main Street Grant:

CLDC has received a \$500,000 New York Main Street Program Grant and is currently accepting applications from businesses in a defined area of the business district on the Village. The Town of Clayton has partnered with the Thousand Island Performing Arts Fund (TIPAF) to submit an application, which is due no later than November 1st. The grant is for facade renovations to improve the aesthetics of businesses in the downtown area.

Budget 2011 Public Hearing:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to open the public hearing at 5:30 PM. Motion carried.

Supervisor Taylor distributed a “draft” Summary of the Town of Clayton 2011 Budget to everyone.

Ken Knapp thanked the Town Board and Department Heads for due diligence in completing the Town Budget. He acknowledged that there is a lot of work to prepare a budget and the majority of the public doesn't realize that.

Councilman Kittle discussed that he would be very happy if someone else on the town Board would want to sit in a labor relations meetings this next year with him.

Supervisor Taylor stated that Labor Negotiations meetings should be in July, August & September of 2011 and that possibly we should hire a Professional Labor Representative Negotiator to work with us. The Teamsters contract is due to expire on 12/31/2011.

Janice Beattie remarked that Social Security hasn't increased for two (2) years in a row. If there is no money, then there should be no increase in the budget.

Phillip Beattie discussed the review of the budget and inquired of how to understand the budget, such as line by line. Supervisor Taylor stated he would be happy to answer any questions and/or go over the budget with him to explain certain line items that he questioned.

Discussion of a change by the Village of Clayton to Heritage Heights Sewer to reflect that sewer charges and have lowered from a proposed \$780 per EDU to \$647.39 per EDU. Supervisor Taylor proposed that with the O & M fee by the Town, each of the 37 users should pay \$750. Therefore, the Heritage Heights Sewer “amount to be raised by taxes” would change to \$27,750. Board consensus “yes”.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, being no further questions concerning the 2011 Budget, closed the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to accept the 2011 budget with the adjustment to Heritage Heights Sewer to \$27,750. Motion carried.

ZEO Monthly Report:

Discussion by the Board, that this is a good report and gives them more information. Format is very acceptable and the report is appreciated.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Town Clerk to advertise for “permanent and alternate” positions for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- JIMI bill will be about \$3,486.82 for the GPS Unit. Training was on 10/14 at the fire Hall on Graves Street.
- “CHIPS” request for payment has been sent in today.
- Gasoline tanks at the TICS fuel depot are being changed over to Ethanol. They have to empty the tanks to clean and refill. This will cost about \$1500 which will be split based on usage between the users.
- NYS doing “millings” to NYS Route 12E, from the main traffic light to Bartlett Point Road. The town of Clayton to keep “millings” until next summer and then reuse.
- Hospice – We have sent along with town of Brownville, a couple of trucks to help with the Hospice project.
- Paved Zang Road.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Heritage Heights: Have we completed the door-to-door yet for checking any drainage into sewer system by sump pumps. Not as yet, but will be having the Codes enforcement Officer Richard Ingerson do this. We will send out letters first and ask that the residents make an appointment by 11/15 to get this completed.
Discussion on Lanzione Assessment Challenge and possible Code Enforcement action on junk.
Recreation Park: there have been some communication concerns with the Athletic Director from TICS. Councilman Peterson will bring this to the attention of Joe Menard.
Discussion of Amish Carriages on road after dark and not pulling over to the side; there could be some very bad accidents.

Lance Peterson: Chamber of Commerce was appreciative of the Towns payment for the Recreation Park Advertising.

Karen Goetz and Karla Peterson went to a Chamber event downstate.
Trisha Bannister will be the new Executive Director starting in December as
Karen Goetz is retiring.
Recreation Park: Keith is installing new lighting.

Bob Cantwell III: Paynter Senior Center is doing a mailer "Bus" Fundraiser.
A grant application has been submitted also for the Paynter Senior Bus and we
should hear in December.
Christmas Parade: People will be gathering a collection during the parade with
the proceeds going to the Paynter "Bus".
Looking for a written Grant administration timetable for the Frink project from
CLDC. Something needs to be visible for the Town Board Members and the
community.

Public:

Cindy Grant discussed UTEP and that JCIDA has a pro-rata plan.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this Workshop meeting at 6:33
PM.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk