

November 4, 2009

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

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Donald Turcotte
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair		
Jim Yuhas	Alicia Dewey	Ken Knapp
Duane C. Hazelton	Pam McDowell	Jae Lee
Cindy Grant	Daniel Grant	Jamie Lee
David McCarter	John Forkey	Chancey Forkey
Mary Lou Tabalt	Derek Forkey	Kevin Forkey
Michelle Calhoun	Norma Zimmer (Mayor)	Rick Tague (BCA)
Michael Docteur (Co. Leg.)		

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Daniel Grant.

Guests:

Jefferson County Legislator Mike Docteur had just come from a committee meeting at the County and has some new information. Budget has been trimmed 2.76%. The County rate will be \$6.54 per/thousand, which is down from the start of \$6.68 per/thousand. The County is looking to cut back purchases and some funding. The County will be streamlining their work force within the next 6,8,10 months, through attrition and doing away with the position. The Bd. Of Elections has increased their budget to \$700,000+ from \$250,000. Mostly attributed to state mandates. The towns will not see any charge backs from the Bd. of Elections this year.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Legal Notice of Public Sale from the TI Bridge Authority. **(See attachment file).**
- Letter from Gary Abraham, Atty. regarding Doug Ward (Iberdrola) letter. **(See attachment file).**
- Association of Towns notice of 2010 Training for Newly Elected Officials. **(See attachment file).**
- Justice Clarence F. Giles October 2009 report to Comptroller. **(See attachment file).**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of October 28, 2009 as noted. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to approve the Supervisor's Report for the month of October 2009. Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to approve paying Abstract #11 of 2009, in the amount of \$246,387.04. Motion carried.

Transfers:

Motion by Robert W. Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to approve the following transfers: General Fund – Townwide: \$25,000; General Fund – Parttown: \$1,100; Highway Fund – Townwide \$1,500; Depauville Sewer Fund \$165. Motion carried.

Joint Town/Village Court Status:

Board discussion with Norma Zimmer, Village Mayor and Rick Tague of Bernier Carr & Associates.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to support the previous design job for the Joint Town/Village Court Renovations, but not to exceed \$250,000. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing:

A prepared statement was read by Supervisor Taylor. (See attachment file.)

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, to open the public hearing for the 2010 Town Budget at 5:47 PM. Motion carried.

One person spoke in support. No one spoke against.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to close the public hearing on the 2010 Budget at 5:59 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Turcotte, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, to adopt the 2010 Budget. Motion carried.

Christmas Decorations Contest:

Consensus of the Board to have the annual judging for Christmas decorations on December 14-17, with the announcement of the winners on December 21st.

New website design:

Matt Turcotte and Alicia Dewey have completed the update of web design. Board members should look over and get back any problems or suggestions.

Assessor:

On Thursday, November 19th the Assessor will be hosting an Assessment Education Seminar on the third floor of the Opera House. She will be conducting the seminar in conjunction with the State Real Property Tax Service.

\$600 Plan:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by George Kittle, to add subscriptions to the newspaper and purchase of electronic devices and office equipment as acceptable to be reimbursed for. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Salt Shed is now complete; the inside was sealed this afternoon.
- Finished paving the Wood Road; still have shoulders to complete and the County shoulder machine will be available next week.
- Salt has been delivered.
- Sanitizer, Clorax wipes are in place at the garage for the employees use. Trisha Barton from Jefferson County Public Health gave a presentation on swine flu this AM & ways to prevent the spread of the flu.
- Highway Superintendents meeting this AM; we're working on a plan to cover plowing of roads in the event of an outbreak of flu in one of the municipalities. State DOT/ County Highway/ Towns & Village are working together.
- Chips reimbursement will be sent this week.
- Starting to equip the trucks for the winter.
- Purchased pallets of bottled water. Each 24/case is \$3.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Requested that perhaps in light of the holidays there could be no wind discussions for the month of December. Consensus of the Board & Public there will be no discussions of wind.

Donald Turcotte: Capacity at Heritage Heights has doubled since last week.

Discussion of using solvent to clean or steam clean. Ans.: Steam Clean.

Lance Peterson:

Clayton Chamber is taking the lead for holiday advertising to “shop Clayton merchants.” Business with a Twist will be sponsored by Hazelwood Mechanicals & Laurentian Realty at a place yet to be announced.

Shoppers Poker run will be held on December 4th.

Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 5th.

Pork Dinner at the American Legion for the Thousand Islands Museum from 5-8 on Friday, November 6th.

Fireman’s Booster Club will be held Saturday, November 7th from 5-8 PM at the Fire Hall on Graves Street.

Will have a meeting with Fourth Coast, Supervisor Taylor & Keith Wood on Friday AM to discuss Arena improvements. Looking to go out to bid after the meeting.

Bob Cantwell III:

LWRP – final draft is done and will be presented to the CLDC tomorrow.

TIYLO – Halloween Bash and Haunted House was very well attended both Friday & Saturday evenings.

TIYLO – Masquerade Dance at the Opera House on December 4th.

Public: Submitted Requests to Address the Board:

Kevin Forkey read a prepared statement concerning wind and submitted a folder to the Board members. **(See attachment file.)**

Ken Knapp would like to be a judge for the Christmas Decorating. He offered congratulations to those re-elected. He feels the current board is doing a good job managing the town affairs.

Cindy Grant read a prepared statement and submitted wind materials. **(See attachment file.)**

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to cancel the December 23rd meeting and set the second meeting for Thursday, December 31st at 1:00 PM for end of year bill paying only. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk