

November 14, 2012

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

Justin A. Taylor

Robert W. Cantwell III

Kathleen E. LaClair

George Kittle (Absent)

Christopher Matthews

Lance Peterson

Robert D. Boulton

Alicia Dewey

Katie Chalk

Daniel Grant

Ken Knapp

Michael Docteur

Pam McDowell, TI Sun

Cindy Grant

Pledge: Supervisor Taylor led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the regular meeting at 5:00 PM.

Guests: Michael Docteur, County Legislator discussed the passing of the County 2013 Budget last evening and the process that leads up to the passing that starts in June. He indicated that the 2013 County Budget has less than a 1% increase. Legislator Docteur also discussed some of the capital projects that will be coming forth (1) Radio Digital Communication Tower, and (2) Jail overcrowding issue and possible expanding.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ✓ Time Warner notice of new interactive technology they're implementing within the local franchising area known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Jefferson County Dept. of Social Services requesting a donation for a holiday party for foster children. **(See attachment book.)**
- ✓ Justice(s) Giles & James October 2012 monthly report(s) to the Comptroller's. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ ZEO Henry LaClair presented his October 2012 report. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Notice(s) from the US of America Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that both the Free Flow Power Qualified Hydro 22 & 23 Preliminary Permittees i.e. Great Bend Hydroelectric Project & Felts Mills Hydroelectric Project(s) have been requested to be terminated. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Notice that the 2013 Training School & Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns will be held at the NY Hilton Hotel, NYC, February 17-20th, 2013. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Notice of the NYS Association of Towns Bus Ride – verbal registrations must be received by 12/14 & payment deadline is 1/18/13. **(See attachment file).**
- ✓ Notice from Jefferson County Planning Dept. that they and the Tug Hill Commission are sponsoring another training session for local land use officials to be held on Monday, November 26, 2012 at JCC. RSVP's are strongly encouraged by Weds., November 21st. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Notice from the National Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Center are watching Hurricane Sandy. There is a possibility that communications cable may be damaged during the debris removal, clean up, and restoration processes. The NCC Comm-ISAC Watch stands ready to liaison between

telecommunications companies and restoration and recovery crews. **(See attachment book).**

- ✓ Notice of a NYSERDA Equipment Rebate to help small Municipal Governments reduce energy use. This program offers rebates of 75% to encourage replacement of inefficient appliances and equipment with energy-efficient models. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Nation Grid notice of important Natural Gas safety information. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Depauville Sewer Minutes of November 8th, received. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Association of Tax Collectors/Town Clerks of Jefferson County dinner/meeting will be Tuesday, November 27th at the Ramada in Watertown. **Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, for Kathy LaClair to attend, with mileage reimbursable and to pre-pay the dinner costs. Kittle – absent. Motion carried. **(See attachment book).**
- ✓ Report received from Denise Trudell, Town Assessor concerning the revaluation update. **(See attachment book).**

Minutes:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the minutes of October 24, as written. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve the minutes of November 7, as written. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #58 OF 2012 was introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, a resolution to authorize the issuance of Serial Bonds in the Town of Clayton in an amount not to exceed \$5,350,000 the proceeds of which are to be used for the construction of a new wastewater collection system to serve residences and business along NYS Route 12 from the Village of Clayton to Fishers Landing. Taylor-aye; Kittle-absent; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye. **PASSED.**

Public Comments on agenda items:

Ken Knapp has concerns of what proposals come for the Frink Property. He hopes that the same level of scrutiny is maintained. His biggest concern is that condos and higher end residential would be planned and that won't sit well with a lot of the people. This is a downtown area and he wouldn't want to see the hotel figure that has been discussed previously turn into condos and private residential.

Supervisor's Report:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve the Supervisor's Report for October 2012 as presented. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve Abstract #11 in the amount of \$177,360.00. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Budget Status:

Copies of the adopted 2013 Budget were distributed to the Town Board. We adopted the budget at

the November 7th meeting. Since that time the County has passed their 2013 Budget, which modified out total taxable value and tax mapping charges. The tax rate remains the same as when we passed the budget.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, that the Town Board is aware of the item changes and that the 2013 Town Budget and tax rate remains the same. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

ATM at Recreation Park Arena:

Supervisor Taylor acknowledged that the Town now has a signed Automated Teller Machine Placement Agreement with Tricia Bannister on file. **(See file.)**

Route 12 Sewer District Status:

Supervisor stated that he has signed the USDA grant application papers for the Route 12 Sewer District this afternoon and earlier this evening we passed the resolution for bonding.

Request for Proposals advertisements:

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to advertise for Request for Proposals for Miscellaneous Hourly Construction Work for Fiscal Year 2013 and to add Pest Control to the listing, returnable by close of business on Monday, December 10th with certificate of Non-collusive. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to advertise for Request for Proposals for Sewage Lift Station Preventative Maintenance and Emergency Repairs for Depauville Sewer and Heritage Heights Sewer District(s) returnable by 2 PM, Monday, December 10th to the Town Clerk's Office. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Letter from Governor:

Supervisor Taylor has received a letter from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo thanking the Supervisor for joining the Governor to discuss the progress and achievements of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council.

Notice of Retirement of James Schnauber:

A notice of retirement has been received from James Schnauber of Schnauber Construction and Schnauber Electric, he will be retiring after 35 years of business on December 31st, 2012. Mr. Schnauber has indicated that Ron Youngs, a 30 year employee of his, is starting his own business called Youngs Electric Plus, LLC. Mr. Youngs will be doing electrical installations and repairs, generator installations and maintenance and various carpentry work with all the same quality and attention that customers have been accustomed to with Schnauber Electric.

Highway Superintendent Report:

-  Bridge on French Creek is closed; is in disrepair. Closed at Calhoun farm and Mr. Boulton is in discussions with the DEC. The Town needs to look at and possibly abandon this area, then the DEC will maintain. The Town has barricaded at the Bevens end.
-  Eliss Road – winding down for the winter. Still some more ditching and pipe to take care of.
-  Three (3) trucks are up and running for any inclement weather.

 Would like to purchase a 1992 Gradall/660 from Town of Brownville for \$25,000. Mr. Boulton will be unloading a tractor to put in the Municipal Auction.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to purchase the Gradall/660 from Town of Brownville for \$25,000. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to surplus the old Mack tractor thru Municipal Auction. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Lance Peterson: Christmas Parade will be December 1st.
Masquerade Ball will be December 7th at the Clayton Opera House.

Supervisor Taylor: Town /Village Christmas Party will be after December 12th meeting in Opera House.
Second meeting for Town Board: November 28th cancelled; Meeting will be held at 2 PM on November 30th in the Opera House.

Frink Update: Redevelopment Committee met last Thursday for 3 hours. The Committee went through both proposals. We have a Matrix of 43 questions and answers. The Committee will be meeting with both Developers tomorrow at the Antique Boat Museum. Clayton Associates in the AM and Krog in the afternoon. The Redevelopment Committee will get together at least one more time before the November 30th meeting.

There will be plenty of discussion and questions and answers before the end of the meeting on November 30th. Supervisor Taylor confident that a decision will be made by the Town Board at the November 30th, 2 PM meeting. Supervisor Taylor believes that we will have a complete comprehensive package.

There will be a pre-application meeting session set up with the Joint Planning Board, Zoning and Codes Enforcement to acknowledge what applications and documentation(s) will be needed. They will be looking at inviting Jefferson County Planning to come to this meeting as well. Proposers are looking to have a spring ground breaking for the proposed hotel.

Public:

Ken Knapp again reiterated that he is uneasy with condos or flexible condos. He doesn't want to see a lot of private ownership to what is suppose to be a hotel type structure. He has concerns.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:00 PM. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk