

## **April 9, 2014**

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

Justin A. Taylor  
Robert W. Cantwell III  
Kathleen E. LaClair

Mary Zovistoski  
Christopher D. Matthews

Lance Peterson  
Robert D. Boulton

Terra Bach  
Cindy Grant  
John Lanzione

Michael Docteur  
Gunther Schaller

Ken Knapp  
Pam McDowell

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Supervisor Taylor led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance after opening the meeting at 5:00 PM.

### **Guests:**

Michael Docteur, Jefferson County Legislator, spoke briefly on the issue the City is having with the use of holding cells while people are waiting for arraignment. Since Watertown shares the Metro Public Service Bldg. with Jefferson County there has been much discussion on what change might need to be done at the facility. They're also checking on possible Home Rule Legislation and the possibility of having to modify the shared service agreement with the City.

Discussion of the Amish Community and night time visibility; looking to resolve any problems.

Mr. Docteur had discussions yesterday about the Tax Cap legislation.

Discussion about the Watertown Airport and the change to Pittsburgh instead of going to Chicago. Chicago was more popular with Fort Drum.

### **Town Clerk:**

#### **Correspondence:**

- Zoning Officer's monthly report for March 2014.
- Justice Clif James monthly Comptroller's Report for March 2014.
- Depauville Sewer Board meeting minutes of April 8, 2014.
- Time Warner Cable-March, 2014 Programming Notice.
- Northern New York Library Network presenting 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Archives & Special Collections Conference, Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, Hogansburg, NY.
- Notice of the 2014 Annual Banquet for the Clayton Fire Department, which will be Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Edgewood Resort, Alexandria Bay, NY.
- Notice of two Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days – open to all residential households in Jefferson, Lewis and ST. Lawrence Counties at the Jefferson County Highway Dept, 21897 County Route 190 (Outer W. Main St.) Watertown from 9 AM to 1 PM (Rain or Shine) on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. This is being sponsored by the Development Authority of the North Country, Jefferson County and NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

### **Minutes:**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to accept the minutes of March 26, 2014 as written. Motion carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None.

**Supervisor's Report:**

**Motion** by Chris Matthews, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to accept the March 2014 Supervisor's Report & Bank Reconciliations. Motion carried.

**Bills & Transfers:**

**Motion** by Chris Matthews, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to accept the payment of Abstract #4 of 2014 in the amount of \$213,726.76 and to pay these bills. Motion carried.

**Opera House Repairs Update:**

The last of the bills for the Opera House repairs are in tonight's bills that we just paid.

**Financial Disclosures:**

One left to be turned in.

**Grindstone Island Cemetery Mowing Bids:**

Three bids were received as follows:

1000 Islands Land Trust	\$4,050
Charles E. Smith	\$3,899 include Certif. of Insurance
Jeff Marra	\$4,300

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews, to accept the lowest bid from Charles E. Smith at \$3,899.00. Motion carried.

**DOS Meeting with Town/Village:**

Discussion of the meeting that was held last Thursday, at 5:30 PM, at the Village Municipal Building with Sean Maquire, Dept. Of State Local Government Representative on consolidations, shared services, and Government Efficiencies. This might be one of our topics with the Village at the joint T/V meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Transient Docks Update:**

Committee of Chris Matthews, Supervisor Taylor, Rob Campany, Gus Withington, Bud Baril and Mike Geiss met yesterday to look at the updated Comprehensive Project Scope of the Town of Clayton Frink Redevelopment Funding Budgets Potential Scenario. This Comprehensive Project Scope was distributed to the Board.

**Training Approval:**

**Motion** by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve training for Terra Bach for Excel and take a Notary Class & test in Syracuse. Motion Carried.

**Approval for Town Court Clerk:**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to appoint Jamie Sanchez as Town Court Clerk at a rate of \$12.50 per hour on payroll. Motion carried.

**Clayton Housing Needs:**

Supervisor Taylor thanked the Board for passing along their views on any thoughts for housing needs in our community. Their views were shared with the CIA and at the CLDC meeting last Thursday.

**Joint Town & Village Meeting:**

A Joint Town / Village meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the Village Municipal Building starting at 5:00 PM.

**Depauville Sewer Online Billing & Credit Card Payments:**

The Depauville Sewer minutes had an inquiry if payments for this could be online. This will be investigated not just for Depauville Sewer use but for any other payments ie: Town Clerk licenses, Planning/ Zoning/Codes permit fees, etc. The Town Clerk will investigate and report back to the Board.

**Assessor Litigation:**

Ligation still ongoing with Lucky Star Ranch, Old Town Springs Road. There is no face to face exchanges only discussion through the lawyers. A possible sit down with a couple of Town Board members might be a good idea to see what is being requested. Councilman Cantwell indicated he could make the initial contact with the property owners.

**Reserve Accounts:**

Supervisor Taylor has talked with Joe Russell, Towns Attorney about doing a resolution to set up a Capital Reserve Account that would contain funds for Equipment and Buildings within the Town.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

-  Dave Dingman, D.O.T. - the state will be paving Route 12, starting at White's Lumber, Outer James Street to Clayton Golf Course Outer State Street. Looking to do in June before school is out and a lot of summer traffic in the area. Looking at possibly doing on a Mon through Wed. schedule. (Side note: Barrett's has the contract to do Route 12, from the T.I. Bridge to where D.O.T. leaves off.
-  C.H.I.P.S. – lost \$58 in allocation for the C.H.I.P.S. 2014/15; this is a 3% change from the 2013/14 season.
-  \$40 M Extreme Winter Recovery Capital Grants – Town of Clayton will receive \$20,866.67.
-  Looking to have a meeting this Thursday or Friday morning with Rob Campany, to discuss and layout Boater Safety Building.
-  Changing the Trucks over to Spring/Summer work.
-  Spring cleanup work at intersections will start soon; then look at brush cleanup (probably 3 weeks to a month before this starts). Starting roadside trimming.
-  Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Reports:****Peterson:**

Talked with Keith Wood today. Looking to have Rob Campany look at the bleachers to make sure what improvements need to be done. Also looking at radiant heat.

**Cantwell III:**

Boat Show this past weekend. Very good attendance. Wondering if we still need to utilize the Town Barn for Vendors. The Barn literally has to shut down Thursday & Friday when they're moving in and then Monday and Tuesday when Vendors are moving out, not to mention the time of spring cleaning the building for their use. It used to be that the Chamber would purchase

something of need to utilize this space. This hasn't happened since Karen Goetz left the Chamber a number of years ago. The Chamber is not paying rent for this space only the use of the Arena.

Discussion followed that there is a need of using the Town Barn as the show has grown. Councilwoman Zovistoski acknowledged that there is a committee meeting for the Chamber soon and she will bring up the question of using the Town Barn.

Sewer Committee: Supervisor Rarick wants to meet with the Sewer Committee as soon as there is a scheduled meeting.

**Matthews:** Questioned if we had heard of any Union Contract meeting as yet. Answer: Haven't heard anything so far, but should be soon.

**Zovistoski:** Spring Boat Show was a success.  
Business With A Twist is tomorrow night at Coyote Moon Lounge, downtown from 5-7 PM.  
Antique Boat Museum will host "Destination River" event to promote Clayton. It will focus on our attractions and businesses. Attendees will be from hotel, motel & resorts.  
Great Lakes Scuttlebutt Magazine will profile Clayton as a destination May & June issue and the Antique Boat Museum – July & August.  
Depauville Library: Karen Lago has noted the library will need to replace five (5) computers over the next 5 years.  
Programs this month: decorate wooden frames on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM; Hair bow making, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM; and Listen & Learn Classical Guitar, Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 PM funded by a grant from St. Lawrence County Arts Council in the amount of \$2600.

**Public Submitted Requests to Address the Board:**

Ken Knapp – Stated there had been another Chaumont Corridor LWRP meeting. The public has only one (1) shot for giving Public Input. The grant received was for \$22,000. Discussed the boundaries and the immediate watershed. LWRP- developing a strategy.

Discussion concerning the D.O.S. and why they don't pave at night. Mr. Knapp stated that in the south they pave at night because it is too hot during the day.

Mr. Knapp thanked the Board for meeting with the D.O.S. to see where you go from here; at least you're trying to do something.

John Lanzione had questions concerning the Proposed Sewer district to Orleans on NYS Route 12. He stated that the part of his Motel should have a changed use. He questioned what would be the EDU rate for that.

Supervisor Taylor indicated that the ordinance has not been written as yet. The Supervisor requested that if Mr. Lanzione was going to change the use of the building from a motel and that there was not going to be any water or sewer to the structure that he put that in writing to the Town Board. The District lines have been drawn which includes the rear motel structure. Mr. Lanzione agreed to submit a letter.

Mr. Lanzione stated that with a change of use which hasn't been addressed as yet, he doesn't see how they could charge him for a use that he doesn't have now.

Again, Supervisor Taylor stated that right now we are waiting for Rob Company and Joe Russell's determination. He told Mr. Lanzione, that he needs to tell us exactly what he's going to do with the building in question.

**Motion** by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:38 PM.  
Motion carried.

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk