

May 14, 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
Kathy LaClair

Mary Zovistoski
Christopher D. Matthews

Lance Peterson
Robert D. Boulton

Terra Bach
Kathy L. Quencer
Greg Lago

Ken Knapp
Katie Clark, WDT
Michael Docteur, County Legislator

Pam McDowell, TI Sun
Gunther A. Schaller

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Guests:

County Legislator Michael Docteur discussed the transfer of property located at Hilltop Lane that has been in the name of Jefferson County. This has been through the County Committee and full Board and is now in the hands of the County Attorney to do the Quit Claim Deed to turn this over to the Town of Clayton.

Legislator Docteur discussed the Watertown International Airport and the change of route leaving. As with anything, it is felt that this route will take time to build. The parking lot remains full, so their taking this as a good sign of usage.

NYS Route 12 litter: Legislator Docteur stated that in the past there have been work crews from the County Jail and Prison that have worked on the clean-up of this area. He will check with County Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence to see if other means are obtainable to get this cleaned up.

Kathy L. Quencer, is currently a sitting Justice at the Town of Brownville. She is running for Jefferson County Family Court Judge, this fall. Her mission is to introduce herself and give her qualification for this seat. Should Judge Quencer be successful in her run for election this fall, she would be replacing Judge Hunt who is retiring at the end of this year.

Town Clerk:**Correspondence:**

- Notice - Save the River-Annual Run for the River 5K/10K – Scheduled for Saturday, July 26th with registration at 7:30 AM; Race to begin at 9:00 AM. (See attachment book).
- Notice - TI Central School – important Budget dates, Proposed Budget, Sample Ballot. (See attachment book).
- Received – Grants Action News for April 2014 and May 2014. (See attachment book).
- Received – letter from Jefferson County Board of Elections concerning upcoming 2014 Federal Primary Elections, June 24th from Noon to 9:00 PM; September 9th State and Local Primary Elections from Noon to 9:00 PM and General Election – November 4th from 6 AM to 9:00 PM. (See attachment book).
- Justices Ramseier and James monthly Comptrollers Report for April, 2014. (See attachment book).

- Notice – NYS Office of General Services Notice of Application Pursuant to the Public Lands Law from Frank Sapere who will apply on 29 May 2014 to the Commissioner of General Services, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Lands Law, for use of land underwater of the State of New York, described as follows for a 16' x 32' boat Port to be built on existing dock. (See attachment book).
- Notice – Community Picnic at Zenda Farm, June 13th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Tickets available and RSVP to TILT, (See attachment book).
- Received – Rural Features, Spring 2014 issue. (See attachment book).
- Received – from NYS Dept. of environmental Conservation, a routine inspection was performed at the above transfer station and land clearing debris landfill on March 14th. There were no violations noted at either. (See attachment book).
- Received – Time Warner Cable – keeping everyone apprised of developments affecting subscribers in Western NY Division. (See attachment book).
- Received – Resignation from Ron Duford from the Joint Planning Board. (See attachment book. (See attachment book).
- Received – View Point, April, 2014 issue. (See attachment book).
- Assessor's report of May 14th. (See attachment book).

Minutes:

April 23, 2014 minutes will be reviewed and acted upon at the next meeting.

DANC Support Letter/Resolution:

RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTION #37:

Discussions of intent and clarification of why they're doing these resolutions.

RESOLUTION #37 OF 2014 was introduced by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, a resolution demonstrating support of the Development Authority of the North Country and Partner's Grant application to the Local Government Efficiency Program. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Bob Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

RESOLUTION #38:

RESOLUTION #38 OF 2014 was introduced by Justin Taylor, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to do Proclamation, Town of Clayton, NY Emergency Medical Services and Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Services. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

RESOLUTION #39:

RESOLUTION #39 OF 2014 was introduced by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, a resolution to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

RESOLUTION #40:

RESOLUTION #40 OF 2014 was introduced by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, a resolution to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Recreation and Highway Machinery, Equipment and Apparatus Reserve Fund. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

RESOLUTION #41:

RESOLUTION #41 OF 2014 was introduced by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, a resolution to establish a repair fund for the Town of Clayton Sewer District to be known as the Depauville Sewer District General Repair Reserve Fund. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

RESOLUTION #42:

RESOLUTION #42 OF 2014 was introduced by Chris Matthews, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, a resolution to establish a general repair reserve fund for the Town of Clayton to be known as the General Repair Reserve Fund. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye, Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

Public: Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Supervisor:

Correction to April Abstract:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to amend by (lowering the amount to \$213,316.79) of Abstract #4 of 2014. Motion carried.

Bills & transfers May 2014:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve the payment of \$115,378.12 for May Abstract #5 of 2014. Motion carried.

Transient Docks Update:

Supervisor Taylor discussed Chippewa Bay in that they were awarded the bid in March at \$475,000. They indicated they would be able to secure a Performance Bond. Chippewa asked for and received an extension of an extra week on 4/15 and to date 5/14 nothing has come through. Discussions with Atty. Russell that we declare a Non-responsive notice and award to the 2nd place of Gator Dock, the all aluminum dock at \$422,800. Discussion by Board.

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, that based upon failure to reply to terms, we find that Chippewa Bay is declared non-responsive and that Supervisor Taylor is to send a letter to Chippewa Bay acknowledging such. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, that the Bid #2 be awarded to Gator Dock along with alternate 2 at a price of \$405,200 based on the 3/10 Bid Opening. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, to authorize Town Supervisor to sign with Moffat & Nichols with Option C-1. Motion carried.

Town Constable/Justice Court Bailiff:

Motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, for Lynn Schnauber as Town Constable/Justice Court Bailiff be paid \$15 per hour and paid by Voucher.

Verizon Long Distance Bill Update:

Bills should be checked monthly for long distance calls. Westelcom will be providing fiber optics in the near future; this will allow for phone lines into this building and the dollars we're currently spending will remain about the same by going with Westelcom. We will further discuss this possibility at our June 11th meeting.

Depauville Sewer Billing Process:

Discussion and consensus by the Town Board that the Depauville Sewer Billing will cease and the full year amount plus penalty will be added to the 2015 Tax Bills. The Town Board will make the Depauville Sewer District aware at the meeting in Depauville the month of August, 2nd meeting date.

[Cantwell III left at 5:55PM]

Town Clerk and Board Room Air Conditioning:

Motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Chris Matthews, to award the air conditioning for the Town Board Room and the Town Clerk's Office to Bach's at \$8,160. Cantwell III – absent. Motion carried.

John Lanzione Letter:

Options discussed to give to Mr. Lanzione: 1) turn into storage with no water or toilets; 2) move building out of the district. Supervisor to talk with Mr. Lanzione to see how he wants to do this.

LWRP-Chaumont River Corridor:

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, at 6:00 PM on the third floor of the Clayton Opera House and will be hosted by The Towns of Clayton, Orleans and Lyme to share their vision for the Chaumont River corridor. These towns are in the process of developing a comprehensive regional strategy for the revitalization of the Chaumont River Corridor. The creation of the regional strategy for revitalization within this area will become the foundation for future economic and community development. (Village of Chaumont/ Town of Lyme, Hamlet of Depauville and Hamlet of LaFargeville.)

Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Dinner:

The dinner will be held at the Clipper Inn, Wednesday, May 21st to honor Clayton's Citizen of the Year Roland "Bud" Baril.

Boater Safety Bldg Agreement:

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a Thirty (30) year agreement for the Boater Safety Building with renewal option at the end of each Thirty (30) year increment. Cantwell III-absent. Motion carried.

Discussion of fencing erected by Krog. Krog/Hart will install low level fencing 6'-7' on the interior of the Riverwalk rather than the original irregular design and sod, seed, irrigate and maintain to the inside edge of the Riverwalk. The Board was supportive of this plan. Supervisor will get price to irrigate the Towns side of the Riverwalk.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

-  Out picking up brush; Hamlet of Depauville has been completed, Clayton Center area is completed and Heritage Heights is done.
-  Flags donated by American Legion for the Depauville Cemetery.
-  We will be working on Ellis Road.
-  Have a list of things that need to be done, so we will be working on that list.
-  Road Tour will be Thursday, May 29th at 9AM, leaving from the Joint Highway Facility.
-  Discussion on easements on the Conservancy at French Creek.

Council Reports:

Lance Peterson: Questioned if T.I.E.R.S. could be allocated a dumpster on their site.

Chris Matthews: Nothing

Mary Zovistoski: Depauville Library: Will be having a Run, fun, Run 5K team & Family run on Saturday, May 31st. 10 AM Teams; 11 AM Families, noon – awards. Also there will be a Chicken BBQ with salt potatoes & beans for \$10. Kenny Knapp will present “Ancient Man in the 1000 Islands” on Thursday, June 26th from 6-8 PM. DA night of May 6th: Sat with all 3 Judges, Bailiff, and Village Police & Clerk. The Clerk processing cases into the computer and showed me the case load she needed to do from that night and boxes filled with past cases. There’s a stack of unpaid fines from Judge Giles that she is processing and mailing out to recover those funds. When Judge James retires she will have to do the same.

Public: Submitted Requests to Address the Board:

Ken Knapp discussed the LWRP meeting on 5/22 at 6 PM at the Opera House, 3rd floor. Also he is giving a talk at the Depv. Library on the “Ancient Man in the 1000 Islands”, hopes everyone will attend. Mr. Knapp will also be going to Alexandria Bay at the Town Offices for the SASS meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:40 PM. Cantwell III-absent. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk