

January 28, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting at 5:00 PM in the Town Board Room at the Town Offices located at 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, NY , with the following persons present:

Justin A. Taylor	Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III (Absent)
Christopher D. Matthews	Mary Zovistoski	Kathleen E. LaClair
William Sherman	Terra Bach	Keith Wood
Greg Lago	Julie Garnsey	Kristina Ives
Katie Ross	Ken Knapp	Will Salisbury
Karen Roden	Meredith Forentino	Tony Gibson
Bill Heyman	Mary Heyman	Pam McDowell
Rob Company		

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

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Justice James Summary Report by Case Numbers 14010001 to 14129999 for the year 2014. (See attachment book).
- Time Warner Cable developments affecting subscribers in the Western New York Division. (See attachment book).

Minutes: Dispensed with until February meeting.

Supervisor:

Assessor Update: Supervisor met with the Cape Vincent Town Board. They were very supportive of having an Acting Assessor until someone is appointed to the position. Supervisor Taylor has talked with a well-qualified retired Assessor for the Acting position and she is willing to work in Clayton and Cape Vincent one day a week each. We will be interviewing for the Assessor starting in mid to late February.

Motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve the per diem of \$25 per hour data collection and \$30 an hour for data input. Cantwell III – absent. Motion carried.

Local Law #2 of 2015:

Local Law #2 of 2015 was introduced by Chris Matthews, and seconded by Lance Peterson, a Local Law to establish the position of Town Manager for the Town of Clayton. Motion carried.

Route 12 Sewer Status:

Rob Company, Town Engineer, discussed that there were 16 easements left to secure and that the final review by EFC & DEC should come back any day now. We then will see what our options are; if we try to re-align or proceed as we now have it.

Opera House Roof:

Rob Company discussed that this building was built in 1903-1904. It now has 7-9 layers of roof material. We have no choice but to take off all layers. The difficult part will be the access. It will be disruptive around this building for a month or better and we will need some level of asbestos abatement. We

need to make a scheduled time for the best timeframe. Discussion of April, May, June to mid-October time frame is busy for the Opera House. A better time for doing this work might be the fall of 2015 or spring 2016. We will need scaffolding to protect the sidewalks and for a few days we may need to close off Merrick Street during some aspects of the work. The costs will be somewhere between \$213,000 and \$306,000. Several options will be considered. We can revisit this again about June or July of 2015 for the best time frame to do this project. Also you might want to touch base with the Attorney for bonding of the project.

Dock Project:

The Board reviewed the budget of 12/9/2014.

KeyBank:

Discussion of dual signature authorization for Key Total Treasury ACH Payments.

Motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Chris Matthews, to opt out of setting up a secondary authorizer. Cantwell III – absent. Motion carried.

Housing Grant – Clayton:

Clayton Improvement Association is asking the Town of Clayton to submit for a Community Development Block Grant.

Motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to support this request for the C.I.A. Cantwell III-absent. Motion carried.

Save the River:

Lee Willbanks, Executive Director of Save the River has extended an invitation to elected officials to the Winter Weekend Conference being held at the Thousand Islands Clayton Harbor Hotel on Saturday, February 7th.

Financial Disclosures:

Reminder to get your Financial Disclosures in.

Highway Superintendents Report:

-  Things are going pretty smoothly.
-  We're doing maintenance the Grader.
-  Moving forward with normal winter weather.

Committee Reports:

Lance Peterson: Things are going pretty smooth at the Recreation Arena and at the Transfer Site.
Keith is starting to get resumes for the 2015 swimming season.

Mary Zovistoski: Depauville Library – Free Soup on Fridays.
Chamber of Commerce didn't have a meeting.

Public – submitted requests to address the Board:

Ken Knapp: Zoning; several issues are being done at the same time and it is too much for all to handle at one time. The Town is trying to cover too many issues in one instance and they need to be separated. Current businesses should be listed in the business section of Route 12. If businesses are already existing then no expansion should be allowed on the north side.

Will Salisbury: the question is, why, landowners agree/request that their properties be re-zoned MD, would they wish this change? Most of these properties are trailer parks and summer rentals. The new designation is attractive to commercial use and can adversely affect residential property in the future. It would seem that a foregone conclusion that many of these would welcome offers on their land and that development is certain! Mr. Salisbury thinks each case of proposed commercial use should be assessed on its commercial use and with special use permits if necessary. Because these lands are re-zoned their value increases and so should the taxes! Will they be re-assessed this year if these amendments pass, and do the owners of these trailer parks know this?

Karen Roden: Her belief is that we should be the guardians of growth in all districts.

Meredith Forentino – discussed if there were any grants or help available for the youth. She is looking for aid to help have a place available for the youth of the area to be able to go and play games, work on a computers, etc. Something that possibly could be budgeted to provide and to help keep the youth off the streets.

Jazz Fest – Supervisor Taylor stated at the last meeting, the Jazz Fest was discussed. The money could possibly come out of the occupancy tax, however we don't know how much will be available. We want to want and see what this amount is before we earmark it to be spent.

Councilman Matthews – currently we're re-evaluating this MD district. Nothing is going to be done at this time.

Councilman Peterson – we are going to bend over backwards to get this right. We worry about every single person and we will work on this.

Discussion of looking at CFA that would do a specific project for four (4) towns: possibly Natural Gas.

Adjournment:

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:08 PM. Cantwell III- absent. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk