

June 24, 2015

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

Justin A. Taylor	Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III
Christopher D. Matthews	Mary Zovistoski	Kathleen E. LaClair
Bill Sherman	Keith Wood	
Ken Knapp	Ron Cooper	Pam McDowell
Mary Bowman	David Storandt	John Lanzione
Katie Ross	Cindy Grant	

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 5p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: None

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Invitation received from Thousand Islands Land Trust (T.I. L.T.) for their Summer Gathering, Celebrating 30 years of “Conserving the Place We Love” at Jim & Peggy Pontious, 39047 Zenda Rd, on Saturday, July 18th form 6-9 p.m. RSVP by July 10th if attending. \$100/person.
- Received Grants Action News for June 2015.
- Time Warner Cable keeping everyone apprised of developments affecting their subscribers in the Central New York Division.

Minutes:

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015 as written. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2015 WAS INTRODUCED BY Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, a resolution for a name change from “North Crawford Island” to “Anniversary Island”. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Ron Cooper approached the Town Board concerning their apparent considering of writing a support letter for Jody Garrett for submittal for an Ag District permit. Mr. Cooper is opposed to the Ag District permit idea and requesting that the Board stay neutral and not write a letter of support. The Town Board is suppose to represent all of their constituents and if an Ag District is permitted for the Garretts, it will be too noisy for this residential area. He will not be able to sell lots that are directly in front of Fairview Manor on the river frontage.

Supervisor:

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel Proclamation:

Supervisor Taylor distributed a draft proclamation for the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel. A couple of weeks ago, the Hotel was bestowed a Four Diamond status from the Automobile Association of America (AAA),

a distinction only 5.4% of hotels in the nation are awarded. The Harbor Hotel is one of 24 hotels in upstate New York to earn this distinction. This proclamation was drafted with both the Town & Village Boards names. Supervisor Taylor will present this to the Village for their next meeting for their passage and signatures, if the board agrees that we should recognize the Harbor Hotel for this feat.

Motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to prepare this “Proclamation” so that a July public presentation can be made at the Harbor Hotel. Motion carried.

Garrett Support Letter for Ag District:

Brief discussion, resulting with the Town Board in support of the “farm-based distillery”. **Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to send a letter of support to the Garrett’s for their farm-based distillery business for St. Lawrence Spirits (Fairview Manor). Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Construction Work Bids:

Carpenter Bids:	M.S. Ritchie General	\$38 hr/\$304 (for 8 hr day)
	Bach & Co.	\$95 hr/\$760 day
	LP Builders	\$55 hr/\$440 day
	New Century Electric	\$80 hr/\$640 day
	Patch Seaway International	\$90 hr/\$720 day

Electrician Bids	Youngs Electric Plus, LLC	\$50 hr
	Bach & Co	\$101 hr/\$800 day
	New Century	\$50 hr/\$400 day
	Patch Seaway International	\$90 hr/ \$720 day

Plumber Bids:	Peter Mellon Plmbg/Electr	\$60 hr
	Bach & Co	\$95 hr/\$760 day
	New Century Electric	\$70 hr/\$560 day
	Patch Seaway International	\$90 hr/\$720 day

Mason Bids:	Bach & Co	\$105 hr/\$825 day
	New Century Electric	\$75 hr/\$600 day

Painter Bids:	LP Builders	\$50 hr/\$400 day
	New Century Electric	\$60 hr/\$480 day
	Patch Seaway International	\$90 hr/\$720 day

Marine Work:

Laborer:	Patch Seaway International	\$90 hr/\$720 day
Welding/Torch :	Patch Seaway International	\$90 hr/\$720 day
Tug,Barge,Crane:	Patch Seaway International	\$350 hr/\$2800 day
Tug Only:	Patch Seaway International	\$150 hr/\$1200 day
Crane:	Patch Seaway International	\$150 hr/\$1200 day
Tug,Barge,Excavator:	Patch Seaway International	\$350 hr/\$2800 day

Transient Dock Updates: Supervisor Taylor indicated that things are looking good. The chains were put in yesterday. There are 26 connected blocks. The docks will go in Tuesday. The reconstructed design was submitted late Friday afternoon. We have put them on notice that the work has not been completed on time.

Route 12 Sewer Easements Update: This process is now in the hands of the Town Attorney Joseph W. Russell and Rob Company. Atty. Russell is waiting for some maps for the "Eminent Domain" phase to take to the Judge.

John Lanzione addressed the board and stated he had talked with Mr. Mannigan at USDA-RUS, and he had told Mr. Lanzione that the Town will then cover monetarily the term of the district? The Town Board was not sure exactly to what Mr. Lanzione was referring to and Supervisor Taylor stated he would contact Mr. Mannigan to get clarification.

Occupancy Tax: Supervisor Taylor had met with the Cultural & Tourism Committee last week. The Town Board discussed the use of utilization of \$2500 from the Occupancy Tax money for Diane Leonard to write a grant for the NYS Council of the Arts for a planning grant of \$49,500 in 2015-16. In the 2016-17 round of grants they would apply for an implementation grant in the amount of \$300,000. The Antique Boat Museum would manage most of the work.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to expend \$2500 for Diane Leonard to write the Cultural & Tourism Grant. Motion carried.

Road Tour Follow-up (Request budget numbers): Highway Superintendent Sherman will forward to the Board members the proposed budget for Road Work for the 2016 Fiscal year. He stated that he still has to finalize the numbers.

Fire District Property Transfer – TIERS: Transfer is in the hands of the Fire District lawyer at this time. Depauville Fire Dept. is also going to transfer their Social Hall to the Fire District.

Equipment Purchase-Ambulance: TIERS received a grant which provided new Tablets to track patients records. They're requesting \$1500 for a "firewall" to be installed and looking for \$1500 to cover the monthly expense of their tablets/cellular system. The board was supportive of this when a bill is received. Funds will be paid from the Ambulance District Funds.

Site Work- Ambulance District: Councilman Cantwell III discussed Capital Campaign of TIERS. They're hoping to pay for everything out of the Capital Campaign. Councilman Cantwell III, distributed a Site Work Estimate to the Town Board members. TIERS can apply to the Northern Regional Foundation for up to \$250,000 for a 50/50 matching grant.

Councilman Cantwell III is hoping that the Highway Dept. can work a couple of weeks this fall at the site, to help cut down on the costs.

Opera House Roof: Discussion that the Town Board is looking to go out to bid this fall and do the work in Spring of 2016.

Depauville Sewer-Transfer funds to reserve account: The Depauville Sewer current cash fund balance and Capital Reserve is at \$143,767.60. Supervisor Taylor is looking to transfer \$50,000 to the Reserve Account leaving \$93,767.60 for a cash balance in case of need.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to move the \$50,000 to the Depauville Sewer Reserve Account. Motion carried.

GI White Goods: Discussion of white goods being piled near the Grindstone Island School and at the docks. Town Highway crews are on Grindstone working on the roads. Typically when crews are on Grindstone Island, islanders begin piling white goods for the Highway to bring back to the main land.

Assessment: Atty. Teresa Bennett has advised that we were successful in our recent assessment court case. The amounts that the town had requested were awarded by the court.

Justice Court: Town Justice Janet Brick has been reaching out to Court Administration concerning consolidating the Town and Village Courts.

Highway Superintendent Report:

-  Highway Dept. is on shut down next week 9/29-7/6.
-  Finishing Grindstone Island tomorrow. We have been cutting back brush and grading roads.
-  Sewer distribution boxes in Depauville are being repaired by Bach's.
-  Our man-lift that went to auction was sold for \$3700. The money has not been received as yet.

Council Reports:

Lance Peterson:

Keith Wood, Foreman at Recreation Park, has received an e-mail from Elizabeth Billings, who is a Program Assistant Advancing Tobacco Free Communities in St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Counties. One initiative they work on is a tobacco-free outdoors, focusing on parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas. They're trying to eliminate tobacco use in these areas for a few reasons, mostly to eliminate second hand smoke exposure to everyone trying to enjoy the area. Councilman Peterson, urged everyone to read the e-mail and to be prepared to possibly act on this at the next meeting. Councilman Peterson thanked Highway Superintendent Sherman for a good transition at the highway. He has received good comments and no complaints from the personnel on the smooth transition from Hwy. Superintendent Boulton to Hwy. Superintendent Sherman. He has heard no complaints even from the Community. Good job.

Robert W. Cantwell III: Questioned if Recreation Park is also off next week. Wondering about one or two persons mowing at the docks location. Paynter Senior Center is struggling to get people in their facility. They have sent out 1,760 letters out to the Clayton/Alexandria Bay/Orleans area to those over the age of 60. Paula Baril has just come off the Paynter Senior Board of Directors and has been replaced by Anne Mellon.

Chris Matthews: Nothing for this evening.

Mary Zovistoski: Depauville Library had to close down due to water in the basement area. Librarian Karen Lago is working on getting a youth meal program to come in for the summer months at the library.

Public Submitted Requests to Address the Board: **None**

Adjournment:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:07 p.m.
Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk