

July 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton was held in the Town Board Room, 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, NY with the following people in attendance:

Justin A. Taylor	George Kittle	Lance Peterson
Robert W. Cantwell III	Christopher D. Matthews	Bob Boulton (Absent)
Kathy LaClair		
Alicia Dewey	Jeff. Co. Legislator Michael Docteur	
Kenneth Knapp	Cindy Grant	Daniel Grant
Pam McDowell	Gunther Schaller	Shawn Hutcheon
James Knight	Brenda Knight	Roland Van Deusen
Nancy Van Deusen		

Meeting Opening & Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Guests:

Legislator Docteur discussed the first stage of the County 2014 Budget process. They're looking at a new health insurance packaging that will cost at least \$100,000 more than this year's. The T.I. Council will be receiving more from the Bed Tax distribution as allocated by the County. Each of the Towns/Villages will still receive their agreed upon percentage as per the County & Towns Occupancy tax Agreement.

Legislator Docteur also discussed the Airport and that it has increased in a positive way. The IDA will be having their monthly meeting tomorrow at the airport.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ✓ Zoning Officer's Monthly Report for June, 2013. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Monthly Justice Report to NYS Comptroller from Justice Clarence Giles Jr. for June 2013. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Letter of introduction from On-Site Testing Services, Inc. a Professional Alcohol and Drug Testing Service Program Provider. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Time Warner Cable notice of starting on or about July 23, 2013, local Public, Educational and Government access programming will be delivered in digital format only. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Notice of tentative Equalization Rate is 100%. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Monthly Justice Report to NYS Comptroller from Justice Clifford James for June, 2013. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Time Warner Cable notice of agreements with programmers that are due to expire. **(See attachment file.)**
- ✓ Rural Features Summer 2013 issue. **(See attachment file.)**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of June 26, 2013. Motion carried.

Public: Comments on Agenda items:

Cindy Grant read a prepared letter concerning "wind" to the Board. **(See attachment file.)**

Supervisor Report:

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the Supervisor's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Bills & Transfers/Budget Amendments:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to approve the payment of bills for Abstract #7 in the amount of \$521,441.64 for July, 2013. Motion carried.

Training Requests:

1) Emerge NNY 7/25/13:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to authorize Alicia Dewey and Terra Thomas to attend the Emerge NNY through the Greater Watertown Jaycees at the Best Western-Savory Downtown on Thursday, July 25th from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Seminar fee of \$70 per and mileage to be paid. Motion carried.

2) GFOA Seminar on Health Insurance:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to authorize Alicia Dewey to attend Central Summer Seminar, NYS GFOA on August 1st, at Harbor Hotel, Watkins Glen, NY. One day session as member \$135 to be paid. Motion carried.

3) Cornell Seminar:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to authorize Kim Johnston to attend Cornell Seminars July 14-19. Paid for 24 hours, \$520 Seminar fee; \$499.75 total for night lodging (5 nights @ \$99.95) and mileage. Motion carried.

Board discussion concerning having an agreement with Mrs. Johnston making sure she continues to work for at least a specific time period after receiving training.

SASS Kick-Off Meeting 7/23/13:

Ron Hammond, Town of Hammond Supervisor, at our last meeting had invited the Town Board to the upcoming SASS meeting. Supervisor Taylor indicated that he will attend and asked the Board members to get back to him so that he might RSVP to Suprv. Hammond. The meeting will be at Singer Castle on Tuesday, July 23rd and the boat to Singer Castle will leave Chippewa Bay at 12:30 sharp.

IJC Public Hearing 7/17/13:

The International Joint Commission will hold a public hearing at Alexandria Bay on Wednesday, July 17th from 6-9 PM at the Bonnie Castle, Alexandria Bay. The IJC is inviting the public to comment on a proposal for managing the water levels and flows in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River that will continue to contribute to the economic health of communities throughout the basin while improving the long-term ecological health of Lake Ontario and the upper St. Lawrence River. Supervisor Taylor is planning on attending, he requested that the Board let him know if they would be attending. This is critical to our tourism and environment.

Rec Park Project Status:

Keith Wood, Supervising Foreman at Cerow Recreation Park Arena has part of the flooring exposed in the arena at the header. The Town Board should take a look at this. Time to meet at the arena will be tomorrow (July 11th) at 8 AM. The total project of renovations and proposed addition is a

large project; updating current features at the arena is a “need to do” project. Councilmen Cantwell III and Matthews will be meeting with the Youth Hockey and various others to get their input on projects they feel should be addressed and look at trimming the proposed project.

FYI – CLDC/CIA:

Clayton Improvement Association has been advertising for an Interim Executive Director. The CIA has offered the CLDC Exec. Director the opportunity to be the Interim Executive Director for the CIA and would still allow for being the Executive Director of the CLDC. The two differ in their missions, however both do grants. The Executive Director for the CLDC gets her salary from the Budgeted amount(s) from: Town \$10,000, with the Town paying for office space, copier, phone, internet) and the Village \$10,000, also doing grants for the Village at another \$10,000, equaling \$30,000. It has been a handshake deal the last few weeks; and we’re looking to have an agreement that would spell out all the particulars. This would move the Executive Director position to full time between the two positions and would then house the CLDC Exec. Director at the CIA Building on Strawberry Lane. The transition would probably take place this fall.

Cape Vincent Wind:

The Town Board discussed the Cape Vincent Wind Farm presentation from the last meeting. The Town Board is on record with the PSC that they support the “Home Rule” legislation. After stating several concepts of what to protect, the Town determined that the Supervisor’s Office would draft a letter to PSC. In addition, it was decided that we hire a professional service to assist the Town with public relations/communication related to the proposed project.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Discussed correspondence from Depauville Free Library.

Lance Peterson: Nothing for this evening.

Bob Cantwell III: TIYLO is having the 4th Annual Golf Tournament on 7/20, sign up at 1:30, shotgun start at 2:00 at the Clayton County Club.

Chris Matthews: Nothing for this evening.

- FYI:**
- 1) Boat leaves for Grindstone Island on the 24th of July at 4PM for the Workshop meeting at Dodge Hall.
 - 2) Within the next couple of years the Opera House will need a new roof.
 - 3) Next Wednesday, 7/17 at 7 PM at the Depauville Fire Hall a presentation concerning a new High Band frequency in the local area.
 - 4) Salt Shed BAN is now paid off.

Public Hearing: Tax Cap Override – 6PM:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews to open the Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override. Motion carried.

Ken Knapp stated that most people understand what is being done with the override and the necessity of doing it. The Town did a tax cap override last year and it didn’t affect the bottom line. He sees no reason not to do it.

Mrs. Van Deusen wasn't completely sure why it was being done.

Supervisor Taylor explained that the T.I.E.R.S. Ambulance has been a part of the Town Budget. Next year it will be an Ambulance District and have a line to itself and coming out of the Town Budget line.

Mrs. Van Deusen had no problem with what was proposed.

Gunther Schaller understood the process. He had seen on the internet that the town was doing a Local Law, but the law itself was not listed, so decided to come and listen in. He had no problem with what was proposed.

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, being no further persons to speak, closed the public hearing at 6:11 PM. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No. 43 of 2013 was made by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, a resolution adopting Local Law #1 of 2013 to override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye. **PASSED.**

Public: Submitted Requests to Address the Board: None

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to go into Executive Session at 6:12 PM discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to come out of Executive Session at 6:57 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to change Terra Thomas from Temporary Part Time to a Permanent Part Time employee. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to continue as currently, doing the financials for the Depauville Free Library thru the end of 2013 and then offer a stipend to the Library in 2014 to be determined during the upcoming 2014 budget. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Chris Matthews, to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk