

August 28, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their workshop meeting at the Depauville Community Center, with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Christopher Matthews
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair (Absent)	Janet Sullins	
Alicia Dewey	Terra Thomas	Karen Lago
Pam McDowell	Ken Knapp	Patricia Booras-Miller
Marian L. Vaadi	Duane Hazelton	Mr. and Mrs. Christian Fahey
Cindy Grant	Daniel Grant	Thomas Brennan
Gunther Schaller	Leona Wilkie	Jasper Wilkie
Lynn P. Schnauber	Pamela J. Schnauber	Gerald E. Donahue
Mary F. Donahue		

Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 5:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed everyone and also thanked Karen Lago and her staff for hosting the meeting at the Depauville Community Center and Library, as has become tradition in the past few years. The library is looking good with the new changes and upgrades.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

None at this time

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, second by Bobby Cantwell III to approve the August 14 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Resolution: CLDC Riverwalk 3.0:

At the last meeting, a motion was made to support the CLDC/Village with Phase 3 of the Riverwalk in the Village of Clayton. The Board has been asked to make that motion into a formal resolution. Resolution # 45, Motion made by Lance Peterson, second by Chris Matthews. Roll call was taken, Supervisor Taylor – Yes, Councilman Kittle – Yes, Councilman Peterson – Yes, Councilman Cantwell – Yes, Councilman Matthews – Yes, Carried.

Route 12 Sewer:

Supervisor Taylor said that a very detailed layout of the plans for the Route 12 Sewer is in the Town Offices if anyone wishes to see them. There have been many inquiries about it and the engineering aspect of it. Councilman Peterson said he is frequently asked about it, and about the timing of it. Supervisor Taylor said they are close to closing on it; September 4th will be the day they sign the Bonding papers. There are 2.5 million dollars in grants and another 2.8 million in local funding going into this project. Letters have recently been mailed regarding easements needed from the residents. St. Lawrence Engineering is handling this. Otherwise it is on track, time-wise. The Department of Transportation is still looking over the plans before we can ask for bids. The project hopefully will be shovel-ready by spring of 2014.

Budget Meetings:

It is time to schedule 2014 Budget Meetings. The Board has decided that they will be held on two Wednesdays: September 18 and October 2, at 7 a.m.

TIERS Blue Ribbon Committee:

Councilman Kittle said that the TIERS Blue Ribbon Committee met for the first time today. They have a lot to discuss. He gave a very brief history of the ambulance service, and its service to the Towns of Clayton and of Orleans as well. The problem is that they are in need of more funding. If someone who has insurance and needs the ambulance, their insurance company may reimburse them, but then they should be paying TIERS with that money, and that doesn't always happen. TIERS is a business and should be treated as one. The committee is looking at the financial and marketing aspects for raising additional funds. They had been on Brooks Drive, then moved to the former Wingerath Lumber building on Union Street, which isn't very conducive to a professional ambulance service. They do participate in the mutual aid system and sometimes they are out of the area, as when they help at the French Festival parade in Cape Vincent, for which they are not paid. Supervisor Taylor said that out of 1,000 calls last year, they had only one mutual aid call, and that was when they were already on three other calls at the same time. Councilman Kittle said there is a chart kept that tells when the prime days and times are for calls, so they can almost predict when they will be needed somewhere.

Hotel / Transient Dock Update:

The hotel timeline is a little ahead of schedule. They (Krog) are excited about the quality of work from the local labor they are using. The docks however, were overbid. They need to be on-time with the hotel, as they will be using the hotel property to base some of the dock construction. The Town is having a review done to see what has been spent and what monies may be available to expedite this project. Councilman Cantwell said the aesthetics of the project are important; we don't want the property torn up for dock work if the hotel is done and ready to do their landscaping.

Salary Change:

As of September 1, 2013, Alicia Dewey will be taking a position at Jefferson Community College. She will still be working part-time for us. Her full-time replacement is Terra Thomas. There is an attached memo with the proposed salary changes: Alicia Dewey will receive \$20,000.00 annualized and Terra Thomas will receive \$28,500, annualized. Employment agreements for both have been finalized. Motion to approve the salary changes made by George Kittle, 2nd by Bobby Cantwell III.

Motion carried.

Fuel bids:

Fuel bids were opened this afternoon in the Town Clerk's office. Our current supplier, Philly Fuels, did not bid this year. We had three bids offered, from Griffith Energy (under the umbrella organization of Superior Plus Energy Services), MX Petroleum Corp., and North Shore Oil Company. For Fuel oil, Griffith Energy bid \$3.638 fixed and \$3.278 variable; MX bid \$3.39 fixed and \$3.3761 variable, and North Shore Oil bid only on variable, at \$3.2860.

For Propane, Griffith bid \$1.8602 fixed and \$1.6501 variable, MX bid \$1.79 fixed and \$1.73484 variable, and North Shore Oil did not bid on propane.

For K1 kerosene, Griffith bid \$3.8945 fixed and \$3.6345 variable; MX bid \$3.79 fixed and \$4.1293 variable. North Shore Oil did not bid on kerosene.

Griffith Fuels was the only bidder for burner service at \$79.00/hr Mon – Fri, 7a – 5p, and \$110.00/hr. after hours. North Shore Oil said they could furnish contact information on local contractors for furnace repair and/or maintenance.

Based on this information, the lowest bidder for heating oil, propane and K1 Kerosene was Griffith Energy, who came in at one-half cent difference. The Board has been going with the variable pricing for the last several years and will do so again this year. Highway Superintendent Boulton has been using a local contractor for service, and Keith Wood has been using Hyde-Stone Mechanical.

Alexandria Bay Ice Rink:

Alexandria Bay Township has asked for our help getting their rink started up, especially as they have several people out right now, and Hwy Sup't Dave Bain is retiring. In the past there have been shared services, as far as getting stencils for both to use, and putting down lines. Keith Wood will be working with Jerry Durand, who has been reassigned from the Alexandria Highway Department

STAR Notice:

Discussed re-registration for the school tax rebate re-registration for those who do not have Enhanced STAR. The link is already up on our website, or they can call the Assessor's office or the number on the letter they receive from the State if additional help is needed in filling out the form.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- County Route 3 will finally be paved September 4
- Depauville's hamlet-wide trash pickup will tentatively be at the end of September. We will get a reduced rate through DANC to pay for the pick-up. Brush and electronics will be included in the pick-up.
- Regarding the sewer, there have been some personnel changes. Jasper Wilkie is doing the beds. He has a plan worked out that will save money over time. Since 1992, we have only changed one bed. More raking holds off replacement costs.
- The Village will flush lines in Depauville soon, after they finish Heritage Heights. Pumping is done for the year.

Committee Reports

Councilman Kittle:

- **Library update:** Karen Lago spoke about how nice the new basement windows are, letting air in, despite the humidity. They are priming the front of the building and replacing some rotted framing on the front door. She hopes to get more grant money. The Supervisor said there may be additional funding coming. She had a payroll question which was answered by Alicia Dewey. She also wanted to know if they could build a small fire for the Halloween storytelling. One of the councilmen will get her a small pit to burn in.
- George Kittle also mentioned Alicia Dewey moving on, praised her for the work she's done. He welcomed Terra Thomas, her replacement, and wished her well.
- **Councilman Peterson:**
- **Chamber notes:** -The Farmers Market is going well and the vendors like the new venue. The Thursday night concert series is also very well attended; there have been no

cancellations.

- The Vintage and Classic car show is coming up September 21, with a rain date of September 28
- Punkin' Chunkin' is growing into a big event. The hotel will let us use part of their lot, which may be a good lead-in to using it for fireworks after the Christmas parade.
- The Chamber is already at work on the 2014 Visitors Guide
- The next Business with a Twist will be at the Antique Boat Museum on Sept 19, from 5-7 p.m.

Councilman Cantwell:

- Paynter Center: Had a meeting with TIERS, Prestige (food service) and Strawberry Lane LLC, about the possibility of sharing their space with TIERS. The Paynter Center Board voted 2 to 1 to have TIERS move to that building. The primary response vehicle is at Orleans, but being able to have garage facilities at the Paynter Center would be ideal to keep the other vehicles out of the weather. The Supervisor also said that possibly the Paynter Center could keep their buses there as well. The old Wingerath building TIERS currently occupies is not efficient for their needs. They need to still be in a water district (as they are now and had been on Brooks Drive) for the residential and commercial aspects, to have a sprinkler system. As a reminder, the Paynter Center is also a non-profit entity, struggling with costs. Having TIERS share their building would benefit both.
- Congratulations to TIYLO for another successful Triathlon. There were almost 200 participants this year. It was a great effort on the part of TIYLO and other local groups.

Councilman Matthews:

- Thank you and good luck to Alicia Dewey. Welcome and good luck to Terra Thomas.
- Youth Commission report: It has been difficult to get the figure skating club, hockey representative and Rec Park to sit down and discuss Rec Park and the potential expansion. Supervisor Taylor suggested inviting the Youth Commission to our October workshop meeting.
Alicia Dewey said they just got their contracts for ice time from us. Supervisor Taylor said that our fees are much less than what Watertown charges; that's why they like coming to Clayton.
- Met with Bob Boulton regarding cleaning parking area on Grindstone Island. Would be good to spend one full day on it each year, and put out a notice when the Town Board has its Grindstone Island meeting.

Public- Submitted requests to address the board:

- 1) **Thomas Brennan** – There is great work being done in the Village, and with the Clayton Local Development Corporation. He has been reading a lot but is still concerned with where the wind farm stands with Iberdrola as he read they were going to pursue Article 10, and he is worried about sinking property values.
Supervisor Taylor would like for there to be a Town Board liaison for wind questions, but there has been no correspondence from Iberdrola since December. Councilman Kittle said they have put out an RFP for a Public Relations person.

- 2) **Cindy Grant** – Agrees with Mr. Brennan and thought the Wind Committee did a great job but is still disappointed that the Town Board did not go along with it. Handed out new information about how night noise is prevalent after the heat of the day rises and makes the turbines turn. Had several hand-outs.
- 3) **Patty Booras-Miller** – Spoke also about Horse Creek Wind Farm; wants to be sure there is no application from Iberdrola. She read from a prepared letter. Alicia Dewey said there is a new Town website and all that was on the old website was a link to the old information.
- 4) **Sheila Escandon** - She understands that wind is a non-issue and doesn't want to repeat anything, but suggested that it be put on the website that there is no new information available. She hopes Home Rule is respected.

Motion by Justin Taylor, 2nd by Lance Peterson to adjourn this workshop meeting of the Town Board at 6:25 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk