

October 23, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their workshop meeting in the Town Board Room, 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, NY with the following persons present:

Justin A. Taylor	George E. Kittle (Absent)	Lance Peterson
Robert W. Cantwell III	Christopher D. Matthews	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair		
Terra Thomas	Pam McDowell, TI Sun	Jaegun Lee, WDT
Gunther A. Schaller	Ken Knapp	Cindy Grant
Mary Zovistoski		

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

Guests:

Town Clerk:

- Correspondence:**
- 1) Invitation from Friends of Hawn Library to the dedication ceremony of the Tree of Knowledge, Sculpture, Wednesday, October 30th at 4 PM. **(See attachment file).**
 - 2) Grants Action News – October 2013. **(See attachment file).**
 - 3) Time Warner Cable is relocating a number of channels within the same categories that were previously established on or about 12/10/2013. **(See attachment file).**
 - 4) NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets – Dog Control Officer Inspection Report was completed on 10/3/2013. **(See attachment file).**
 - 5) NYS Dept of Ag & Markets – Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on 10/3/2-13. **(See attachment file).**
 - 6) NYS DEC – Land Clearing Debris Landfill inspection was on September 13th – no violations. **(See attachment file).**
 7. NYS DEC - Transfer Station inspection was on September 13th – no violations. **(See attachment file).**
 8. Contact information for Time Warner Cable. **(See attachment file).**
 9. Iberdrola letter of 10/8/13. **(See attachment file).**

Minutes:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews, to approve the minutes of 10/9/2013 as written. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the minutes of 10/16/2013 as written. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Cindy Grant read a prepared statement concerning the Iberdrola – Wind letter which Supervisor Taylor had emailed to her. A copy of which is already attached to these minutes.

Transient Dock Update:

We are continuing to work with our Engineer. ATM gave us a defective product. This Board and the CLDC Board have authorized the Town Supervisor to pursue giving ATM options and dismissal if not satisfied with the results.

Highway Superintendent Boulton is consulting on the infrastructure for the Webb Street/ Hotel project. He strongly suggests that the water/sewer lines need to be gotten in now including conduit for WiFi, computers, etc.

Iberdrola Correspondence:

Supervisor discussed the Iberdrola Renewables letter of October 8, 2013, that he received.

Bobcat Spec:

Councilman Matthews indicated that the specs for the Skid Steer Loader & Backhoe attachment and Compact Tractor & Loader will be ready tomorrow to send to the paper.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to advertise for bids, with bids being returnable by Monday, November 11th at 2:00 PM and to award at the Town Board meeting that Wednesday, 11/13 at 5:15 PM. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Article 7 Assessment Challenge:

Denise Trudell, Assessor sent a Memo to the Town Board regarding the Clayton Country Club Article 7 against the Town in protest of their 2013 Assessment. The assessor put an assessment of \$609,100 and the petitioner requested a reduction to \$400,000. The Assessor has reviewed the petitioners Income & Expense reports for the last two years and made a counter offer to reduce the assessment to \$525,000. The Petitioners have accepted what Mrs. Trudell offered. This now requires Board action.

MOTION by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews to accept the decision of the Town Assessor to reduce the Clayton County Club assessment for the 2013 year to \$525,000. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Elections:

Supervisor Taylor reflected on WDT editorial concerning overall debt load of the country and local municipalities. People will be reflecting their concerns at the local elections.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: - Absent -

Lance Peterson:

Rec. Park: Everything going good right now. Keith is not worried about going down during ice. If the system does happen to go down, it probably would be a quick fix until after the ice goes off.

Chamber News: Working on the 2014 Visitors Guides. They will be ready for distribution in January.

Lori Randazzo & Mary Zovistoski have been nominated for the 2014 Chamber Board of Directors.

HGTV filmed 3 ½ days on the River at various islands; 13 episodes will aired in 2014; they spent ½ day in Alexandria Bay. We will announce the air dates once we receive them.

Punkin Chunkin went very well. We have had positive comments about the event. The businesses seemed to be happy with the amount of people that were in Town.

The next BWAT will be held on Nov. 7th at the TI Arts Center from 5-7 pm.

The Holiday Shoppers Run will be held on Nov. 23rd. Cape Vincent will also participate with us. Proceeds will go to the Food Pantry. We are currently accepting donations for the raffles.

Bob Cantwell III: TIYLO – Will be holding a Masquerade Ball at Bonnie Castle on 12/6.

Christopher Matthews: - Nothing to report. -

Highway Superintendent Report:

-  Salt bid came in at \$48.84.
-  Working on the Graves Street parking lot.
-  Met with Rob Campany on boater safety building for the new docks.
-  Paving is done on County 3.
-  Still have shoulders to do on town roads.
-  Fire Station – Thursday, 8 AM for Cartegraph training.
-  Shared Services with the County – County owes us right now. We have been working on the County Route 3 project and billed that part to them.

DECALS Training:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to authorize the Town Clerk to attend the all day DECALS training at Cape Vincent on Thursday, 10/24. Mileage will be reimbursed. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing @ 5:30:

Motion to open the Preliminary Budget Hearing at 5:30pm by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor presented a summary of the Budget changes and distributed a General Tax Information sheet.

One person spoke in favor of the budget. No one spoke against the budget.

Motion to close the preliminary Budget Hearing at 5:45pm by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews. Kittle – absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #48 of 2013:

Introduced by Chris Matthews, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, a resolution to accept the Preliminary Budget for 2014 as written and authorize the Town Supervisor to prepare the Final Budget line as presented in the Preliminary Budget line, with no amendments noted, thereby adopting the Final Budget of 2014. Taylor-aye; Kittle-absent; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye, Matthews-aye. **PASSED.**

Public – submitted requests to address the Board:

Ken Knapp discussed Punkin Chunkin and was impressed with the all American fun that was happening.

Ken Knapp discussed that extra conduit should be put in the Webb Street project as there is no way that you could put in to much.

Ken Knapp discussed wind and based on the probability we need to work on a Plan B and get that in place. We certainly need to take this into consideration.

Ken Knapp discussed some good things happening with the Chaumont River Corridor Trails.

Adjournment:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, to adjourn this regular workshop meeting At5:50 PM. Kittle-absent. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk