

June 6, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held a Special Meeting in the Town Board Room, located at 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, NY with the following persons in attendance:

Justin A. Taylor
Robert W. Cantwell III
Kathleen E. LaClair

Mary Zovistoski
Christopher D. Matthews

Lance Peterson
Robert D. Boulton

Meeting opened at 3:30 PM by Supervisor Taylor by phone.

Boards discussion was concerning whether or not this Board should send Supervisor Taylor to the Jefferson County Property Tax auction, on Saturday AM to bid on a gravel pit owned by the late Gary Carlisle and now delinquent in taxes.

The Board discussed how far the Town should bid, with thoughts of up to \$30,000.

Councilman Peterson was uncomfortable with bidding against any private sector and would vote no on the proposal.

Councilman Matthews feels that it will go for more than the \$30,000; however, if the Town were to pick up this property for up to \$30,000, Councilman Matthews stated we should immediately have the property surveyed and auction off the portion that we don't need either in a total form or divide into parcels.

Issues to ponder included: if we are buying as is; if there are environmental issues, would we then become liable for these issues; we wouldn't want to get into a reclamation issue, could be a sizable spill on the back side of the steel building where oil and fuel had been dumped; if we sold off the Route 12E portion, would we have liability after the immediate sale. We're looking at a lot of gravel pit area for the Town and we would be reclaiming as we go.

The mine/quarry is assessed for \$205,300, has 64.07 acres and can be accessed from County Route 4 or from NYS Route 12E.

Supervisor Taylor arrived at 3:44 PM but had been included in the discussions by virtue of phone conversation and present for the vote.

Motion by Christopher D. Matthews, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, to have Supervisor Taylor bid up to \$30,000 at the Jefferson County Property Tax Sale on Saturday, June 7, 2014 for this parcel. Peterson – No. Motion carried.

Councilman Peterson stated that he doesn't want to bid against the private sector and citing possible Environmental Liabilities he is uncomfortable with the bid.

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to adjourn this Special Meeting at 3:50 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk