

January 21, 2015

The Town of Clayton held a Special Meeting for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2015, at 8AM, in the Town Board room, with the following persons present:

Justin A. Taylor
Christopher Matthews

Lance Peterson
Mary Zovistoski

Robert w. Cantwell III
Kathleen E. LaClair

Terra Bach

Richard Ingerson

David Crandall

Roland Baril

Jake Tibbles

Local Law #1 of 2015:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to open the public hearing at 8:01 AM. Motion carried.

Purpose is to rescind Local Law #1 of 2014 to allow a rebate to locals. Historically, the purpose is that Governor Cuomo passed a couple of years ago, that municipalities could over rule and legally exceeds their tax cap amount.

When we got through with the budget last fall, we were \$100 below the limit of our tax cap, and therefore didn't need this local law.

The benefit for rescinding this local law, the local residents would be allowed to receive any rebates from the State.

No one to speak at the hearing.

Motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Chris Matthews, to close the public hearing at 8:04 PM. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #34 OF 2015:

RESOLUTION #34 OF 2015, introduced by Robert W. Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, a resolution to approve Local Law No. 1 of the year 2015, a local law to rescind Local Law No. 1 of year 2014 which local law overrode the real property tax cap prescribed by Section 3-C of the New York General Municipal Law. Taylor- aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell II – aye; Matthews – aye; Zovistoski – aye. PASSED.

NYS Snow & Ice Agreement:

The NYS Snow & Ice Agreement has been received for the 2016-2017 year. The amount remains at \$58,004.17. A resolution needed to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign this agreement.

RESOLUTION #35 OF 2015:

RESOLUTION #35 OF 2015 was introduced by Robert W. Cantwell III, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, a resolution to Extend Fixed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement. Taylor – aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell – aye; Matthews – aye; Zovistoski – aye. PASSED.

Watertown Savings Bank:

RESOLUTION #36 OF 2015:

RESOLUTION #36 OF 2015 was introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, a resolution for signatures on a Corporate Authorization Resolution for the Watertown Savings Bank. Signatures required by Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor. Taylor- aye; Peterson – aye; Cantwell – aye; Matthews – aye; Zovistoski – aye. PASSED.

Discussion Financial Advisors:

Supervisor Taylor had met with Financial Advisor Joe R. Rulison. He had a full size ad in the Times on how governments deal with banks. This is something the local governments need to look at and think about.

Discussion concerning Zoning Changes:

Supervisor Taylor stated that all the Town Board members had been receiving phone calls concerning this topic. Had asked Dave Crandall, who was a principal in EDR, is now retired and living in Clayton and sets on the Planning Board as an alternate for his insight on the process that we followed.

Jake Tibbles of T.I.L.T. and the Supervisor had a conversation recently, where the two had revisited the zoning map. Supervisor Taylor asked Mr. Tibbles to attend this meeting.

Supervisor Taylor indicated that Phil DeLuke has received the Jefferson County Ag District Exemption from Ag & Markets.

Bud Baril, Planning Board Chairman gave a brief history of when the original zoning first started. The now Garrett property received a site plan approval years ago and that now runs with the land, as long as Mr. Garrett meets the Codes.

While conferring with Michael Bourcy of Jefferson County Planning Dept., he brought up that we don't have an updated Comprehensive Plan. We have been working on this and might have this completed by this coming fall and could parallel what is needed to accomplish this.

Bud Baril stated that the problem, at least one theory is, the Village would empty out and new businesses would move outside the Village. This is not true. However, we need to take time and look at what needs to be done to allow expansion of business in the area.

The Board members reviewed again where we are on certain individual requests. The overall feeling is we need to create jobs. Board members stated that they had received copies of letters from the public and had received numerous phone calls on the subject.

Supervisor Taylor stated that his thoughts are to revisit these maps and possibly create a new district, to allow for what we want in the district. We wouldn't put in gas stations, convenience stores on the north side of Route 12(E), but they could be allowed on the south side of Route 12. We can identify what we want on the north side of Route 12, such as: cottages/colonies, hotel/motel, which wouldn't change the complexity. It is possible to have an MR-1 & MR-2 and make room for winerie/distilleries. We just need to clarify what we want. We don't want to have storage buildings on the north side, but could have on the south side.

Richard Ingerson, ZEO stated that we have these as districts now, but haven't applied them as yet.

Supervisor Taylor stated that we won't take any quick action on this and we have and will continue to involve the public.

Jake Tibbles of T.I.L.T. stated that TILT has no position on this, however are looking at to see what is going on. He feels that for whatever reason, there is a lack of information in the public eyes and that the public is lagging behind in how this will affect them and their assessment values. He believes that it would be good to give the public more time to understand and for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion that the Comprehensive Plan is designed by a Committee, which right now, meet once a month, and we will be asking them to meet more often to obtain the completion goal timeframe.

Supervisor Taylor stated that we will see if we can do a zoning change to address those 3 issues currently before the Town. If we do them consciously and deliberately following the proper process we should be okay.

Councilmember Matthews stated that we need to look at the options and do the right thing. We're trying to fix a problem that happened years ago.

Councilmember Cantwell stated that we will do the best thing for the community. We're going to encourage the Comprehensive Plan Committee to look at the three parcels.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews, to adjourn this special meeting at 9:18 AM and to go into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel matters. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk