

June 14, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting in the Town Board Room with the following persons present:

David M. Storandt
Donna Patchen
Kathleen E. LaClair

Robert W. Cantwell III
Lance Peterson

Mary Zovistoski
Bill Sherman

Alicia Dewey
Rick Davidson
Gunther A. Schaller
Kevin Topa
Rob Company
Louise Cantwell Kelsey

Ken Knapp
Christina Tisa
Raymond "Smitty" Smith
Matthew Hardy
Michael Ringer
Will Salisbury

Pam McDowell
Jack Stopper
Peter Beattie
T Christopher Tormey
Bruce Parker

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Storandt opened this meeting at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund invitation to a festive evening in support of their TIPAF Endowment Fund, on Friday, June 23rd from 6-9 pm in the Clayton Opera House.
- Notice of Local Government Conference at SUNY Potsdam on October 10th.
- Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council public meeting, Wednesday, June 14th from 6-7:30 pm in the first floor conference room at the Dulles State Office Bldg., 317 Washington St., Watertown.
- Report received on Test and Maintenance of Backflow Prevention Device at Opera House.
- Justice(s) Ramseier and Jeram, May 2017, Comptroller Report.
- Notice that Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. is holding a Lake Ontario Flood Recovery Program Informational Session on Thursday, June 15, from 2-4:30 pm at the Ramada Inn, Watertown.
- Notice from the City of Watertown Pollution Control Plant, that effective July 1st, 2017 the City of Watertown will increase its tipping fee for waste disposal at the Pollution Control Facility, 700 W. T. Field Drive.
- Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River Flood Assistance Information for ESD grant program for flood-related damage for businesses and HCR homeowner and municipal grant programs, contact Stephen Hunt, Regional Director, North Country Office,
- Grants Action News, June 2017 issue – received.
- Village of Clayton letter received on their status concerning SASS issue.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to approve the minutes of May 10th, 2017 – regular meeting. Motion carried.

General Items:

SASS:

Supervisor Storandt advised that the SASS Presentation was scheduled for 7 pm this evening; however an article has since been in the WDT that the SASS Presentation has been cancelled. We still have no answers to our questions from the Department of State. Pressure from outside the Town Board; has forced the DOS to get their legal department involved. The Town Board still has their public materials from previous SASS meetings.

Councilwoman Zovistoski acknowledged that the Town Board is not willing to act on SASS due to lack of information at this time.

Councilman Peterson stated that this is not meant to be confrontational. We the Board have questions and need to have the answers to these questions. The Dept. of State decided not to send a representative as outside sources had called and made accusations. The Dept. of State determined they would not send someone into a confrontational meeting and have asked their lawyers to review the questions that we have asked in order to provide responses. Councilman Peterson stated we have to be able to do "due diligence". We don't know at this point, whether SASS will help or hinder.

Supervisor Storandt acknowledged that there had been questions and answers for 2 years; the Board has a lot of material; and the Board had taken public input prior to this point.

Councilman Cantwell stated that the vote two years ago was to do nothing and it was voted down 4-1. Supervisor Storandt stated that we have two choices tonight: 1) We can act on SASS tonight by vote or 2) We can do nothing and move on with the agenda. No further action was taken at this time.

Public Comment:

Gunther Schaller commented that he wondered who was making the decisions for the Town of Clayton. Two years ago SASS was voted down 4-1 because you didn't want to lose Home Rule. "Let it Die". This was re-introduced because the Town Board was looking for any device to help with the "Wind" issue.

Michael Ringer commented that it was defeated a couple of years ago; Clayton is the envy of all Town & Villages up and down the St. Lawrence River. Then Supervisor Justin Taylor had responded we wouldn't get any grants if we voted down SASS. Someone else had said: Look at it "case by case". You have the Governor Cuomo syndrome where he wants Wind Turbines to increase by 50% in NYS by the year 2030. Special interest is trying to help block the increase of wind turbines. SASS needs to be a public forum as you "opt in" but you can't "opt out".

Introduction:

Supervisor Storandt introduced Jimmy Jones, who has logged in his first week as the new Recreation Supervisor. Keith Wood will be assisting him in the role until September 1st.

Bills & Transfers:

Abstract #6: Motion was made by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Donna Patchen, to approve the payment of Abstract #6 of 2017 in the amount of \$148,088.19. Motion carried.

Transfers: Motion was made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donna Patchen, to approve the transfer of money in the amount of \$218,334.50 from the RW account (Capital Projects – Frink Redevelopment) to the A account (General Fund – All Town) – thus closing out the Frink Redevelopment account. Motion carried.

New Accounts:

New Fund – Account Forms and Journal Entry – Account Forms were shown to the Town Board. Motion made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to acknowledge that they have reviewed these forms and approve of their use. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report & Bank Reconciliations – May 2017: Motion was made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donna Patchen, to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Balance Sheets: Motion was made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the Balance Sheets as presented. Motion carried.

Resignations:

1) **Shannon Fox – Laborer – Motion** was made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to accept with regret the resignation of Shannon Fox. Motion carried.

2) **Taylor Bennett, PT Clerk – Motion** was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to accept with regret the resignation of Taylor Bennett. Motion carried.

Positions/Appointments:

1) **Sub-Lifeguards:** Abby Bashaw & Luke Riddoch at \$9.70/hour – Motion was made by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Donna Patchen, to approve these two appointments beginning date of . Motion carried.

2) **Laborer Position** has opened at Recreation Park. This has been advertised.

Rate Change:

1) **McCarron** step increase of +\$.50/hour to \$17.92/hr. effective on 6/7/2017. Motion was made by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to authorize this increase in pay. Motion carried.

Training:

1) **Kim Johnston, NYS ASSESSOR Seminar @Cornell:** Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen, to authorize Kim Johnston to attend (7-15 – 7/22/17) at Cornell at \$470 and pay for mileage and food expenses. Motion carried.

2) **Workplace Violence:** Will be held the Arena Concession Stand on Tuesday, June 20th at 8 am.

3) **Highway Buildings & Ground Trainings** will be held on June 20th and June 27th. The Rec. Park and Highway personnel will also attend the “man lift” and “air lift” training as well.

Single Audit Update - Fraud Questionnaires: The Questionnaires are to be filed out and returned to Ms. Dewey. This is a requirement from the Auditors.

Mold Remediation Update: The mold remediation has been “air” tested and we still have some “hot” spots. Overall the results were good. We are looking into an air intake system and air filters for each office. We will get a cost analysis together for the next meeting.

Sperry Falls Name Endorsement Request: Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen to authorize a draft letter stating “no objections” to naming a small waterfall located on the French Creek Wildlife Preserve to be officially known as “Sperry Falls” (Coordinates N44° 11’ 01”, W76° 07’ 50”). Motion carried.

Dog Control Update: Supervisor Storandt received a letter from Ag & Markets concerning the paperwork not being completed by the new Dog Control Officer. Supervisor Storandt has had dialog with the other municipalities and we’re addressing the problem with the Dog Control Officer.

North County HOME Consortium Reauthorization: Discussion and consensus the Town Board does want to stay in the North Country Consortium and no “opt” out.

Proposed Reed Point Water Formation Report/Schedule Public Hearing: **Motion** was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to accept the report and set a public hearing date for July 12th at 6 pm. Motion carried.

Bartlett Point Water District Easement Status Update: Still a couple of hold outs on easements. Rob Company has had a couple of phone calls, which he needs to follow up on. Mr. Company will look at the list again.

Route 12 Sewer Project:

1) Sewer Addendum: Declare Lead Agency : **RESOLUTION #54 OF 2017** was introduced by Mary Zovistoski and seconded by Donna Patchen, a resolution to establish Lead Agency for the SEQR review regarding the Addendum Application for the New York State Route 12 Sewer District Expansion. Storandt – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Zovistoski – aye; Patchen – aye; Peterson – aye. **PASSED.**

2) Sewer Addendum: SEQRA: Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the SEQR for the New York State Route 12 Sewer District Expansion Project. Motion carried.

3) Bid Alternates:

RESOLUTION #55 OF 2017 was introduced by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen, a resolution to accept Alternate No. 4 for Contract No. 1 for the NYS Route 12 Sewer District. Storandt – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Zovistoski – aye; Patchen – aye; Peterson – aye. **PASSED.**

RESOLUTION #56 OF 2017 was introduced by Donna Patchen, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, a resolution to accept Alternate Nos. 1,2 & 3 for Contract #2 for the NYS Route 12 Sewer District. Storandt – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Zovistoski – aye, Patchen – aye; Peterson – aye. **PASSED.**

Supervisor Reporting:

1) TIERS – Is still looking for the last part of their funding of the \$100,000; A Spaghetti Supper is being held next Wednesday night (6/21/17) at Foxy’s in Fishers’ Landing.

2) ABM: The Spring Boat Lines have cancelled their port of call here due to the high water levels.

3) CLDC: Took the tour of equipment and operations at Wooden Boat; next meeting will be for Strategic Planning.

4) Consolidated Health District: Nothing to report at this time.

Highway Superintendent:

 **Finishing up Grindstone Island Roads tomorrow.**

 **Dump Truck Purchase Request:** Looking for a commitment to pay \$212,000 in January 2018 for a new dump truck.

 **DEC French Creek Road Abandonment Request:** Discussion of the guide lines for abandonment was provided to the Town Board by the Highway Superintendent. The DEC is looking to have the Town abandon the French Creek State forest preserve under the jurisdiction of the DEC and be qualifiedly abandoned in the following manner and would have the following effect:

- a) Upon written notice to the DEC, the Town shall follow the procedure provided for in subdivision two of section two hundred five of Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Laws-Highway, Article VIII Town Highway;
- b) The resolution of abandonment shall provide that even though the responsibility on maintenance of the road by the Town shall cease, there shall remain a public easement over such road in perpetuity;
- c) The DEC shall have the right to maintain such road if it so desires;
- d) No one, including the owner of adjoining land, may fence any portion of such road, with or without gates;
- e) The Town, at any time, shall have the right to resume jurisdiction over such road for any purpose;
- f) The title to such road shall remain with the Town.

We have no plans for any remediation of this road. The bridge off of County Route 9 is and has been for some time “not Viable” (barricaded).

More information, discussion and decision will be made at the next meeting.

Assessor Report was received and reviewed.

Council Reports:

1) Cantwell: Everything was discussed during the Highway report.
Paynter Senior Center is still looking for a Part-time Director.

2) Zovistoski: We stopped the Highway Bus Tour at the Depauville Library/Playground. We will take off the unsafe equipment from the playground. Jimmy Jones, will get an estimate on the rebuild on the eastern side equipment as it has rotted out. Some equipment needs to be pressure-washed and painted. We still need to pull both springing rocking horses. We need to have material and labor costs for the project.

3) Patchen: Nothing to report at this time.

4) Peterson: We had a “fishing tournament” meeting this AM.
Business with a Twist will be held at the Clayton Island Tours, The Chateau tomorrow night, Thursday, June 15th from 5-7. This is the last one until after summer.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:57pm. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk