

July 12, 2017

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

David M. Storandt Jr.
Donna Patchen (absent)
Kathleen E. LaClair

Robert W. Cantwell III
Lance Peterson

Mary Zovistoski
Bill Sherman

Alicia Dewey
Alex Jones
Ken Knapp

Kimberli Johnston
Ben Hare
Cindy Grant

Gunther Schaller
Natalie Tucker
Pam McDowell

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Storandt opened this regular meeting at 3:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ✓ FEMA notice of a meeting on Jefferson County Flood Risk Review meeting, Tuesday, July 25, 2017; 9-11 a.m., at 203 North Hamilton Street, Watertown, NY 13601. You must RSVP to Thomas.song@mbakerintl.com.
- ✓ Depauville Free Library July meeting minutes.
- ✓ Activity Report from Amy Funk, Dog Control Officer for the period 6/1 – 6/30/17.
- ✓ Notice of submission of Comptroller Log by Justice Walter Jeram Jr. in the amount of \$1,183.
- ✓ Grants Action News – July, 2017.
- ✓ NYS Dept. of Public Service concerning Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid requesting that the NYS PSC approve a proposed increase in its electric and gas delivery rates.
- ✓ Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corporation seeking support for Market NY funding to underwrite a project that will respond to the impact of the current high water conditions on our region's tourism industry.
- ✓ Village of Clayton concerning Heritage Heights Sewer District 2017-2018 Sewer Rates (Town Tax Year 2018).
- ✓ Charter Communications – notice of upcoming Changes.

Minutes: Motion was made by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2017 as presented. Patchen – absent. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: None

General Discussion Items:

Bills & Transfers - Abstract #7 of 2017: Motion was made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to approve payment in the amount of \$160,895.11 for Abstract #7 of 2017. Patchen – absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report & Bank Reconciliations: Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the Supervisor's Report; Bank Reconciliations and to sign the Balance Sheets ending June 30, 2017. Patchen – absent. Motion carried.

Countywide Shared Services Update: Supervisor Storandt discussed the Shared Services meeting at Jefferson County about two weeks ago. The Committee is comprised of Town Supervisors, Village Mayors, and the Jefferson County Administrator Robert Hagemann III. Topics for possible consideration of some shared service are: Real Property Service – Assessing and IT consolidation. The next meeting and discussion on IT services will be on July 28th at Jefferson County. We will also be documenting what services we already have shared with the County at this point.

Proposed Reed Point Water District Formation Report/Schedule a Public Hearing:

RESOLUTION #58 of 2017 a resolution introduced by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, for adopting Part 1 of the SEQRA for the Reed Point Water District and Declaration of Lead Agency status for the project and that the Town Attorney is directed for the Town of Clayton to forward a copy thereof together with this declaration of lead agency status to all other involved agencies in the project. Storandt – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Zovistoski – aye; Patchen – absent; Peterson – aye. **PASSED.**

RESOLUTION #59 OF 2017 a resolution introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, by Order of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton to set a Public Hearing for August 9th, 2017 at 6:00 PM for the Formation of Reed Point Water District. Storandt – aye; Cantwell III – aye; Zovistoski – aye; Patchen – absent; Peterson – aye. **PASSED.**

Bartlett Point Water District Easement Status Update: Rob Company listed a few of the District easements that need to be completed. We have Phyllis Wingerath (now deceased) – we have to locate next of kin to proceed; about six easements – temporary residents to catch up to and one (1) property that is in the process of being sold. Mr. Company will put a letter together and will draft Parts 2 & 3 of the Bartlett Point Water District SEQRA.

French Creek Road Abandonment (DEC): There is a process to qualified abandonment of roads. We are moving forward and will send a letter to the DEC. A public hearing will need to be held and filing paper work with the Clerk.

Cerow Park Project Support: Discussion that the Committee has reduced their current scope by eliminating the field house and removed the generator (possible to get funding from another source for this). The committee has revised the Draft Budget for this project and the Town Board will be asked to do a resolution that they're in support of the project as revised.

Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Council Letter of Support: Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to authorize the Town Supervisor to draft on our letterhead a support letter for the Thousand Islands Regional Tourism Development Corporation for their seeking a grant from Market NY funding to support a project that will respond to the impact of the current high water conditions on our region's tourism industry. Patchen – absent. Motion carried.

Clayton Housing Associates: Appraisal Estimates: Discussion of Clayton Housing Associates, D/B/A Lonsway Hill Apartments, Purcell Drive; Tax Map #'s 20.64-1-2.-401 & 20.64-1-2. They have been to Grievance procedures for years 2014, 2015 & 2016 and have challenged the Town at with an Article 7 for lowering their Assessment on both parcels. Our Assessment Lawyer from Menter, Rudin &

Trivelpiece, P.C., has suggested that we hire Kenneth V. Gardner II from North East Appraisals & Management Co., Inc to do an appraisal for the Town of Clayton to take to court and compare with their appraisal. The proposed aggrieved is asking for an appraisal of \$1,000,000., as opposed to the Assessor's \$5,000,000 assessment, thus requesting a \$4,000,000 reduction.

Supervisor Storandt indicated that the expense would be handled this year with the potential court date being next year. The Board requested a second cost proposal for the appraisal prior to taking action.

Supervisor:

ABM: Is having a mid-summer meeting this Friday (7/14/17).

CLDC: There will be a Strategic Meeting the end of July; no meeting being held in August; and the September meeting will be on the first Thursday.

Route 12 Sewer Amendment: Discussion with Rob Campany concerning the District Formation Report of the Route 12 Sewer. The report is revised and updated to provide an updated maximum project cost and estimated first year user cost using more current costs. The original District Report was prepared October 2012 with a maximum project cost of \$5,350,000. Due to increases in the current report the cost is estimated at \$5,750,000. Modifications were discussed. There is approximately \$157,000 left in the Contingency, therefore we will need to BAN for an additional \$360,000. Mr. Campany acknowledged that about 5-10% of costs should be in the Contingency Amount.

Atty. Russell will have a resolution ready for the Grindstone Island meeting.

Joint Planning Board Appointment Changes: Chairman Doug Rogers is asking the Town Board to consider the Planning Board endorsement change of personnel as requested by letter to the Board. (See the attachment book to these Minutes).

Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to appoint Dave Crandall, current alternate, to the full time member to replace Larry Aubertine. Patchen – absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, to appoint Larry Aubertine to the alternate position, currently held by Dave Crandall, due to health concerns. Patchen – absent. Motion carried.

Heritage Heights Sewer District Notice: A letter has been received from the Village of Clayton acknowledging the 2017-2018 Sewer Rates for the Town of Clayton Tax Year 2018. Each household in the HHSD will remain at \$802.85. This represents a fixed rate of \$450.00 (no change from the 2016-2017 rates). The variable rate was estimated at 200 gpd (73,000 gals/year) at \$5.45/1,000 gals., or \$397.85 (no change from 2016-2017). The current house total is at 40 in the HHSD.

Highway Superintendent:

-  The crew will be working up on County Route 5 for a couple of weeks.
-  Part of the crew will be working on dirt detail for T.I.E.R.S. left over from last fall.
-  The Highway will be grading and adding calcium to the dirt roads.
-  Depauville Sewers filter beds will have sand added.

Interim Assessor: Kimberli Johnston submitted her monthly report for July 2017. She indicated that the Final Assessment Roll for next year has been available in the Town Clerk's office since July 1st. She will be away at training at Cornell the week of 7/17 – 7/21. She discussed the WGS Clayton Housing Article 7. Mrs. Johnston also discussed valuation of condominiums, which has come up on a few different Site Plans in both the Town & Village. Mrs. Johnston is also going to need passage to the islands for valuation review on completed permits and will co-ordinate with Jimmy Jones or Highway Superintendent Sherman.

Council Reports:

Cantwell: - The Paynter Center has hired a new Activities Director by the name of Dan Hazen.

Zovistoski: - Ron Cooper will have a public hearing on August 3rd, 2017.
- The proposed leisure deck at Bella's does not have a decision yet, pending multiple permits from other agencies.
- Depauville Library playground has been completed.
- The Librarian at Depauville Free Library has requested a copy of the Joint Village/Town Comprehensive Plan to have at the Library.
- Hawn Library is having their Book Sale starting this evening.
- The Fourth Grade class had a Field Trip to the Highway Dept. and they thought it the best field trip they ever.

Patchen: - Absent.

Peterson: - Nothing to report.

Public Submitted requests to address the Board:

Gunther Schaller discussed wind regulations. See the attachment book to these minutes.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this meeting at 4:15 p.m. Patchen – absent. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk