

July 26, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their workshop meeting at Dodge Hall, Grindstone Island, with the following persons present:

David M. Storandt, Jr.	Robert W. Cantwell III	Mary Zovistoski
Lance Peterson	Donna Patchen	William Sherman
Kathleen E. LaClair (Absent)		
Janet Sullins	Alicia M. Dewey	Kimberli Johnston
James E. Jones	Nolan Knapp	Brenda Patch
Patrick Patch	Roxane C. Pratten	Bob Edwards
Lloyd Edwards	Julie Tinney	Tom Tinney

Opening and Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Storandt opened the meeting at 5:05 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked all who came despite high water problems for having us again and for their hospitality. Also to Roxane Pratten for the tour and update of the work on the Grindstone Schoolhouse/Heritage Center. We will thank Doreen Meeks for sending a basket of sandwiches and iced tea for us to enjoy.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ✓ Letter from Sen. Patty Ritchie on Local Governments missing out on forgotten money
- ✓ Letters from NorthEast Appraisals and Emminger, Pigeon, Newton and Magyar, both to Menter, Rudin, et al re: proposal of preparation for Lonsway Hill
- ✓ Letter from Emily Macchione at Ags. and Markets – Municipal Shelter Report on Dog Shelter Services: Jeff Co SPCA. Received Satisfactory Report Letter from Inspector
- ✓ Letter from Charter Communications regarding Upcoming Changes
- ✓ Letter from Highway Superintendent William Sherman re: Qualified Abandonment of a Portion of French Creek Rd

Minutes:

Motion by Lance Peterson, second by Mary Zovistoski to approve the minutes of July 12, 2017 as written. Motion carried.

Comments on Agenda Items: None

Grindstone Island Items:

Schoolhouse/Heritage Center:

Roxane Pratten thanked the Town very much for its ongoing support and work on the schoolhouse. They are very grateful and it's moving along. The schoolhouse supports two scholarships: one for descendants of long-time local residents and one for descendants of long-time summer residents. Fundraisers fund those and five weeks of kids' programs, Monday through Friday, 3 hours per day with projects designed with heritage and history of the island. The Annual Picnic and Auction will be August 13. It supports the working budget as well as school programs. There are three main groups or committees working together: the Schoolhouse, the Church and Dodge Hall.

Carolyn Project – Named for Carolyn Bazinet, this was developed in response to emergency issues, better education for health emergencies and an emergency guide for residents, to tell them where the helipad is, the AEDs, where to get EpiPens, etc. They are working very closely with TIERS. They need to buy more equipment: AEDs, emergency equipment for a boat, GPS, an ATV. Generally they want to be prepared for when TIERS arrives. They have held CPR classes and they are attracting more persons to take the classes.

Lloyd Edwards thanked the Town for its responsiveness to washed-out roads, but he is concerned that white goods are no longer being picked up or at least not on any specific schedule. This led to a discussion about getting a dumpster. Councilman Cantwell said we could possibly get one, but his concern is that it would be abused and all trash would find its way in, not just white goods.

Ms. Pratten said that on the far end of the island, they are fairly well cut off due to high water. She asked if the Town owned the bridge, and if so could we get more gravel in if the water gets high again. There are Town taxpayers living there and they are entitled to some help. Highway Superintendent Sherman said he wasn't sure, but right now the bridge is underwater, and gravel can't be put in. Tom Tinney joined the discussion and said he had researched it, and according to Jasper Wilkie, the Town does own the bridge. Apparently the length of the bridge determines ownership. It is a Town road up until where the TILT trail starts. Mr. Tinney could not find in the archives where the bridge may have been abandoned by the Town.

Julie Tinney also questioned the bridge's integrity with the high water. Bobby Cantwell said Jefferson County is in charge of bridges. Councilwoman Zovistoski suggested reaching out to the Town attorney and also having Hwy. Sup't. Sherman take a look at it.

Banking Resolution:

Resolution No.60 of 2017:

Community Bank, N.A. has asked for a corporate authorization resolution to allow Justice Walter M. Jeram, Jr. to sign checks for the court.

Resolution #60 of 2017 was introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donna Patchen in support of authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Bank Corporate Authorization Resolution allowing Walter M. Jeram, Jr. to open this account with Community Bank, N.A.

Storandt – Aye, Cantwell III – Aye, Zovistoski – Aye, Peterson – Aye, Patchen - Aye **PASSED**

Watertown Savings Bank has also notified us that Christopher Matthews is still listed as an authorized user in the Cash Management module. That will need to be changed.

Cerow Park Project Support Resolution:

Resolution No. 61 of 2017:

The Arena concession stand was built in the 1980s and there have been small changes since. We are to the point where need to update and put in new bathrooms with showers. There is a possibility of relocating the Town Offices there, especially considering the mold issue we just had remediated and the very recent flood of a part of the basement where the offices are located. The parking issue would be better as well. Grant agencies have asked us to present them with a Resolution for Project Support. Resolution No. 61 was introduced by Mary Zovistoski, second by Robert Cantwell III to for a Resolution of the Town of Clayton, New York, acknowledging their commitment to completion of public

infrastructure improvements at Cerow Recreation Park, known as Phase One of the Cerow Recreation Park Upgrade Project, and sponsoring an application for grant funds.

Storandt – Aye, Cantwell III – Aye, Zovistoski – Aye, Peterson – Aye, Patchen - Aye **PASSED**

Reed Point Water District:

Parts 2 & 3 of SEQRA were not ready for tonight, so it will be added at the Public Hearing on August 8, 2017.

Route 12 Sewer Budget Amendment:

There was a discussion about the budget increase that was brought up by the engineer, Rob Campany, at the last meeting. The Board received an update showing that \$28,000 would be added to the contingency line, rather than the administrative budget as previously shown. The Town would need authorization to borrow, but not necessarily *have to* borrow that amount. An amendment package would be put together to work on at the next board meeting. Bonding time is ten to twelve weeks.

Pat Patch asked where the sewer line would run; he was told from Lyellton Drive to Spicer Bay lift station and onward to the Town of Orleans line (behind Price Chopper) as we have some property in that area. This is just Phase One. No one will be tying in back in the developments or trailer parks off Route 12 yet.

French Creek Road Abandonment Status:

Motion to accept letter from Highway Superintendent Sherman to Jefferson County Superintendent of Highways requesting the Public Hearing be set regarding the French Creek Road Qualified Abandonment by Lance Peterson, seconded by Robert Cantwell III. Motion carried.

Clayton Housing Associates Appraisal:

Also known as 801 Housing or Lonsway Hill, the assessment of \$5,084,000 (\$5,000,000 parcel 20.64-1-2.-401 assessment + \$84,000 parcel 20.64-1-2 assessment) has been challenged the past few years by the owners, who want it reduced to \$900,000 for 20.64-1-2.-401 and \$15,120 for 20.64-1-2. This would put a great burden on the taxpayers, as our tax rate is much lower than the school's and the county's. The burden would fall on the Town. We do plan to speak with the other entities to see if they will help shoulder the cost of the lawsuit. We were tasked with hiring an appraiser and two have been selected from which to choose. They both have their merits, but after discussion with the Interim Assessor, Kim Johnston, we have decided that Emminger, Newton, Pigeon and Magyar would better suit our needs. **Motion** to use EMPM as our appraiser made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski. Motion carried.

New Business:

Electric Power to the Gazebo at Recreation Park:

Lance has spoken with Jimmie Jones, who thinks it is a good idea to have power to the gazebo. We fly the flag there year-round, but it would also be good to have it lighted in the off-season for extra light, and in the evenings. Jimmie said there is already piping there to run conduit. The consensus is for Jimmie to move forward with this project as long as there are budget funds available.

Adjournment:

Motion by Lance Peterson, seconded by Donna Patchen to adjourn this workshop meeting at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk

July 26, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held a Special Meeting at 2 p.m. with the following persons present:

David M. Storandt, Jr.
Donna Patchen

Robert Cantwell III
Lance Peterson

Mary Zovistoski

Janet Sullins

Alicia Dewey

Kim Johnston

Supervisor Storandt opened the executive session at 2:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Robert Cantwell III to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

He asked Alicia Dewey and Kim Johnston to stay for the session.

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

Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk