

October 25, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their workshop meeting in the Town Board Room, 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, NY, with the following persons present:

David M. Storandt, Jr. Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III Donna Patchen	Mary Zovistoski Kathleen E. LaClair (Absent)
Janet Sullins Pam McDowell, T I Sun	Alicia M. Dewey	Richard Ingerson

Opening and Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Storandt opened the meeting at 5:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ✓ Letter from Douglas Paddock opposing Depauville Water line
- ✓ E-mail from the Larrows with questions concerning specifics about the fountain; was forwarded to the Supervisor for response
- ✓ Letter from NYS Dept of Financial Services re: upcoming informational sessions on delinquent properties
- ✓ Letter from Association of Towns regarding a session at the upcoming Annual AOTS meeting delineating how Town dues are used
- ✓ Letter from Nicky Badour from TI High School asking if we would like to put an ad in their yearbook
- ✓ KIMCO Steel check for metal picked up from Transfer Site. Notice of change of cost.
- ✓ Copy of letter from the Village of Clayton to the Governor’s Office stating opposition to proposed Law S.1411-B – Volunteer Firefighters benefits for cancer
- ✓ Two letters from the NYS DEC re: inspections at the Transfer site
- ✓ E-mail from Congresswoman Stefanik updating her recent activities in the District

Minutes:

Consensus to defer until Nov. 8, 2017 meeting to approve minutes of October 11, 2017, as most board members hadn’t had time to read them.

Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Resolution:

Resolution No. 77 of 2017:

Opposing Wind Farm Development in Proximity to Fort Drum.

Resolution #77 of 2017 was introduced by Councilwoman Zovistoski , seconded by Councilman Lance Peterson to accept Resolution No. 77 opposing wind farm development in proximity to Fort Drum Storandt – Aye, Cantwell III – Aye, Zovistoski – Aye, Peterson – Aye, Patchen - Aye **PASSED**

Letter to Governor’s Office re: Bill S1411-B Volunteer Firefighters:

Received letter from the Village of Clayton to the Governor's office regarding Senate Bill 1411-B, which would make it mandatory to pay insurance to volunteer firefighters if they develop cancer on the job. If this passes, it would make it mandatory for the State, but at the local level it is an option. It is an unfunded mandate. It would affect tax base but not budget. Opinion is that it falls to the Fire District. Consensus is that no action will be taken.

Set Public Hearing for Tentative Budget:

Motion by Councilman Peterson , seconded by Councilman Bobby Cantwell III to set a Public Hearing for 6 p.m. on 11/8/2017 for the Tentative Budget. **Motion carried**

Special Events Permits:

Richard Ingerson distributed his recommendations for Special Events Permits guidelines and a discussion followed. It concerned venues, whether it was a non-profit or business, district, number of attendees to determine fees, parking and numerous other factors. Richard and Alicia Dewey will fine-tune it and send it to Attorney Russell. Consensus is to table until second meeting in November.

Mr. Ingerson also spoke on the zoning and codes fees. The codes fees are set every year at the Annual Meeting, but the zoning fees had not been changed in several years, so he presented his suggestions. Discussion followed that some fees need to be raised more than others, and should be reviewed every year. The Town needs to make money on these. Again, this will be sent along the Attorney Russell, and then put on the next meeting's agenda.

New Business:

Patrick Dewey has expressed interest in becoming an alternate member of the Joint T/V Planning Board. He has worked for Barrett for 20 years and can read blueprints. **Motion** by Councilwoman Zovistoski, seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve his application and pass it along to the Village for their approval. Their next meeting is November 13, 2017. **Motion carried**

Supervisor Reports:

The Clayton Fire District has presented their final budget for us to incorporate into our preliminary budget. The Board is reviewing new rate recommendations for Cerow Recreation Park. There will be discussion at the next budget meeting on Monday, October 30 at 8 a.m.

The Harbormaster, Justin Taylor has asked for a \$3,500 increase in the budget, from \$10,000 to \$13,500. Last year he was taken to a \$10,000 salary. The previous year was paid by the hour, totaling around \$12,000.

Budget Workshop:

Motion by Councilwoman Zovistoski, seconded by Councilman Peterson to set another Budget Meeting for Monday, October 30 at 8 a.m. to go over the topics discussed this evening. **Motion carried.** The clerk will be directed to publish it. The County has received their last sales tax payment of \$1.698 million dollars. That is \$98,000 over the anticipated budget and \$23,000 above the County estimate.

Councilman Peterson Report: CLDC

He has gone through their plan, and they have accomplished a lot this year, bringing sales and property taxes up. He feels, however, that in respect to all the other non-profits we support, the CLDC is one of the only ones which does not raise extra money through fundraising to be self-sustaining, especially after losing their grant administration funding. He spoke with one of their board members about reaching out to the private sector. He also said he made four phone calls in forty minutes to persons/businesses unnamed but whom he thought would help, and they did. He verbally secured \$7,500 in pledges; he just needs the 501c paperwork. He thinks that the Town should budget \$10,000 deliverable to them at the beginning of 2018 with the extra \$5,000 they are requesting contingent on a number of items to be presented in an agreement to them before year-end.

Cerow Recreation Park:

Jimmy Jones presented an extensive analysis for Arena Advertisement. All other fees are set at the annual meeting, but he has some suggestions. Some fees are higher, some are set lower. This will also be discussed at the next budget workshop meeting.

Public Questions on Agenda items:

Pam McDowell asked if the Resolution we passed tonight regarding wind is the same as the one passed by the Town of Orleans. It is not. However, it is the same resolution passed by the City of Watertown as suggested by the FDRLO.

Executive Session:

Motion by Councilman Peterson, seconded by Councilman Cantwell III to enter into Executive Session for a personnel issue at 6:14. Alicia Dewey was asked to stay. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Councilman Peterson, seconded by Councilwoman Patchen to come out of Executive Session at 7:15.

Motion by Councilman Cantwell III, seconded by Councilwoman Zovistoski to increase James Jones' annual wage to \$48,000/year effective the next payroll. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilman Cantwell III, seconded by Councilman Peterson to adjourn this workshop meeting at 7:20. **Motion carried.**

Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk