

**August 22, 2018**

The Town Board of the Clayton held their meeting at the Depauville Free Library, Depauville, NY with the following persons present:

David M. Storandt, Jr.  
Lance Peterson  
Kathleen E. La Clair

Mary Zovistoski  
Nolan Knapp (absent)

Donna Patchen (absent)  
William Sherman

Robert W. Cantwell, III, Jefferson County Legislator, District 1  
James L. Lawrence, Jr., Superintendent of Highways of Jefferson County  
Andy Mac Duff, D.E.C.

Jan Larrow  
Karen Lago  
Marcia O'Neill

Tresa Forkey  
Teresa Gallup  
Debra Rantanen

Phil Pond  
Gail Egeressy  
Pam McDowell

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

**Public Hearing – French Creek Road Qualified Abandonment:**

Public Hearing was opened at 5:05 p.m. by Jim Lawrence, Jefferson County Superintendent of Highways. Mr. Lawrence explained that the purpose of this hearing is to receive any public comment for the qualified abandonment of a portion of the French Creek Road in the Town of Clayton bounded only by lands of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This road is owned by the Town of Clayton, but has been closed for a while, due to unsafe traffic issues. The Town of Clayton has asked the Jefferson County Highway Dept. to have this road listed as qualified abandoned. The DEC would take over the road area, but this road would remain closed.

Debra Rantanen inquired about any local use to people in that area. Answer: The road would remain closed to any traffic. The road would still be un-plowed in the winter time.

Phil Pond inquired about what the County would do with the road. Answer: Mr. Lawrence would turn it over to the DEC as it is in a Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Mac Duff, DEC Agent explained that there is no money in their budget at this time for any repairs or updates and no plans in the near future to do any repairs or updates to this area. Thereby, the road would still remain closed.

County Highway Superintendent Lawrence stated that the Town is able to take this road back at any time it deems.

Being no further questions or comments, Jefferson County Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence closed the public hearing at 5:11 PM.

**Speed Limit Issues:**

County Highway Superintendent Lawrence addressed a comment about reduction of speed on County Route 3 (East Line Road). The process is for the Town to pass a resolution to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed at and send this request to the County Highway

Superintendent, who in turn would sign, date and make his recommendation, then forward to the NYS Regional Traffic Engineer, Region No. 7, NYS Department of Transportation. Someone would then come out to check the speed in the area and make their determination. This process used to take two years to complete, but now takes about six months.

**Guest:**

- Bobby Cantwell III thanked the Town Board for stepping up to held the Charity Poker run with dockage. The Poker run was very impressed with Chris Badour and his Staff at the Clayton Harbor Docks. They did a fantastic job.
- The Charity Poker Run raised approximately \$48,000 total with TIERS receiving \$7500, and was able to fund three requests for the “Make a Wish Foundation” with \$35,000, plus donate \$1,000 each to the Clayton, Alexandria Bay and Wellesley Island Fire Departments, who helped out at this event.
- The Jefferson County Airport is being utilized more and more.
- The Jefferson County Legislators are looking at the County Dog Control issue to see if there is a better working plan, plus look at dog control in and for the future.

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- ✓ August 2018 issue of Grants Action News received.
- ✓ The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Conference will be held at SUNY Potsdam on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.
- ✓ KIMCO Steel Sales Ltd. prices effective: August 14, 2018 for “shredable picked up” – GT \$35.00.
- ✓ WESTELCOM is hosting Kickin’ IT for a cause kickball tournament to support River Hospital’s Hope + Healing Capital Campaign, designed to support suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress disorder (PTSD), and Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Services. Their seeking team registration and sponsors for this community event. The tournament, now open for registration, will be held on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Cerow Recreation Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with kick-offs to follow at 10 a.m.
- ✓ Charter Communications – listing upcoming changes.
- ✓ Notice of Violation and Order to Comply received from the NYS Dept. of Labor for the Clayton Town Transfer Site Station - Two listed as “serious” and one listed as non-serious. Compliance dates are different for each.
- ✓ Received from Jefferson County Dept. of Insurance – Preliminary Apportionment of Plan Assessments.
- ✓ Charter Communications – Received from Alice J. Kim, director, Government Affairs, our copy of the signed Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC Franchise Renewal with the Town of Clayton.
- ✓ Received the Campground Inspection – Summary Report for Cerow Recreation Park. No Violations were observed.

**Minutes: Motion** was made by Lance Peterson, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018 as presented. (Patchen & Knapp – absent). Motion carried.

**Depauville Items:**

**Snow Removal at Library:** Teresa Forkey, President of the Board of Trustees of the Depauville Free Library thanked the Town for meeting with them this month to iron out several issues that needed clarification. Several other issues were resolved at the meeting however one issue on their list of issues was left uncommitted; the continued snow removal for the Library property. Mrs. Forkey indicated that the town needed more time to consider the matter.

The sewer has daily review monitoring of the flows and the Library had received the daily snow plowing. The path way and the steps also need to be shoveled in order to gain access to the Sewer office for the treatment plant inside the library. The Library Board feels that the snow removal around the building is just common sense and a public service. Mrs. Forkey wanted to know if the Town had made any decision on continuing this snow removal. The Library Board had checked with fifteen different libraries to see if they had received Municipal snow plowing. All had indicated that they had.

Supervisor Storandt stated that he is working on next year's budgeting figures currently. The Highway Superintendent is still coming to the Library for recording of sewer flows daily and probably will continue plowing the drives at that time. However, the pathway and steps are another matter, as that would fall under another category, Buildings and Grounds. At this time, this department is already stressed with the Opera House, Transfer Site, Recreation Park, etc. If there is a lot of snow in a day time frame, there is no way to make all the rounds for numerous shoveling details with limited help. We will have to look at this and discuss this with Jim Jones, Building & Grounds dept.

Karen Lago discussed reaching out again to Sen. Ritchie's Office for funding. Ms. Lago stated she gets the same answer, that funding has not been released as of yet. In past attempts, the Library usually had received \$3,000.

Supervisor Storandt stated that he is putting in the Budget a Capital line for replacement of the heat/air exchange.

The Sand Beds use specialized sand grade and still remains an issue. That is why the beds have not been done this year. Screening of the mixture has not been completed as yet.

We're still looking for a power source for the Gazebo. We may have some help coming on this.

A Pressure tank also has a problem with being water- or air-logged and needs attention as this tank keeps going on and off.

Trash pick-up date for Depauville, is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Internal Audits 2018:** All Departments have had their 2018 Audit completed.

**Agreed-Upon Procedures:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2018** was introduced by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, a resolution to endorse as presented the Independent Accountants' report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for Stackel & Navarra, C.P.A., P.C. Certified Public Accountants. Storandt-aye; Zovistoski-aye; Patchen-absent; Peterson-aye; Knapp-absent. PASSED.

**New Budget Accounts: Motion** was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to create two new Budget Lines for Emergency Disaster: State Aid: DA/A3960; Federal Aid: DA/A4960. (Patchen & Knapp – absent). Motion carried.

**Bed Tax Agreement:** Discussion on where the Bed Tax Allocation from Jefferson County goes. To completely spell this out, Supervisor Storandt has drafted an Agreement with the interested parties. Parties include: Town, Village and Chamber of Commerce. The 2019,2020 & 2021 Bed Tax Allocation Plan would be executed Three-way per a Signed Agreement as follows: Chamber of Commerce would receive \$20,000, plus 33% of the remaining Bed Tax. The remaining would be divided between the Village of Clayton and the Town of Clayton.

Supervisor Storandt has sent a copy of the Agreement to Atty. Joseph Russell to review. This was just sent and we haven't heard back from Atty. Russell as yet.

The Town Board has no issues with what is being proposed and will wait until the next meeting before approving should Atty. Russell have no problems with this Agreement.

**Assessor Training Request:** Kimberli Johnston is requesting permission to attend the 2018 NYS Assessors' Association Seminar on Assessment Administration at the Doubletree by Hilton in Binghamton on September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. The registration and payment is due no later than August 29<sup>th</sup>. Last year due to the Board meeting dates, Town of Brownville paid for both Ms. Johnston and Christine Thurston's fees, then Clayton paid Brownville back. This year, Ms. Johnston is requesting that Clayton pay the total bill and the Brownville pay us back. Town of Brownville's bill approval date and meeting is after the deadline.

The total for both Ms. Johnston and Ms. Thurston is \$1250. All meals, rooms and courses are included in this fee. A schedule is attached for the conference with Ms. Johnston's courses highlighted.

**Motion** was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to authorize the attendance to the Training and to pay mileage. (Patchen & Knapp – absent). Motion carried.

**Grindstone Island Cemetery:** Wording has been sent to Atty. Russell for a simple Resolution accepting ownership of this Cemetery. We are waiting for an okay of the wording from him.

**Next Meeting:** September 12, 2018 at the Town Board Room @ 5 PM.

**Adjournment:** **Motion** was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 5:50 PM. (Patchen & Knapp – absent). Motion carried.

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk