

**March 27, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their workshop meeting at 5:00 PM in the Town Board Room with the following persons present:

Lance Peterson, Deputy Supr.  
Kenneth Knapp

Mary Zovistoski  
William Sherman

Donna Patchen  
Kathleen E. LaClair

Jack Honor (EDF renewables)  
Mike Ingerson  
Pat Dewey

Pam McDowell  
Doug Rogers  
Lori Arnot

Allen Heberling  
Marcus Wolf (WDT)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Deputy Supervisor Lance Peterson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance after opening the workshop meeting at 5:00 PM.

**Town clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- ✓ Copy of letter sent to Governor Cuomo, from Town of Cape Vincent Supervisor, concerning their deep concern regarding the closures of correctional facilities in Northern New York, specifically the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility.
- ✓ Clayton Island Tours – New York State Liquor Authority Notice of changing their license to include liquor. Currently selling wine and beer.
- ✓ Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. is looking for drivers to help transport people to medical appointments, Cancer treatment, renal dialysis and food sources.
- ✓ NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance letter concerning the 2019 Tentative Special Franchise Assessments/Full Values.

**Minutes: Motion** was made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Ken Knapp, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2019 regular meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Public comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Workshop Items:**

**A. EDR Renewables Presentation 5:15:**

Jack Honor, Development Manager – Grid Scale Power for EDR Renewables requested to speak to the Town Board concerning the Tracy Solar Energy Center. He recited their mission statement which is the “delivering renewable solutions to lead the transition to a sustainable energy future”. He listed their core values as: safety, good sense, accountability, transparency, teamwork, respect and passion. The company has done a project with the Ogdensburg Port Authority.

The company is proposing a 119-megawatt, 400,000-pane solar project consisting of two towns, with 84 percent of it in Orleans and 16 percent in Clayton. Several of the property owners hold 20-year land leases with EDF. Due to the size of the project, EDF will be required to file for its permits through Article 10 and the New York State Public Service Commission. The Company will keep the public informed and involved. Letters will go out to anyone within 250’ of the project and notices would go to anyone within a two (2) mile radius. Studies will be conducted on possible impacts of solar concerning farms wildlife, the environment, aesthetics and other aspects. The company would be using local businesses for such things as spending on gravel, supplies, gas stations and restaurants and will be employing 200 people doing construction. Three permanent jobs will remain after completion of the solar fields. The company will look into payments-in-lieu-of-taxes for both towns.

His company does not have any other fields within a 20 mile radius. The company has done \$1 billion worth of energy projects in the last year. Information concerning this project will be at the Depauville Library and Orleans Library. They are looking to begin and end the project in 2022.

**B. Approve Employment Agreements:**

1. **Motion** was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Ken Knapp, to approve the Employment Agreement with Kimberli Johnston, Assessor. **Motion carried.**

2. **Motion** was made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to approve the Employment Agreement with Richard Ingerson, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer. **Motion carried.**

3. **Motion** was made by Ken Knapp, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to approve the Employment Agreement with James E. Jones, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor. **Motion carried.**

**C. MSHA Training:** Training will be at Batavia on March 21, 2019 at a cost of \$90/pp. Steve Dorr and Ray Robinson should be attending.

**Motion** was made by Ken Knapp, seconded by Donna Patchen, to approve the expense for Steve Dorr and Ray Robinson to attend the MSHA Training. **Motion carried.**

**D. Set Meeting Date and Time:** **Motion** was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Ken Knapp, to set a meeting for the Joint Town/Village meeting for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM. **Motion carried.**

**Association of Towns Letter:** Received from AOT a Call to Action to immediately contact our representatives in the Assembly and the Senate and let them know that local officials are looking to the Legislature to protect and preserve local government. They're specifically calling for the Legislature to stop the plan to eliminate state-funded Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM); restore AIM to be fully state-funded;

Adopt common-sense modifications to the Tax Cap; increase the base CHIPS amount; and Restore Extreme Winter Recovery assistance. **Motion** was made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Ken Knapp, to contact our local representatives and express our concerns and to back the Association of Towns.

**Motion Carried.**

**Public submitted requests to address the Board:** None.

**Committee Report:**

**Councilman Knapp** will have a meeting with Rob Company sometime next week to go over samples for the Recreation Park Addition.

**Councilwoman Patchen**

**Adjournment:** **Motion** was made by Ken Knapp, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, to adjourn this workshop meeting at 5:35 PM. **Motion Carried.**

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk