

July 24, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their Workshop Meeting at 5:00PM at Dodge Hall on Grindstone Island, Clayton, NY with the following persons present:

Lance Peterson, Deputy Supr.
Kenneth Knapp

Mary Zovistoski
William Sherman

Donna Patchen
Kathleen E. LaClair (absent)

Alicia Dewey
Tanya Yates

Kimberli Johnston

Steve Dorr

Townspeople:

Allen Heberling
Brenda Slate
Donald Taylor
Debby Smith
Joan H. Flint
Lynn & Bruce Taylor

Brenda Patch
Yuvon Marra
Zell Steever
Jayne Rader-Smith
Sylvia Anderson-Shoultes
Betsy Fitter

Doreen Meeks
Erma Slate
Rodney Luce
Philip Marra
Robert B.
Roxane Pratten

Pledge of Allegiance: Deputy Supervisor Lance Peterson opened the regular meeting at 5:00pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ✓ Justice Jeram & Ramseier Monthly June Reports
- ✓ Amy Funk Jefferson County DCO May & June Dog Reports
- ✓ Letter from Nancy Herter, NYS Parks & Recreation, Archeology Unit Program Coordinator, regarding Proposed Solar Farm on Wetterhahn Property.
- ✓ Ruth Lago Ag District Letter
- ✓ NYS Office of General Services Served Papers for Elrado Association Inc. regarding removing & replacing four finger docks in the marina at the end of Taylor Lane.
- ✓ Notice of Public Hearing from ZEO Richard Ingerson regarding August 1, 2019 7:00pm hearing for TILT to locate a Recreational Facility on the property
- ✓ Petitions Small Claims Assessment Review for Aric Quencer, Sternberg Rd. property and James O'Donnell, Smoother Waters LLC, 37171 NYS Rte. 12E
- ✓ LUCA 2020 Census Bureau to ship 2020 Local Update of Census Address feedback materials soon.
- ✓ NYS Grants Action Newsletters
- ✓ Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter

- ✓ Centerline Communications-New Cingular Wireless Site Plan Review –for installation of a new wireless telecommunications facility on property owned by General Brown Central School District located at 17643 Cemetery Road, in the Town of Brownville
- ✓ Charter Communications Upcoming Changes

Minutes: Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Ken Knapp, to approve the minutes of 7/10/19 as presented. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Allen Heberling addressed how does the Town Board Justify spending \$32-\$36K on a new pontoon boat? And how many trips per year used would justify purchase? Why was there a specification of fishing seats and vinyl flooring in the bid specs? Deputy Supervisor Lance Peterson responded still doing research as to whether in the long term would be a justified purchase it's more a liability issue than anything.

Workshop Discussion items:

Pontoon Boat Follow-Up-Deputy Supervisor Lance Peterson stated Town Board will table this discussion for a later date. More research needs to be done.

Annual Internal Audits for 2019: Motion made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Mary Zovistoski to approve Internal Audits for 2019 as received and completed. **Motion Carried.**

Justice Court Internal Audit Resolution #58 of 2019: Motion offered by Ken Knapp, seconded by Mary Zovistoski to approve Resolution #58 of 2019, a Resolution to Certify Examination and Audit of Town Justices 2018-2019 Monthly Reports and Account Books. Peterson – Aye, Patchen – Aye, Zovistoski – Aye, Knapp - Aye. **Passed.**

Resignations & Appointments: Bryley Frederick Resignation effective 7/26/19: **Motion** Made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Ken Knapp to accept Bryley Frederick's resignation. **Motion Carried.**

Positions/Appointments: Motion made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Ken Knapp to appoint Ethan Crump, as dock attendant at a rate of pay of \$11.10/hr. effective 7/19/19. **Motion Carried.**

Pavilion Rentals: Deputy Lance Supervisor stated he had discussions with James Jones, Rec. Park Supervisor concerning certificates of liability insurance for pavilion rentals. After confirming with Atty. Joe Russell, no changes were deemed needed to be made.

Arena Project: Motion: was made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Ken Knapp to create a new checking account specific to the Arena Capital Project. **Motion Carried.**

Motion: was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Ken Knapp to transfer \$20,000 from the A200.01 account to the HA200 account. **Motion Carried.**

2020 Budget Workshop dates were scheduled for September 18, 2019, October 7, 2019 and October 28, 2019 @ 7:30am.

Public Comments:

- ✓ Barbara Fitter wanted to thank the Town of Clayton highway Department and Steve Dorr for maintaining the roads and for repairing the bridge on Grindstone Island.
- ✓ Rodney Luce thanked the Town of Clayton for cleaning up and removing all the white goods on the island. Lance Peterson stated the town is looking into possibly placing two containers one for steel and one for white goods and having Kimco empty them.
- ✓ Roxane Pratten gave an update on the Lower School House District #1 which is privately owned by the Rusho family, and is in the process of being sold to the Heritage Center to preserve the schoolhouse for an island museum, being it was the first schoolhouse in Jefferson County.
- ✓ Philip Marra stated some upcoming Grindstone Island Events: This Sunday - Old Homes Days on Potters Beach at noon & Stilley's @ the winery at 5pm.

Assessor: Data Reports: Assessor, Kimberli Johnston stated that data mailers were mailed out last week, as there will be a reval in 2023. We're asking property owners to update the data mailer form and mail back so that our system can be thoroughly updated. Kimberly stated she will be doing site visits on all properties over the next two summers. Kimberli Johnston also had a short discussion regarding waterfront properties.

Public Hearing: Draft Solar Local Law @5:35 pm: Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen, to open the public hearing at 5:35pm. **Motion Carried.**

- ✓ Allen Heberling of 541 Merrick St., Clayton, had questions regarding gap in wattage and if a solar property becomes abandoned who is responsible for restoration of the property? Deputy Supervisor Lance Peterson stated should go back on original owner of the property. Allen will submit his questions in writing.
- ✓ Zell Steever of 43555 Schoolhouse Road, Grindstone Island questioned NYS aggressive stance on renewable energy example of Solar Hot Water. Lance Peterson stated that the Town has already made many upgrades to LED lighting for street lights, Recreation Park Arena & Opera House.
- ✓ Betsy Fitter, 43787 Canoe Point, Grindstone Island – Questioned Solar Law being on the Conservative side and tax payers advantages of it? Deputy Supervisor Lance Peterson stated clearly the Town of Clayton is more on the conservative side and considers the visual impact of these panels. Solar is advantageous for our community.

✓ Donald Taylor, 43335 Schoolhouse Rd., Grindstone Island discussed Comprehensive Plan

Motion was made by Ken Knapp, seconded by Donna Patchen, to continue the Public Hearing at our next meeting of August 14, 2019. **Motion Carried.**

Public: Submitted Requests:

Mary Zovistoski read a letter from Linda Brown updating on new signs that were installed in May at the Grindstone Island upper and lower cemeteries. This was made possible by the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Grindstone Island community. Roxane Pratten asked if the sign at the schoolhouse could be replaced or fixed due to a tree falling down in the last storm.

Donna Patchen mentioned the Town is looking for lot certificates for Grindstone cemetery. Brenda Slate has the records of who has purchased the lots. Alicia will also look into the Civil War Cemetery on Grindstone Island.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Ken Knapp to adjourn meeting at 5:56pm. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting Wednesday August 14, 2019 @ 5pm.

Tanya A. Yates, Deputy Clerk