

## Town of Clayton Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting at 5:00 PM, remotely due to restrictions of COVID-19.

The following persons attended remotely:

Lance Peterson	Kenneth Knapp	Megan Badour	Robert Cantwell, III.
Mary Zovistoski	Allen Heberling	James Jones	Steve Dorr, Sr.
Donna Patchen	Alicia Dewey	Pam McDowell	Douglas Rogers
Heather Valadez	Rob Campany, St. Lawrence Engineering		Kevin Patchen

1. Pledge of Allegiance: The Supervisor opened the meeting at 5:00 PM and led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Guests:

Rob Campany- Arena Update- Provided by Supervisor Peterson but agreed upon by Mr. Campany. There have been some set-backs to include an issue with the flooring that is continued to be worked on, and should be resolved as well as a delay in the delivery of the siding. Councilwoman Zovistoski confirmed that some of the chairs arrived damaged, however, the seller agreed to replace these and new chairs are on their way. Supervisor Peterson has requested a bid to paint the exterior of the building, only including the orange and brown areas, and is projecting a cost of around \$38,000 for this scope of work. The USDA has requested that the concrete out front be replaced with the Highway Department completing the removal of the current concrete, which would cut down on costs.

Robert Cantwell, III, Legislator- Legislator Cantwell indicated that as far as opening up to be able to plan and schedule events, there has not been any movement recently, despite the frequent requests, still siding with caution. Legislator Cantwell commended Legislator Scott Gray for his leadership and efforts.
3. Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

  - Charter Communications provided updates on programming. (see attached)
  - Agriculture and Markets Dog Control Officer Inspection Report (see attached)
  - Volunteer Transportation Center's Letter of Thanks (see attached)
  - Eligo Energy Initiative Letter (see attached)

Minutes from 3/24/2021 Workshop Meeting to be approved. Motion made by Kenneth Knapp, seconded by Allen Heberling to approve. **Motion carried.**
4. Public: N/A
5. General Discussion Items:
  - A. Bills and Transfers
    - i. Abstract #7 of 2021

Motion was made by Donna Patchen, seconded by Kenneth Knapp, to approve Abstract #7, in the amount of \$294,190.85. **Motion carried.**

ii. Transfers: N/A

iii. Budget Amendment: N/A

iv. New Accounts/Special Entries: N/A

B. Supervisor's Report & Bank Reconciliations: N/A

C. Balance Sheets: N/A

D. Resignations and Appointments

i. Resignations: N/A

ii. Positions/Appointments: N/A

E. Rate Changes: N/A

F. Training:

i. Part One Annual Training Released- A request was made for persons to complete this training before the end of April 2021.

G. 2020 AUD: Still no response from OSC:

Ms. Dewey has spoken with the Comptroller's Office and they have not reviewed this nor were they willing to provide a timeline as to when this will be reviewed.

H. Planned Development District (LL#2 2021):

PDD Local Law was opened for discussion among the Board. Councilman Knapp thanked everyone who worked on this. Councilwoman Zovistoski agreed and added additional thanks to Douglas Rogers and Councilman Heberling for the final tweaks. Supervisor Peterson also agreed with the thanks indicating it had not been an easy task. Supervisor Peterson led the Town Board in reviewing and responding to Parts II and III of the SEQR Form. Motion made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Kenneth Knapp to adopt Resolution #47 issuing a negative declaration, Exhibit "A".

Knapp-aye; Peterson-aye; Zovistoski-aye; Patchen-aye; Heberling-aye. **Motion carried. (see attached)**

Motion made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Allen Heberling to adopt Resolution #48 Local Law #2 of the year 2021.

Knapp-aye; Peterson-aye; Zovistoski-aye; Patchen-aye; Heberling-aye. **Motion carried. (see attached)**

I. Great Lakes Solar Battery Storage Status:

**Currently, the Planning Board is working on this, pleased with what they have accomplished thus far. At this time, the question has been placed to the Town Attorney, Joseph Russell, as to whether or not the battery storage is a standalone law.**

J. Municipal Solutions Agreement Renewal:

**This is a renewal of the existing agreement that expires on May 7, 2021. Looking to have it approved prior to the expiration. This is the entity that assists with the funding for projects as well as reporting.**

Motion made by Kenneth Knapp, seconded by Mary Zovistoski. **Motion carried**

K. Metal Dumpster from Grindstone:

**It is requested that the placement of a metal dumpster for recycles be coordinated with the road grooming, prior to July 4, 2021, and ensuring proper placement. The cost of this does seem to be offset by the return on recycling.**

L. Cemetery Fencing Update:

**Grindstone Fabrications has provided a quote for the fencing for both cemeteries on Grindstone. They have agreed to begin the project now, and allow for completion with**

**next year's budget with installation. (It was noted that cemeteries are required by law to have fencing.)**

**M. Planning and Zoning Alternates:**

**Information has been forwarded onto the Planning Board.**

6. Supervisor's Report:

Jack Honor has reached out with regards to the Tracy Solar Project, with a proposal, this has been forwarded onto the Planning Board. A cost estimate has been submitted for the Blanchard Road Rebuild, a proposal was received and a signed agreement should accompany the check to the Town early next week.

7. Department Head Reports:

- A. Highway Superintendent: Steve Dorr- Superintendent Dorr has been approached by the Reagan Ball Company with regards to a need to identify a location to offload despoil from dredging French Creek. This company will ensure that the proper steps are taken and will provide certification of no contaminants. The amount of despoil is proposed to be 5,000 to 6,000 cubic yards. The pit was identified as an area within the Town that would be able to accept this product and reuse it in the future. No movement would take place on this until late August, but consideration should begin now. At this time the Highway staff have been picking up trash, trucks have been repaired and painted. The Town's sweeper broke down so one was borrowed from Cape Vincent to continue sweeping the sand off the roads.
- B. Buildings & Grounds: James Jones- N/A
- C. Assessor: Kimberli Johnston- (see attached)
- D. Codes/Zoning: Richard Ingerson- (see attached)

8. Council Reports

- Councilwoman Zovistoski: Buildings and Grounds; Paynter Center- Councilwoman Zovistoski indicated that the Arena Project is finishing up with odds and ends, replacement chairs are on the way for the ones that arrived damaged. Paynter Center meets next week.
- Councilwoman Patchen: Purchasing, Personnel, Youth Commission, Cemeteries: Councilwoman Patchen indicated that she has not received an update from the Youth Commission.
- Councilman Knapp: Libraries; Chamber of Commerce; Arena Project- Library talk will take place this Saturday by Councilman Knapp. The Chamber asked Councilman Knapp to ask the Town Board to revisit the arena fee.  
\*A letter was received from the Chamber and was responded to previously.
- Councilman Heberling: TIERS; Joint Boards- Councilman Heberling discussed his work on solar and wind farms in relation to local municipalities.

9. Public: N/A

10. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Kenneth Knapp, seconded by Mary Zovistoski to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 PM. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:00PM.