

November 28, 2007

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held a regular meeting at the Town Board Room, 405 Riverside Drive, Clayton, New York with the following present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Donald Turcotte
Lance Peterson	Paula Baril	Robert Boulton, Hwy. Supt.
Kathy LaClair, Town Clerk		

Alicia Dewey	Ken Knapp	Tom Murphy
Nancy Murphy	Kris Rusho (TI Sun)	Greg Lago
Anna Forbes	Cindy Grant	Patty Booras-Miller
Judy Tubolino	Bob Cantwell III	

Public:

Ken Knapp gave a packet to Supervisor Taylor for Historian Norm Wagner. This packet contained an archeological/geological review of the Bechaz Farm. Mr. Knapp stated he hoped that everyone had a chance to review it.

Mr. Knapp stated he was (1) glad to see the Town had hired an Acoustical Engineer to study the noise factor of Wind Turbines. He questions whether the Town should follow the DEC guidelines and believes there should be more stringent guidelines for sound and light reflection. (2) Believes that set backs from property lines should be greater in regard to sound and light. He questioned if his rights should stop at the front porch of his residence.

Tom Murphy stated that after reviewing Volumes 1 & 2 of the DGEIS that PPM has produced, he has read where there would be low frequency noise level problems. He reiterated the bio-types of data and medical aspects of having wind turbines.

Anna Forbes questioned if the Town Board or the Planning Board had the authority of doing Local Laws and who amends the local laws. Also she has had trouble retrieving the Town Board minutes on the internet. Mrs. Forbes stated she and her husband have expressed to PPM that they will not be a participating property. She has called the Town Office to complain about the trespassing and has since contacted Dan Murdie of PPM. However she believes that there are still trespassers.

Cindy Grant indicated that when on the Maple Ridge tour it was stated that work was completed in a timely manner daily, however she heard that late night working was prevalent. She indicated that she and her husband have numerous acres of property and had hoped in the future they would be able to give property to their son so he might live closer to them. With the wind turbines and the health risks this won't be a possibility. Also she had heard the CLDC was pushing for the wind turbines. She wanted to know who was on that Board. Also were the turbines coming into Clayton via the Frink dock?

Patty Booras-Miller distributed an Environmentally Concerned Citizens Organization (ECCO) packet on sound level. Ms. Booras-Miller, Vice-President of the Concerned

Citizens Organization also read a letter, which she later submitted. Her letter stated she was applying for “intervener” status for herself, and Dr. John Jepma, Anna Forbes, Francis Andre, Judy Tubolino, Thomas Murphy and Deborah Jepma to be part of the organized wind farm committee in the Township of Clayton for discussing the project and/or issues of wind-energy development.

Supervisor Taylor responded that he was only aware of the Planning Board and was not familiar with a process that allowed for “intervener status”.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- Highway Christmas Party Friday 12/7/07 at noon. **(See attached.)**
- Christmas Card from LaFave, White & McGivern, L.S., P.C.
- TIERS Christmas Party, 12/1/07 at American Legion, LaFargeville. **(See attached.)**
- Town of Clayton Fire District Adopted 2008 Annual budget. **(See attached.)**
- Local Update of Census Address (LUCA) has acknowledged receipt of our registration forms to participate. **(See attached.)**
- Received a flyer from Jeff. Co. Youth Bureau for a clinic for coaches of any sports. No Cost. Will be held 12/6 & 12/7, 2007 at the Fairgrounds YMCA. Need to RSVP if attending. **(See attached.)**
- Received minutes from Clayton Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Advisory Committee meeting #2. **(See attached.)**
- Notice of Association of Tax Collectors/ Town Clerks of Jefferson County will be holding their Fall/Christmas meeting at the Ramada on 12/11/07. **Motion** by George Kittle, 2nd by Don Turcotte, for Town Clerk & Deputy Clerk to attend. Motion carried.
- Notice received from DEC Automated Licensing System (DECALS). Making more user friendly and efficient; changing from dedicated phone line system to an internet based system. Change will occur during January/February 2008.
- NYC Bus sign up – Let Town Clerk know by the 12/12/07 meeting.

Village Municipal Keys:

Town Clerk requested that those Board members who have not turned in their keys for the Village Municipal Bldg. please get them to the Town Clerk as soon as possible. We need to turn these back over to the Village.

Resolutions:

Resolution #47 of 2007 introduced by Lance Peterson, 2nd by Donald Turcotte, to apply jointly with the Village of Clayton to NYS Dept. of State, Division of Local Government Services for funding through the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program for construction of shared Administrative Office space. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Turcotte – aye; Peterson – aye; Baril – aye. Motion carried. **(See Resolution Book.)**

Resolution #48 of 2007 introduced by George Kittle, 2nd by Polly Baril, a resolution for the Town of Clayton include Evergreen Lane, located in the Heritage Heights Complex, in the Town's road inventory. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Turcotte – aye; Peterson – aye; Baril – aye. Motion carried. (See **Resolution Book.**)

Resolution #49 of 2007 introduced by George Kittle, 2nd by Polly Baril, a resolution for the Town of Clayton to include Birch Lane located in the Heritage Heights Complex, in the Town's road inventory. Taylor – aye; Kittle – aye; Turcotte – aye; Peterson – aye; Baril – aye. Motion carried (See **Resolution Book.**)

Supervisor:

Board of Assessment Review: Next meeting we will reappoint one person and appoint one more person. This will give us five members to that board.

Insurance for Opera House: Audie Cerow is putting together a prospective for increasing the value of the building. Upgraded and new construction has happened since last year and he feels the insurance needs to reflect the changes.

Department Head review of monthly bills:

Supervisor Taylor stated he would also like the Justice Head to also sign off on the Vouchers before payment is made. This also gives that department an idea of what is left in their budget for the year.

Depauville Library:

Supervisor Taylor stated the bids were advertised to be opened on 12/5/07 however he will contact Bernier, Carr and Associates and have the opening on our regular board meeting night of 12/12/07 at 4PM.

Discussion also followed that all bid specs are to be available and on file in the Town Clerk's Office for review as well.

Copy Machine Replacement:

Packets were disbursed to the Board members of the quotes that were received. After discussion the consensus of the Board was the Supervisor & Town Clerk should be left with the final decision, however board consensus was to go with the Office Systems proposal.

Purchase of Tables & Chairs:

Supervisor Taylor stated he had checked prices at Sam's Club for round tables and chairs that would be housed in the Opera House. Purchase would be for eight (8) round tables (72") and chairs which total approximately \$1,200.

Discussion: at the beginning of the year the board sets rates for rental and should set a rental fee for the tables & chairs.

Dudley Danielson Book:

Mr. Danielson is letting the town preview a book he has just published entitled Re-shaping Clayton. This is a pictorial of Clayton, Sackets Harbor, Alexandria Bay, etc. The book is to be returned to Mr. Danielson after the Board has reviewed.

Highway Report:

- Highway Christmas Party is Friday, 12/7/07 at noon. As last year, please bring something for the Food Pantry.
- Frink Development is complete for this year. Labor & equipment has put money back into this community and kept the cost of the project down.
- Village Street project has also been a good revenue.
- Met with National Grid & Verizon personnel at the Medical Center. There is a three (3) phase box located at the Medical Center which will be relocated behind a rather large rock and will stretch down to Kinney Drugs.
- John Deere 644 Loader is out for bids. We purchased in 1986 and have spent \$31,053 on this machine since 1999. 1986-1999 no records were found.
- Bids are out on a new sander and eight (8) are known so far.
- Crews are readying all equipment, even for the next season use.
- Signs have been installed at Reese Road at both intersections.
- Calumet Blvd. at Blackburn's: depiction showed, abandoned section of road. The Blackburn's are looking to adjust the right-of-way. There are many fees associated with this. If the homeowner wants to go with this, they must pay all our fees as well. Consensus of the Board is to support the Highway Supt. recommendation.

Councilwoman Baril inquired if a street light could be erected at the intersection of Co. Rte. 181 and NYS Route 12. That is a very dark intersection and difficult for emergency crews as well as others to find in bad weather conditions.

Highway Supt. Boulton stated he would see what he could do.

Committee Reports:

George E. Kittle:

Inquiry as to where we are at Bartlett Point Sewer.

Answer: Letters have been sent to all property owners.

The Town hasn't received the sewer rates yet from the Village.

Donald Turcotte:

Depauville Library is creating a grant letter to send to the Community Foundation (Alex Velto), from the Town. We won't hear from the grant for another couple of weeks.

North Country Library System will pick up ½ of the \$37,000 for replacement of books lost in the fire.

Questioned if property owners will be contacted about the proposed NYS Route 12 to Fisher's Landing Sewer.

Answer: Yes, when it is time to do so. Right now we are only doing a feasibility study.

Lance Peterson:

The Dock Committee isn't active - no report.

Paula Baril:

Questioned when Hawn Library would be receiving notice of increased funds out of next years Town Budget. The Library is working on their budget at this time. Answer: the amount has been placed in our adopted budget.

Supervisor Taylor:

The Village has invited the Town Board to the 2nd meeting on their sewer program. This will be this Saturday from 9-3.

Village Annual meeting is Monday, 12/3 at 6:30 PM – Town Board is invited.

The Town is party to a lawsuit at Bartlett Point Road-Prospect Park. Property rights; streets & roads are in question. Atty. Joe Russell has been advised.

Motion by George Kittle, 2nd by Paula Baril to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk