

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clayton on Monday March 13, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

**PRESENT:**

Norma Zimmer, Mayor  
Michelle T. Grybowski, Trustee  
Nancy L. Hyde, Trustee

**ABSENT:** John Buker, Trustee  
Tony Randazzo, Trustee

**OTHERS:**

Michelle E. Gaeta, Clerk  
Terry Jones, DPW Supt.  
Luke Wiseman Taylor

**Community Residents:**

See sign-in sheet (on file in Clerk's office)

**Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order:**

Mayor Norma Zimmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Introductions:** Luke Wiseman Taylor presented his design for a stone and steel sculpture of a St. Lawrence sailing skiff to display as part of the Riverwalk, in the area of what was the Danforth lot. He referred to the sculpture as a landmark. It would be to scale, 18 feet long and 42 inches wide, and 18-20 feet high. It would present a photographic opportunity for visitors who could physically sit in the sculpture. The best way to pay for this would start a committee, and offer fundraising options to both the private and corporations. The Board will investigate the deed restrictions with the property. Mr. Wiseman will look into potential banking restrictions. Mr. Wiseman could alter the view to not include the sail.

**Police Report:** Chief Patenaude was absent, however the Activity Report was received by the Board.

**DPW Report:** Superintendent Jones presented the Activity Report and the following:

- May 8<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Pick up, brush pick up, and household goods, the ad will be run
- Seasonal Dock employees and Parking attendants, the ad will be run
- Trustee Grybowski inquired about "slow" signs on Strawberry Lane. Supt. Jones stated the DPW will look into putting up signs, and reminded the Board that the Village speed limit is 30 m.p.h.
- W/S Bill #599 **MOTION** by Trustee Hyde to send a letter stating the village has fulfilled its obligation to the property owner with exception of some restoration at the site on the Spring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Grybowski; the motion was carried.

**W/WW:** SCADA/AquaLogics **MOTION** by Trustee Grybowski to accept the newly proposed and updated AquaLogics contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Hyde; the motion was carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Absent

**Consent Agenda Items:** **MOTION** by Trustee Grybowski to accept the Consent Agenda as follows, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Hyde:

- Meeting Minutes 2/23/27, 2/27/2017, 3/2/17, 3/6/17
- Payroll: #20, week #9 \$44,755.96 (includes \$199.95 processing fee)
- Abstract #19 \$29,259.16
  - General Fund Voucher A17-522 to A17-547 \$ 14,583.30
  - Water Fund Voucher F17-162 to F17-166 \$ 2,279.47
  - Sewer Fund Voucher G17-244 to G17-254 \$ 12,396.39
- Capital Projects: \$25,843.93
  - Sanitary Sewer Abstract #4 - Voucher H026-004 \$ 453.21
  - Water System Abstract #18 - Vouchers H027-034 to H027-035 \$ 795.00
  - Riverwalk 3 Abstract #17 - Vouchers H022-032 to H022-033 \$ 1,555.84
  - Historic District Abstract #10 - Vouchers H029-031 to H029-034 \$23,039.88
- Municipal Property Usage:

- Easter Egg Hunt 4/15/17 at 11:00, Set up Friday 4/14/17
- Municipal Building Tops 4/5/17 4-6 pm
- Training:
  - NNY Water Work Conference M. Green, E. Dingman, \$80 4/6/17
  - NYALGRO 2017 Conference Records Management, M. Gaeta 6/5-6/6, \$123
  - NYS Tughill Conference, N. Zimmer, N Hyde 3/30/17 \$100The **MOTION** was carried.

**Clerk:**

- Web Stats
- NYCOM Annual Meeting May 7-9 2017, Saratoga
- Resolution 2017-6 Substitute Counsel:

**WHEREAS**, this board has previously authorized its general counsel, Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C. (MRT) to commence certain legal proceedings against Thousand Islands Inn Holdings, LLC, and its principals in connection with alleged building code violations, and

**WHEREAS**, there remains pending in New York State Supreme Court, Jefferson County, civil proceedings by the Village of Clayton seeking relief against Thousand Islands Inn Holdings, LLC, for alleged building violations, and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of recent events MRT has been placed in a potential conflict of interest that prevents MRT from continuing to represent the Village of Clayton in said civil proceedings, and it is therefore necessary for the Village of Clayton to retain substitute counsel, and

**WHEREAS**, Timothy J. Lambrecht, ESQ., of The Wladis Law Firm, P.C., is a qualified municipal attorney and litigator, and has agreed to represent the Village of Clayton in the pending civil proceedings against Thousand Islands Inn Holdings, LLC, under the same terms as MRT.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clayton as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully set forth hereafter.
2. It is hereby determined by this Board that the Village of Clayton shall retain Attorney Timothy J. Lambrecht as substitute counsel for MRT in the pending civil proceedings against Thousand Islands Inn Holdings, LLC, and its principals.
3. The Mayor is authorized to execute any retainer or engagement letter on behalf of the Village that substitute counsel may require, and to take any and all other appropriate actions to retain the designated substitute counsel.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was made by Trustee Hyde and seconded by Trustee Grybowski and was duly adopted by a vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Trustee Buker	Absent
Trustee Grybowski	Voting Aye
Trustee Hyde	Voting Aye
Trustee Randazzo	Absent
Mayor Zimmer	Voting Aye

- SUNY Jefferson, letter in support for the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Associate's programs. The Board is in full support
- Village Park - tabled to 3/27/17 Board meeting

**Committee Reports:**

- Trustee Hyde discussed:
  - Celebrity bartenders on Monday evenings, where the tips proceeds go to Clayton Coop.
  - Phinney's Dueling pianos benefit event, the tickets are already sold out. All proceeds go to the Village fireworks.

- Trustee Grybowski discussed:
  - The Paynter Center is looking for a new Activities Coordinator. They are also seeking volunteers to do such things as performing, activities, classes, talent, music, etc.
  - She is running support group for widows and widowers at the Library from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Thursdays in May.
  - Clayton Jazz Festival has events in September and October, such as jazz in the classroom, music assemblies, concerts and masterclasses where they will be educating the students and working with them.
- Mayor Zimmer spoke of:
  - the LDC meeting, and the annual audit is completed and will be on file at the Clerk's office
  - Riverwalk 3 construction meeting on 3/22/17 at 10:00 a.m.
  - The O'Brien and Gere conference call, the project will be going out to bid

**New Business:** Riverwalk 3 Sculpture covered above

**Old Business:**

- Strawberry Lane maintenance – tabled 3/27/17 meeting and a report from R. Ingerson

**Mayor's Report:** The Annual Fire Department Banquet is in April 2017

**Public Comment:**

- Inquiry on when there will be an update on the funding for underground project. Mayor Zimmer stated there will be no updates until the Board received new figures from National Grid.

**Executive Session:** there was no executive session

**Adjournment:**

Trustee Hyde presented a **MOTION** adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Trustee Grybowski 2<sup>nd</sup>; the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle E. Gaeta, Clerk