

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clayton on Monday January 23, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

PRESENT:

Norma Zimmer, Mayor
Tony Randazzo, Trustee
Michelle T. Grybowski, Trustee
Nancy L. Hyde, Trustee
John Buker, Trustee

ABSENT: None

OTHERS:

Kevin Patenaude, Police Chief
Michelle E. Gaeta, Clerk
Geneva Phelps Miller, Treasurer

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.

Mayor Zimmer introduced Betsy Wheaton who posed questions regarding the financing, on the Clayton Historic District Improvement Project (excerpt below), and who had an open dialogue with the Board posing further questions for clarity, including the Water System Improvement, Sanitary Sewer Improvement, and NYS Route 970 L Projects.

Excerpt:

1) *How do the "debt retired funds" fully cover the anticipated 30 year annual debt of \$168,147 to bury the utility lines?*

Using the 20160727_draft3 fact sheets (the latest I could find on the web site) I calculated the funds available for the debt service payments for burying the utilities lines. My calculation show:

payment 1, due year end 2021 - short \$46,547

payment 2, due year end 2022 - short \$130,000

payment 3 and all payments there after short \$10K

I do not profess to be good at municipal mathematics. I request your assistance to fully understand the calculations. Surely, the board members, and the 34 people who were willing to attest in 2 half page newspaper advertisements that "Taxes will not increase as a result of this project; Retired debt will be in an equal amount needed for funding the associated costs", are better mathematicians than me.

2) *Please confirm the start and finish points of the "historic district" where the utility lines will be buried?*

On the web site I found a drawing "NY 970L Proposed Work Along NY 970L" indicating the section from Webb Street & Hugunin Street, around on Riverside Drive, and up James Street to James & Mary Street to be "Recon/Rehab" - is this the Historic district? will utility lines be buried this entire distance? The rest of the loop was marked "Resurface Only".

3) *Is the \$486,722 contingency line item still in the plan? Is this monies intended only for cost overruns once the project is started?*

4) *Same topic (my money), different project - how will the \$3 million gap be covered for the \$6 million Water Systems Improvement Project?*

I have attended 12 of the last 14 village board meetings and I missed the overview of this project's content, schedule and funding. I believe it is common to share this information, please share such?

The Water System Improvement Project will be uploaded to the Village website.

Police Report: Chief Patenaude presented the Activity Report

DPW Report: Superintendent Jones was absent, the Board is in receipt of the Activity Report

Bid opening: 6:00 p.m. re: Sewage Sludge Removal. Clerk Gaeta opened the only bid, from Gillbuilt Transportation. The bid reads as follows:

Watertown Plant \$.0475 total price per gallon
Carthage/West Carthage Plant \$.0625 total price per gallon

Motion by Trustee Grybowski to accept the bid received from Gillbuilt, 2nd Trustee Randazzo; the motion was carried.

W/WW: W/WW Manager Overstrom presented the following:

- Switching on the 3rd pump at the Riverside Drive pump station had a tremendous positive impact.
- Inspection on chlorine contact tanks shows minimal updates, corrections need to be addressed.
- Condos 6 units – new potential connections
- Confirmed that the updates to the plant means replacing old technology with new, and hooking up alarms and alerts to laptop and/or phone
- The new technology will provide easier control as currently everything is manual for water testing

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Miller – no report at this time

Consent Agenda Items: MOTION by Trustee Randazzo, 2nd by Trustee Hyde, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Meeting Minutes 01/09/17
- Payroll #17, Week #3 \$39,380.37 (includes \$519.22 processing fee)
- Abstract #16 \$110,491.35
 - General Fund Voucher A17-427 to A17-458 \$89,064.91
 - Water Fund Voucher F17-136 to F17-142 \$ 9,451.63
 - Sewer Fund Voucher G17-194 to G17-208 \$ 3,192.64
- Capital Projects:
 - Water System Abstract #15- Vouchers H027-028 \$ 934.30
 - Sanitary Sewer Abstract #2 - Voucher H026-002 \$ 850.00
- Municipal Property Usage:
 - Spay/Neuter Clinic 6am-6pm 2/12/17 Sunday, Municipal Building
 - Already approved Seaway Splash June 16-18 2017 -Addition of: Regional Dock for Clayton Island Tours, and Frink Pavilion for farmers market, and Bleachers
- Training: JCC March 30 2017 Tughill Local Gov't Conference - \$50 M. Gaeta

The motion was carried.

Clerk Report: Clerk Gaeta presented the Clerk Report and the following:

- Notice of Application: Clayton Yacht Club
- Water/Sewer payment procedures –the Board will review
- Notice of Bid to employees –dishes
- 30 Day Notice- River Bottom Bar & Grill LLC

Committee Reports: None

Trustee Randazzo shared his experience of going to Washington D.C. to witness the President's swearing in and stated was a great opportunity. The organization, moving millions of people, managing garbage, etc., was awe inspiring.

Trustee Hyde commented on how the Library is doing is an excellent job. It is clean, happy, and the staff is great. They received a grant and purchased life jackets in all sizes, including pets, for a lending program. They are researching a grant assisting the Antique Boat Museum to build little skiff for the children's project this summer. Saturday they had a Spa Day. Monthly they have a meet the author event. They are also acquiring new computers. Trustee Hyde encouraged the public to visit the Library, and see all that it has to offer, as it is a tremendous community resource.

New Business:

- none

Old Business: Letter of Support to Comptroller DiNapoli – tabled from 12/27/16 meeting, awaiting response from NYCOM, tabled to 2/13/17 meeting

Mayor's Report:

- The Rotary Club's Director is going to work with the Library to put together a project to assist with painting
- Consolidated Health meeting: we are happy to say there were no rabies reports in the Clayton.
- The Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing had a light turn out. Those who attended were complimentary. The Plan is now is now with the County.
- CLDC Planning Board and Town Board have passed a Resolution in support of the Village regarding the upcoming

vote. While this has been contentious, the biggest drawback would be to lose that grant.

- Northern New York Magazine is doing article on the Historic District, and visited the Riverwalk

Public Comment: General questions and comments on:

- Clayton Historic Improvement Project.
 - Jerry Haenlin of National Grid read a prepared public statement, attached
 - Debt retirement, reserve accounts, legal, case studies, Rule 32-2, National Grid and other utilities, surcharges, taxes, grants, DOT, payments, the vote

Trustee Grybowski presented a **MOTION** to enter into Executive Session to discuss current litigation, and of personnel matter of a specific individual(s) at 7:24 pm, Trustee Hyde 2nd; the motion was carried.

Trustee Randazzo presented a **MOTION** adjourn the Executive Session at 8:58 pm. Trustee Buker 2nd; the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Trustee Buker presented a **MOTION** adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. Trustee Hyde 2nd; the motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle E. Gaeta, Clerk