

CLERMONT TOWN BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 28, 2007

The Clermont Town Board held its year-end meeting on Friday, December 28, 2007. Those present were Supervisor Raymond Staats, Councilwoman Lent, Councilman Staats and Councilman Nolan. Councilman Harry Harned was absent. Others present were Greg Fingar, Richard Jones, Carol Livellara, Tom Jantzen, Charlie Larsen and Robert Desmond.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Staats with a salute to the flag. The board read the minutes and a motion was made to approve by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats. All in favor. So carried.

Report to DEC by C.T. Male, draft analysis report – Supervisor to appoint Councilman Nolan, Chairman of Planning, Development & Land Use Committee to investigate all our options for twenty acres of land. Councilman Nolan asked if relating to timing, we are within the forty-five day period for comment on draft report? Councilwoman Lent's understanding of what Councilman Harned explained at the last meeting was that C.T. Male would take our comment to DEC and DEC would open up a forty-five day comment period for the public. It is the opinion that this document would remain a draft until DEC holds the public hearing and after all comments have been heard and then it is finalized.

The Supervisor asked for the Town Clerk to advertise to the public for committee volunteers. All comments will be put into a letter to CT Male and DEC. Councilwoman Lent has questions about 160 acres that the twenty acres was once part of. If there is any SEQRA application on any farm, this should be considered. Robert Desmond asked if there is a connection between what the land is going to be used for and the remediation plan. He asked the board to be careful that whatever the land is being used for that the correct remediation is done.

Resolution #13-07 – This resolution proposed compensating Councilman Harry Harned for taking over the duties of Supervisor and Budget Officer from July to November in the amounts of \$1125.00 for Supervisor and \$600.00 for budget officer. A motion was made to approve by Councilwoman Lent, seconded by Councilman Nolan. All in favor. So carried.

Supervisor Staats has received the Municipal Cooperation Agreement – Shared Services with Germantown, Livingston and Clermont to be signed. A motion was made that we enter into this agreement by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats. All in favor. So carried.

Greg Fingar agreed that the municipal cooperation agreement is a good thing. In the event that there was a problem after working on the road with other towns, the insurance company would like to see that there is an agreement.

Greg Fingar spoke about our insurance policy renewal with New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, a not for profit insurance company. They insure many municipalities in the state. The various segments of the insurance policy were discussed. The current property and personal property coverage is \$1,581,840.00 with coverage costs of \$3300. This excludes Highway equipment, which is covered separately. By raising the deductible, would be able to increase this coverage with little increase. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Fingar should ask NYMIR to come out and reevaluate the historic buildings. Richard Jones, Councilman-elect asked if someone were to wander onto the twenty-acre site, where there are exposures, if the town is covered. The policy does cover this. Supervisor Staats thanked Mr. Fingar for going over the policy for the board.

A motion was made to approve General fund abstract #13, pages 1& 2, vouchers#366-392, in the amount of \$5,716.36 by Councilwoman Lent, seconded by Councilman Nolan. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made to approve Highway abstract #13, page 1, in the amount of \$39,506.90 by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats. All in favor. So carried

A motion was made to approve Trust & Agency abstract #12 in the amount of \$99.00 by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats. All in favor. So carried.

Councilwoman Lent reported that a grant has been written to the Columbia County Historical Society for \$500.00. The purpose of the grant will be to hire Dwayne Watson, an archivist to organize and make displays at the Academy with the help of Louise Kalin. There should be a response by January 15th. Also, a membership application and fee of \$20.00 will be sent to the Association of Public Historians of New York State for Clermont

Charlie Larsen asked if the board would check to see what type of agreement there is for the use of the ballfield across the street, which is owned by the Saulpaughs.

Immediately following the meeting, the board will interview candidates for the Planning Board seat to be filled. Carol Livellara and Thomas Jantzen are to be interviewed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lent, seconded by Councilman Nolan to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. All in favor. So carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon, RMC
Town Clerk

