

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Board, **Town of Clay, Onondaga County**, held at the Town Hall, 4401 State Route 31, Clay, New York on the 5th of May, 2014 at 7:30 P.M., there were:

PRESENT:

Damian Ulatowski	Supervisor
Robert L. Edick	Deputy Supervisor/Councilor
Naomi R. Bray	Councilor
William C. Weaver	Councilor
Joseph A. Bick	Councilor
Eugene Young	Councilor
Jill Hageman-Clark	Town Clerk
Mark V. Territo	Commissioner of Planning and Development
Robert Germain	Town Attorney
Ron DeTota	Town Engineer

ABSENT:

James Rowley	Councilor
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Russ Mitchell - Planning Board Member, Rob Bick – Town Assessor.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ulatowski at 7:30 P.M. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilor Bick moved to **Approve** the Minutes of the April 21st, 2014 Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bray.

Ayes-5 and Noes-0. 1- Abstain. Councilor Edick abstained due to his absence at that meeting.

Cancellation and/or requested adjournments.

Supervisor Ulatowski said that the Town Board case (#1059) for Ramzi Abdel- Aziz has been withdrawn.

Correspondence:

Supervisor Ulatowski said that the Liverpool Library was present to present the Annual Budget.

Dorothy Morgan, Yvette Hewitt and Tim Dodge were available to explain the budget. Ms. Morgan began by explaining that Jean Polly had retired and that she was carrying out her duties as director for the Liverpool Library.

Supervisor Ulatowski asked if the Director was like a CEO and Ms. Morgan agreed that it is; adding that they are conducting a national search for a new candidate for this position.

Ms. Morgan distributed the budget flyer to the Town Board. She went on to explain that the Liverpool Library is proposing an increase of 1.93% which is slightly lower than last year. The library serves over 500,000 patrons yearly and is the largest suburban library in Onondaga County. The library has a staff of 80 people.

Supervisor Ulatowski asked if they have a project manager and they do not.

Ms. Morgan explained that the Library received a \$50,000.00 grant for new carpet and updates to the Community Room. They are also installing energy efficient windows. Councilor Edick asked about fees for residents' verses non-residents. Ms. Morgan explained that the Liverpool Library is now charging an annual fee of \$35.00 to patrons outside of Onondaga County that wish to use the facility. She added that the Liverpool branch is the only branch to charge for use by patrons outside of the County. Councilor Edick said that he would like to see a breakdown on how many patrons of the Liverpool branch are not residents in the Liverpool School District. Ms. Morgan said that she did not have that information however there have been 69 people that have paid the \$35.00 fee for the out of county use since it was implemented in January of this year.

Supervisor Ulatowski suggested that each patron of the library be charged a small fee for a library card.

Councilor Edick asked about the use of volunteers for some of the library staff. Ms. Morgan said that the Liverpool Library is union and that the volunteers cannot do the same jobs that the paid employees are doing. Councilor Edick said that it is unfortunate. A resident asked Councilor Edick if he had a problem with unions, adding that he was a retired union employee. Councilor Edick responded, that was not what he was saying; clarifying that it was unfortunate that some positions could not be filled by volunteers because salaries and benefits are a large portion of the overall budget.

Russ Mitchell asked if when groups/organizations use the Library Community Room for meetings and such if a donation to the Library is requested adding that this should be protocol especially after hours when staff and utilities would not be used.

Supervisor Ulatowski asked that they should not take this as negative; that the Town Board was trying to offer suggestions to alleviate the nearly 2% increase every year. He then thanked them for their presentation.

Supervisor Ulatowski said that in response to the inquiries at the previous meeting, Rancho Park Drive has been dug out and repaired. In addition, he looked into the closing of a portion of Grange Road and found that long term there are no plans by either Town or County to change Grange Road.

Supervisor Ulatowski asked if anyone wished to address the Town Board on any item not on the agenda.

A resident from Casual Estates n/k/a Madison Village asked the board to consider drafting an addition to the Town Code section 152-4 NOISE to add: Prohibit noise, music, etc while the ice cream truck is parked. The resident explained that the same song is played repetitively and is sometimes accompanied by an annoying voice. The Town Clerk stated that the ice cream truck should not be out at all as they have not secured a *Solicitors Permit* for the 2014 year. She asked which vendor this was. The resident stated that it was the Skippy Truck. The Clerk said that she would contact him to obtain the proper permit. She added that none of the ice cream vendors have applied for a permit this year.

Mike LaPoint of Perugia Lane asked about the stone and oil process used by the Town. Supervisor Ulatowski asked the Town Engineer to elaborate on this. Mr. DeTota explained that crushed stone and oil are applied in the fall and a quick curing micro paving is applied in the spring. Mr. La Point stated that this was unlike the process that had been used on Fortuna Parkway. He said that Meltzer Park had been paved. Mr. DeTota said that the paving of the parks comes from a *Parkland Fund*; adding that the money comes from construction of new homes and is placed in a fund specifically designated for parks.

Special Permit (SEQR) Town Board Case # 1059 - RAMZI ABDEL-AZIZ:

Special Permit (A) Town Board Case # 1059 - RAMZI ABDEL-AZIZ:

The applicant withdrew this application

Excavation Permit (PH) - Richard Ricelli and Syracuse Sand & Gravel, LLC:

A public hearing to consider the renewal and expansion of an excavation permit application made by **Richard Ricelli and Syracuse Sand & Gravel, LLC** to meet the DEC approval of 59.3± acres on property located at **Black Creek Road, Tax Map No. 039.-03-01.1.** was opened by the Supervisor; proof of publication and posting was furnished by the Town Clerk.

Fredrick Micale Attorney for the applicant and Richard Ricelli were present. Mr. Micale began by explaining that the applicant is trying to obtain a permit. All of the paper work has been completed and submitted along with the fee for the permit.

Councilor Edick asked the applicant what they were actually excavating. Mr. Ricelli said that they are excavating the clay mines to be used by Honeywell for the Onondaga Lake clean-up project.

Supervisor Ulatowski asked what is left behind after the excavation process. Mr. Ricelli explained that a pond is created in this process.

Supervisor Ulatowski said that he would like to adjourn this so that the Board has an opportunity to review and better understand the process and the long term effect.

Councilor Bray made a motion to **adjourn** this public hearing to **May 19, 2014** at **7:38 P.M.** Motion was seconded by Councilor Bick.

Ayes-6 and Noes-0. *Motion carried.*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. upon motion by Councilor Bray and seconded by Councilor Weaver.

Ayes-6 and Noes-0. *Motion carried.*

Jill Hageman-Clark RMC, Town Clerk