

**Joint Town Village Meeting
Monday, February 26th, 2024
5:30 PM**

The Town and Village Boards of Clayton held a joint meeting at the Municipal Building 425 Mary Street Clayton, NY with the following persons present:

TOWN

Tim Doney, Supervisor
Kenneth Knapp, Councilman
James Kenney, Councilman

Steve Dorr, Highway Superintendent

ABSENT:

Kathleen LaClair, Councilwoman
Donna Patchen, Councilwoman

VILLAGE

Nancy Hyde, Mayor
Allen Heberling, Trustee
Robert McDowell, Trustee
Robert Wierzba, Trustee
Robert Riddoch, Trustee

Terry Jones, DPW Supervisor
Jeff Mosher, DANC Water/Sewer
Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk

Approval of Minutes:

February 27th, 2023 Joint Meeting Minutes – Trustee Heberling made **MOTION** to approve these minutes, Trustee Wierzba seconded, all in favor motion carried.

October 25th, 2023 Joint Meeting Minutes – Trustee Heberling made **MOTION** to approve these minutes; Deputy Mayor McDowell seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Meeting Topics:

1. Bed Tax – Mayor Hyde asked town officials if they would be open to sharing some of the occupancy tax collected from hotels and motels. Town took away the villages bed tax under the last administration. The Town receives approximately \$63,000 annually in occupancy tax, and with that money they give the Chamber approximately \$38,000 to help with its operations and publicity. The Village contributes \$26,000 to the Chamber out of their general fund. The Town Board all agreed that this is something that can be looked at, but would not be resolved during this meeting. This will be discussed again in future meetings.

2. Garbage pickup on weekends for main events – Mayor Hyde asked the Town if they could help the Village with garbage on the weekends of big events. The Town agreed that they could help as much as possible.

3. Committee for Airbnb's – Tim Doney, Town Supervisor came to meeting with articles in reference to taxing and regulating short-term rentals. Much of his research is based on what Lake Placid has put into place. He said some of the regulatory measures he has found in other municipalities have basic code and fire inspections, a number on how many renters are allowed, and a property manager should be on call 24 hours and must be located within 60 miles, and parking spaces should be available. Jefferson County could potentially make \$1 million in added tax. Tim wanted to make it clear that these are examples of some rules and regulations, and that

he does NOT want to abolish short-term rentals but to ensure our community that certain regulations are in place to better serve our community. Both Boards agreed that this is something that needs to be investigated, and decided to put together a committee that would include two trustees, two councilpersons, a member of the planning and zoning boards and members of the public. Their goal is to have this committee established by April 1st.

4. Cleaner for the Joint Town/Village Barn – The Town and Village put a bid out for a cleaner for the Town/Village Garage. There was only one bid from KBK Cleaning, LLC from Clayton. The Town and Village boards agreed that if she was in the ballpark of what cleaning companies charge then they would accept this bid. The Town will check into this and move forward with accepting the bid.

5. Pro Housing Communities – This was discussed briefly. The Town agreed that the Village does not own enough land in the Village to be designated as a Pro-Housing Community. The Town will be looking into this in the future.

6. Set next meeting Date/Time:

Motion to set the next meeting for May 22nd, 2024 @ 5:30 pm at the Cerow Park made by Councilman Ken Knapp, seconded by Trustee Wierzba motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Deputy Mayor McDowell seconded by Councilman Kenneth Knapp, to adjourn this joint meeting at 6:25pm motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk