

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 11, 2013

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held immediately following the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2 of 2013, at the Town Hall, #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Supervisor Robin Andrews.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Robert Preusser	Councilman
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Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of March 14, 2013 and workshop minutes of March 26, 2013. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Finished ditching and replacing culvert pipes on Courts Lane. Snow Fence taken down and put away. Sweeping roads in all zones. Ditching on Schoolhouse Road and changing culvert pipes preparing for chip-sealing. Started grading dirt roads.

Men have been cleaning in own Park and getting ball fields ready for season.

Next Thursday will be doing core borings for soil test for replacement of bridge on Millbrook Road.

No further report

Dog Control Officer's Report for April received and on file in Town Office for review.

Mike Lehman, representative from Mellenville Fire Company, requested permission to use old Town Garage bay for storage of a truck. Also, Rte. #217 will be down to one-lane traffic while doing training session at the COARC building on Sunday, April 21st. Should be completely done by 1:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Advisory Committee – Ian Nitschke – Meeting held on April 5th. Main topics discussed were Millbrook Bridge and Shaw Bridge.

Agricultural Committee – Peter Reiss – Columbia County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board is finalizing the Farmland Protection Plan for Board of Supervisors review and approval. Next step will be formal public hearing by County Board of Supervisors, followed by their formal approval. Purpose of plan is to set specific recommendations for how the County can support and sustain both farming and the farmer.

Our Agricultural Advisory Committee has developed a draft of the long planned Summary of the Highlights Pertaining to Agriculture and Farming of the recently approved Town Comprehensive Plan. It is intended to be a handy information sheet, encouraging readers to follow up with review of the detailed pertinent sections in the Town Comprehensive Plan itself for specific information. Board received copies of draft summary for review and approval.

Economic Development – Charles Vieni – Reported on intersection of Rtes. 23, 23B and 9-H. Proposed plan includes upgrading by channelization with traffic light and round-about. Will continue to work on this project.

No further reports.

Jeanne LaPorto, newly appointed Historian, was introduced and reported plans being worked on for Town's 225th Anniversary. Was started with cake at Town Office Building. Committee formed. Looking for participation and help.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilman Johnston – Nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Weigelt – Nothing to report at this time.

Councilwoman Cashen – Attended Planning Board and ZBA meetings. Discussed Claverack School zoning change request with ZBA members. Participated in discussions with Planning Board members and Town Attorney on the Big Up Music Festival.

Followed up with Town's insurance agent on the insurance information for the coming year.

Worked with Agricultural Advisory Committee to finalize draft summary of the agriculture and farming provisions of the new zoning law and how it affects farms.

Supervisor Andrews – Village of Philmont elections held. Current incumbents, Mayor Skip Speed and Trustees Doug Cropper and Larry Ostrander all ran unopposed.

County – Attended first full planning meeting for County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. This is what makes us eligible for FEMA funds. Has been suggested that this may be good opportunity for Philmont to address any dam issues that may affect the Town. Also, there is opportunity to use some of this funding for mitigation prior to an event, so Highway Superintendent LaMont has already submitted a first phase of paperwork for this .

Will be interviewing architects for the architectural drawings and plans for new Pine Haven Home.

Attended presentation of State Comptroller Tom DiNappoli, Columbia-Greene Task Force event on Controlled Substance Abuse, CEDC annual meeting and Legislative breakfast sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Town – Year-end financial report (AUD) almost complete and must be submitted to State by end of month.

Worked on reviewing fire districts maps and tax maps. Feels there is need for a meeting with all fire districts to come to an agreement where there may be lines in dispute and for a final determination.

Thanked Planning Board for taking Board's recommendation to create oversight committee for the Big Up Music Festival, to address concerns.

No further reports

Motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept receipt of draft Financial Reports, January – March 2013. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for resolution to send Notice of Intent to declare lead agency for proposed Local Law #2 of 2013. Carried. The public hearing will remain open.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to appoint Chris Post to vacancy on Zoning Board. The term is the unexpired term of Paul Gundrum and will expire December 31, 2017. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to appoint Lauren Bell as Deputy Clerk as recommended by Town Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve Supervisor to sign contract with General Code for coding of laws, indexing them and making them available online. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to increase hours of court clerk to up to 25 hours per week at the rate of \$13.00 per hour, subject to civil service title. Carried, with Councilman Weigelt abstaining.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Johnston for public hearing to be set for May 09, 2013, 7:00 p.m. for Local Law #3 of 2013, Court Clerk exemption from Civil Service title. Carried. Attorney Fitzsimmons will prepare law.

Motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Johnston for resolution increasing CHIPS fund appropriation from \$95,000.00 to \$164,000.00. Carried. There is a \$7,000.00 balance from last year.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston giving Highway Superintendent LaMont permission to purchase culverts from Auctions International for up to \$10,600. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to advertise for bus bids for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program. Carried, with Councilman Johnston abstaining.

Opened to public:

Councilwoman Cashen announced that the annual cleanup on Roxbury Road will be held on Sunday, April 21st.

Regarding grave markers n Preusser Road – Rossman Family Cemetery – Can't it be cleaned up? This has been requested before.

Next phase of the Claverack Library building will be presented to public.

Jim Van Deusen requested fire companies sit in at Town Board workshop on April 30th.

Update on billboards – Removed on Rte. 23B and some on Rte. #66 also. One billboard cut down on Rte. 23 B and will have to be removed.

Ian Nitschke spoke on Millbrook Bridge. Feels road should be closed to traffic and bridge repaired for foot bridge only and not vehicle traffic. Highway Superintendent LaMont said it should be noted that the State red-flagged bridge 4 years ago. Mr Nitschke wants Town to wait for engineers report before going forward with any plans.

Enid Futterman supports Ian's recommendation to wait for engineers report on the Millbrook Bridge.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to go into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go out of Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. Carried.

After discussion motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to authorize Highway Superintendent LaMont to purchase box culvert to be used on Tishauser Road. Carried.

Catskill View Road is ready to be dedicated. Dedication may be at next meeting

General A Fund bills, totaling \$30,951.94, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$ 4,748.44, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$21,434.83, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

There were no Highway DA bills.

Water District A bills, totaling \$3,968.60, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Supervisor: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Town Clerk: _____