

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**August 19, 2013**

**Millbrook Bridge Project**

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York was held at the Town Hall, 8236 Rte. 217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robin Andrews, who led in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Raymond Jurkowski	Engineer for Town

Absent:

Michael Johnston	Councilman
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Mr. Jorkowski, engineer for the Town, noted that Nine (9) sets of specifications for the replacement of the Millbrook Bridge were picked up or sent to bidders. Four (4) bids were returned and opened at the Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York on August 12, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Discussion followed:

The Town anticipated taking a bond for a portion of the project, which would require a resolution with permissive referendum. The permissive referendum would mean that a resolution, even if passed today, would not take effect for 30 days. That would leave only 10 days before the DEC permit to do the work this year would expire. Since the work cannot be reasonably done this year, therefore, the Town should consider rebidding the job anew for next year.

Creek is a Class CT. DEC permits ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. If rebid, some changes would be made. Culvert could be purchased under State bid and would be cheaper (\$37,000.00 +/-). Could be purchased ahead and stored. Town could supply backfill.

Could request an extension from DEC. SEQR can still be completed.

Bid Bonds – Generally 5% of bid. Can hold on the bid bonds, but don't have to.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to reject all bids due to bonding requirements and time frames, with letter to all bidders thanking them for their bids. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**James Van Deusen** – Signs at property formerly a gas station at intersection of Rtes. #23 and 9-H exceed size limit. This will be brought to Building Inspector Stanley Koloski's attention.

**Ian Nitschke** – Does not want bridge destroyed. Wants time and opportunity for NYSDOT to consider for register. Irresponsible not to consider this. Might be grants available.

**Supervisor Andrews** – Workshop to be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Health Insurance has increase of 9% for next year with same coverages. **Councilman Preusser** questioned whether Town had checked into what County has.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Weigelt: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Preusser: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Cashen: \_\_\_\_\_