

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 10, 2013

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robin Andrews, who led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of September 12, 2013 and Special Meeting of October 03, 2013. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Chip sealed Schoolhouse Road and Courts Lane. Also widened and tapered a steep bank on Schoolteacher Road.

Installed 240' of 12" pipe with 2 catch basins on Old Lane.

Changed intersection of Manor Rock and Snyderstown Roads and completed ditching on Catskill View Road.

Grading dirt roads in all zones.

Town Park facilities have been closed for the season.

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

Building Inspectors' Report received and on file in Town Office for review.

Committee Reports

Historic Preservation Committee – Read by Supervisor. Met October 4th. Main topic of discussion was the "Shaw Bridge Historic Structure Report".

There was also discussion about Albany Post Road. Andreas Sagaty volunteered to do some research on location through Claverack in 1870 and history of road and other roads before and after 1870. Idea is to provide bicycle/foot path to other historical sites in Claverack.

Agricultural Advisory Committee – Peter Reiss – Read by Councilwoman Cashen – Chairman Reiss participated in a panel discussion about land leasing under the auspices of the Columbia Land Conservancy and Dutchess Land Conservancy - Purpose of workshop being expanding the Columbia and Conservancy **Farmer Landowner Match** program into Dutchess County later this autumn. This was presented as a Farmland Leasing 101 Workshop in Millbrook, New York. Interest expressed by the 25-30 people who attended.

More Agricultural Advisory Committee activity planned after harvest season.

Claverack 225 Anniversary Committee – No report. It was noted that parade was a success and next function is November 5th at the Claverack Library with Steven Crane.

Correspondence

Nextera Energy – re: Transmission Lines

Recreate NY Smart Home Program – Proposed Activity in 100-Year Flood Plain

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia & Greene Counties-Seminars on flood related topics

Ellen Jouret-Epstein – Next Trails Roundtable with Craig Della Penna

NYS Dept. of State – Land Use Training Sessions

Julie Veronezi – Re: Safe Sitter Program for Adolescents

Warren Dorsch – Re: Hazardous highway condition – east corner of intersection of Tischauser & Gahbauer Roads

Joe Baker –Re: Big Up Post Review Special Meeting

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Re: Bridge Replacement-Millbrook Road

Town Board Members Reports

Councilwoman Cashen – Attended Big-Up post review meeting. Some attendees happy, others not.

Sharing mass gathering law with Planning Board, ZBA and Town Board.

Responded to concerns regarding proposed power line expansion through the Town.

Worked on several updates to website.

Attended 225th Anniversary Parade.

Councilman Weigelt – Large building project at upper reservoir, off Harder Road – now private property- In answer to a question about the reservoir, the Village of Philmont has NYSDEC check the dam periodically.

Ginsberg Project is in Towns of Ghent and Claverack. Jeff Baker is special consul for the project as Attorney Fitzsimmons had to recuse himself.

Supervisor Andrews - Accepted Tentative Budget on October 03, 2013.

Village of Philmont Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15th.

On County level, meeting on land by Columbia County Airport and eminent domain. Resolution presented failed to pass.

Town is beginning budget process.

Attended Big-Up post meeting, Kathy Marchionne meeting, and participated in 225th Anniversary Parade.

There were enough donations to cover expenses associated with the parade and celebration that followed.

Discussion on Agreement with Village of Philmont for court security. Still questions and concerns needing answers. This will be held over for vote at a later date. Councilman Johnston sent e-mail stating he would like to see something in writing from Sheriff's Department that if this doesn't work out with the Village Police force, they would be willing to return. Supervisor Andrews stated she had spoke with Sheriff Harrison and this shouldn't be a problem. Town Justice Brandon stated that there will be a new regime in January and that is something to consider.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept draft September 2013, draft January – September 2013 and final January – August 201 financial reports. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to set the following meetings: Monday, October 21 and Thursday October 24, 2013 -7:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building for budget review, Public Hearing for 2014 Budget on Thursday, November 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to request Town Attorney to prepare Mass Gathering Law, based on the recently adopted Ghent law, getting feedback from Planning Board and ZBA. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to set public hearing on Mass Gathering Law on Thursday, November 14, 2013. Carried. One question brought up was Motocross tracks. Also stated that there is no need for moratorium as timeframe will take care of this.

Resolution to refinance bond for highway building will be reviewed at next meeting.

Meeting opened to public:

Ian Nitschke brought up problem with discolored water. It was stated that hydrants were being flushed and there was notification in newspaper and at the Claverack Post Office. This is done once a year. In addition to this, 28,000 gallons of discolored water came from Greenport.

Councilman Weigelt – questioned new bridge near Hollowville. Old bridge will be closed.

General A bills, totaling \$ 7,910.08, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$ 1,765.54, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$46,274.71, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$ 5,415.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Escrow Account bills, totaling \$ 1,342.00, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts. (Big-Up)

There were no Highway DA bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Town Clerk: _____