

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 09, 2014

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 opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
William Gerlach	Councilman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent

Brian Keeler	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of previous meeting of September 11, 2014. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of Monthly Workshop Meeting of September 29, 2014. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Michael Bowman** – Resident of Orchard Grove Lane – Representing Orchard Grove Lane and Orchard Grove Estates, located on either side of Rte. #9-H. Presented Board with petition signed by 95% of those residents, requesting a street light to illuminate and service both sides of drives. Difficult to find roads at night, making safety a problem.

Discussion followed -There would have to be a street light district, which would necessitate a public hearing before it could be established. Will check with National Grid to see if this is a possibility. Also suggested that perhaps there could be streetlights within the developments. The cost of the light usage would be billed to residents of the district through their tax bills.

**David Baylen** – Questioned what work is being done on bridge on Rte. 23-B. Felt some sort of information should be given to public. Supervisor Weigelt will find out what is being done.

There was no report sent in by **Superintendent of Highways, Louis LaMont**.

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

**Building Inspector's Report** received and on file in Town Office for review.

There were no **Committee Reports**

### Correspondence

David Foley – e-mail – Re: Speed sign  
Community Rescue Squad – 2015 Budget  
Columbia County Industrial Development Agency – Public Hearing – 10/15/2014 – Ginsberg Project  
US Army Corp of Engineers- Re: Millbrook Bridge  
NYS Dept. of State – Land Use Training – Columbia/Greene Community College – 10/27/2014  
Gail Halstead – e-mail – Water pipes from Forest Lake  
Columbia County Planning & Economic Development – Annual 303-b – application period for landowners to request land be added to an existing state certified agricultural district  
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation – Re: Millbrook Bridge  
Tom Runyon – Re: Ginsberg Project  
Judy Zink – Planning Board Member – Would like to continue  
ORPTS – re: Fred Zitto – Completed and passed required Farm Appraisal course  
Peter Hotaling – Re: County change in Deferred Comp. Plan  
NYSDEC – Re: Ginsberg Project  
NYS Comptroller’s Office – Re: AIM payment  
Cornell Cooperative Ext. of Columbia/Greene Counties – Upcoming programs  
Center for Housing Solutions – Regional Housing Summit – September 29, 2014  
NYS Department of Health – Re: Evaluation of NY Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program

### Supervisor’s Report

**Pine Haven Home** – Interim Administrator hired – 12 hours per week for three months. Committee met with workers. Noted that all nursing homes had a decrease in numbers of patients. Looking into all avenues before making decision as to how or whether to go forward.

In regards to property on Stevers Crossing that had been notified by NYSDEC of violations, property has been leveled off and reseeded.

**Millbrook Bridge** –Negative declaration received. Also petition received, signed mostly by nearby residents, to have bridge repaired or replaced to allow traffic use once again.

### Town Board Member’s Reports

**Councilman Hook** –Attended Planning Board Meeting. Working on rates for Town Park usage and fees for Planning and ZBA.

**Councilwoman Cashen** –Has been working with Town Historian on research on Claverack School’s past ownership. Problem is where Claverack School Board minutes are for years that might answer this. Property sold to school in 1903 or 1904 for \$1,000.00 - Included one acre of land. Bid recently accepted by Hudson City School District for this property. Purchase will have to be approved by school district voters.

Town Board had photo taken by existing power lines. Meeting set for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Churchtown Firehouse from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to update residents and set plans to try and stop the expansion of power lines in the Hudson Valley. Drafted press release on power line information for this meeting.

Followed-up on new zoning map and sent to webmaster to be posted on website.

Met with Deputy Clerk and finalized sign-up materials for Winter Ski Program at Catamount and sent materials to webmaster for posting.

Attended Claverack Planning Board Meeting. Also attended County IDA public hearing on Ginsberg Project and asked for clarification of financial impact on proposed PILOT on the Town of Claverack.

Met, via conference call, with a website company interested in hosting the Town website.

**Councilman Gelach** – Involved in meeting in regards to power lines. Meeting on Saturday is to “refire” the masses on working together to try and stop the expansion of the lines. Ian Solomon, head of Farmers and Families of Claverack, will introduce Dr. Gidon Eshel,, who will give the presentation. This will be a “to the point” meeting.

All Board members are working on the 2015 Budget process.

No further reports.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach to accept draft September 2014, draft January – September 2014 and final January – August 2014 financial statements. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach to accept 2015 Tentative Budget as 2015 Preliminary Budget. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to set Public Hearing for 2015 Preliminary Budget for Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., prior to Regular Monthly Meeting. If approved, this would then be the final 2015 Budget. Carried. The 2015 Preliminary Budget will also be put on the website.

### **Other Business**

After discussion, decision made to setup a Budget Workshop for Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York.

Discussion on water district extension – Attorney Fitzsimmons stated there would have to be a petition, engineer cost analysis with map, plan and report, survey and Greenport would have to okay the extension.

It was noted that the Town of Greenport is presently flushing hydrants and Town of Claverack residents may experience discolored water.

Meeting opened to public:

**David Baylen** – Would like correspondence scanned on the website and also copies put in a notebook to be passed around to members of audience interested in reviewing. It is already listed on the agenda at the meeting and available from the Town Clerk at the meetings. It will be marked on the front table to make it more visible for anyone interested.

No further comments.

General A bills, totaling \$9,729.71, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,881.49, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$64,165.56, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$7,486.09, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no Escrow Accounts bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Supervisor Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Councilman Gerlach: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Hook: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

