

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**September 11, 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 called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Clifford Weigelt, who led in a moment of silence in memory of those lost in the 911 tragedy, followed by 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
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Brian Keeler	Councilman
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Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of previous regular monthly meeting of August 14, 2014 and monthly workshop of August 25, 2014. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Clarence “Skip” Speed, Mayor and Brian Johnson, Trustee of the Village of Philmont-** Requesting relief from ZBA and Planning Board procedures for 40 ground mounted solar panels at the waste treatment facility, located in Mellenville. It is a remote site that will not infringe on neighboring properties nor will there be any environmental risk to the land. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach to approve request and also include relief from building permit fees. Carried.

**Gig Barton** – 100 plus vehicles traveling over Stickles Road since closing of Millbrook Bridge – before closing, there were possibly 5 per day. Presented petition with approximately 60 signatures from residents, most residing in the area, who want the bridge open to traffic. **Supervisor Weigelt** stated he has been in contact with John Bonafide, Director of Technical Preservation Services Bureau, Division for Historic Preservation.

**Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont** – Completed chip-sealing projects, including assisting Village of Philmont on Church Street. Completed replacing four (4) culvert pipes on Roxbury Road (2), Catskill View (1) and Bate Road (1). Graded dirt roads and mowed sides of roads in all zones. Ditching Roxbury, Decker and Bate Roads.

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

## Committee Reports

**Historic Advisory Committee** - Written by Jeane LaPorta and given to Councilwoman Cashen, who gave a synopsis of report. Current projects include:

A bound pictorial memory photo book on 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Claverack.

In May 2014 entered into contract with Arcadia Publishing to work on a pictorial history of the Town of Claverack.

Assisted in grant application for Shaw Bridge.

Invited to participate in annual meeting of the Association of Public Historians on Saturday, October 04<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Claverack History Minute Facebook continues weekly updates.

Continues to document history resources and plans to share this with libraries in the Town for inclusion in their local and history sections.

Receives questions from public including genealogical research questions.

There were no other Committee Reports.

## Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

NYSDEC – Re: Red Mills Dam

Village of Philmont – Re: Request for relief from ZBA and Planning Board laws for installation of ground solar panels at wastewater facility in Mellenville.

John Bonafide – Re: Millbrook Bridge.

Columbia Land Conservancy – Program on Woodlands, Wetlands and Water: What Local Decision-makers Need to Know.

Columbia County Chamber of Commerce – Invitation for Supervisor to attend the annual County Supervisor's Reception on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

David Foley – E-mail on status of radar speed-tracking device.

Crawford & Associates Engineering, PC – Re: Engineering services.

Robin DeGroat – Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress – 11/06/2014 – Honoring some of Hudson Valley's Top Leaders and Organizations.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties – Upcoming training programs available.

Len Behr – Resignation as representative to Columbia County EMC.

US Army Corps of Engineers – Re: Ginsberg's – Construction of freezer, office building and maintenance building with associated parking.

## Supervisor's Report

Pine Haven Home Project – County still working on this, trying to get all information possible together. Replies for possible purchase of program due by end of October. Also, Administrator is stepping down and interim administrator will be appointed.

Ockawamick Building – Will have an online auction.

Claverack School Building – Issue with asbestos – Discussion on this is ongoing.

### **Town Board Member's Reports**

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Worked with Gretchen Stearns on Comprehensive Plan changes. Attended ZBA and Planning Board meetings and joint Ghent-Claverack Planning Board Meeting on Ginsberg Project. County IDA considering PILOT Program for Ginsberg's. Responded to many inquiries on Project and conducted research on tax impact of proposed IDA PILOT on Town of Claverack.

Began work on Youth Winter Ski Program at Catamount.

Worked with Webmaster and Deputy Clerk on website.

Received update on proposed power lines. Four developers vying to construct approximately 153 miles of new electric transmission lines, which would pass through seven counties and 24 towns in the Hudson Valley alone. Brief history and update on the power line proposals available at Town Office for anyone interested. This also gives information on citizen involvement/coalition, where project stands at present time, what interested parties in the community can do to help stop this project .

**Councilman Gerlach** – Attended joint meeting on Ginsberg project.

Attended Chamber of Commerce Meeting last evening.

No further reports.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to set Budget Workshops as follows:

09/16/2014 – Supervisor and bookkeeper

09/23/2014 – Full Board and bookkeeper – 5:00 p.m.

09'29'2014 – Full Board and bookkeeper – 5:00 p.m. followed by Regular Monthly Workshop.

Tentative Budget will be given to Board at Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, October 09, 2014.

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Gerlach, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to go to bid for Town Engineer and Insurance Broker. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept Draft Financial Statements January – August 2014. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept Final Financial Statements January – July 2014. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach for resolution to increase DB Highway Appropriation – Increase Highway Contractual Expense – CHIPS (DB5112.41) appropriation by \$66,246.51 for Highway Improvements. Carried

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Supervisor Weigelt for resolution for necessary transfer in 2014 Budget - \$11,326.90 to be transferred from DB Highway A Fund (DB909)- Unallocated Fund Balance to DB5130.20 – Machinery Equipment Purchases. This has to be done to cover the cost of purchasing new radios for the Highway Department fleet. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Nick Zatorin** – Re: Claverack School Building – Not clear who owns school. Some information at State Education level. Nothing in land records.

It was noted that there is not an adequate water supply for the strip-mall proposed at the intersection of Rtes. 9-H and #66.

**Jim Nielsen** - Questioned why half of Bate Road was redone and not the other half.

General A bills, totaling \$15,058.32, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$2,966.32, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$44,738.50, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$4,668.97, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills and no bills for Escrow Funds.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Hook and seconded by Councilman Gerlach, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

