

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

YEAR-END MEETING

December 28, 2015

The Year-end Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. Meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Brian Keeler	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

William Gerlach	Councilman
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After discussion on Columbia/Greene Human Society Contract for 2016, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to board dogs at Pine Plains Veterinary and Columbia/Greene Humane Society. Reginald Conklin, Dog Control Officer for the Town is also approved by New York State Agriculture and Markets to house dogs at his facility and attempt to find the owner before surrendering them to either facility. Carried.

Also discussed was changing the Dog Control Officer to Animal Control Officer. Mr. Conklin would have to be trained for a Peace Officer, which he did many years ago, but Attorney Fitzsimmons has to check and see how long the certificates he earned are acceptable and what would have to be done to update them. He will also draw up an Animal Control Officer Law for the Town to consider.

Discussion on the new project by the Columbia/Greene Humane Society, which was explained by Attorney Fitzsimmons. Some of the neighbors on Humane Society Road are not happy with the project. Dogs are walked along the road, which is a user road, kept by the Town, and the constant barking.

Also discussed were the positions on the Planning Board and ZBA, either vacant positions at this time or reappointments. The appointments for these boards are seven (7) year terms. The change can also be made for five (5) members on each Board with five (5) year terms.

Discussion on Intervenor funds, which are being used for lawyer fees in working against the power line upgrade. Councilwoman Cashen state that Town received, which had a minimal balance, was the balance after the payment was made. They will be applying for more funding to continue this.

Discussion on the West Ghent and Churchtown Fire Company agreements. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler for a six(6) month contract with West Ghent Fire Company. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler for a one (1) year contract with Churchtown Fire Company. Carried.

Councilman Hook spoke with Planning Board and ZBA secretary, Jodi Keyser, regarding a proposal to put her salary at \$14.00 per hour, instead of her present salary plus \$35.00 per meeting. She agreed to this change.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook, to appoint Charles W. Brewer as sole Assessor for the Town. The term for this position will be January 01, 2016 – October 01, 2019. The Statewide term for this appointment is six(6) years and began on October 01, 2013

A company has voiced interest to the Town of putting solar panels in the vacant lot by the Town Garage. More information will be requested, before discussion continues.

Bond for the Millbrook Bridge project will close after the first of the year. Superintendent of Highways, Louis LaMont stated there has been no work recently on the project. Town did not have all the proper paperwork for payment. Attorney Fitzsimmons said all is in order now. Town will sign off and make payment.

Discussion on solar panels for Town Garage – Need larger transformer – would have to be 70kw. Will be doing 150 kw and Town would have to purchase it. Supervisor Weigelt will check where funds can come from.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler, meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Town Clerk: _____

