

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 14, 2015

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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach to accept minutes of previous Monthly Meeting of April 09, 2015 and Monthly Workshop Meeting of April 27, 2015. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont - Worked on servicing equipment. Worked on grading dirt roads. Cold patched in all zones.

Extended width of Town Office parking lot and blacktopped part of it. Cleaned ditch along road to Town Park.

Completed Town Park kitchen, which included installation of new ceiling, skylights, new refrigerators, stoves and exhaust hoods, new overhead doors to kitchen installed by Madsen Overhead doors and highway department refinished cabinet doors and counter and also put finish on floor to make for easier cleaning.

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

There were no **Committee Reports**.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Sylvia Schaumann – Re: Move by Senior Citizens Group top Claverack Firehouse for meetings.

KC Engineering and Land Surveying – Jay Paggi, Senior Engineer – Re: Replacement of existing bridge on Rte. 9–H over Taghkanic Creek. Work being done during 2016 construction season and completed during same season.

Taconic Hills Central School District – Budget notice.

NYS Public Service Commission – Re: Transmission upgrades.

COARC – 50th Anniversary 06/20/2015 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

National Grid – Joseph C. Pallone – Re: New street light at intersection of Orchard Grove/Macintosh Drive and State Rte. 9-H.

Minkler-Seery American Legion Post #252 – Invitation for Town Board to participate in Memorial Day Parade.

Laberge Group – Re: Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for grants set to open shortly.

National Grid – Re: Program “10,000 Trees”.

Claverack Free Library – News brochure.

West Ghent Volunteer Fire Company – Annual Banquet – 06/06/2015.

CPI Agro-Cycle – Yard waste management and organic recycling.

SAMR – Electronic recycling for NY Towns and Counties.

Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress – “Let’s Talk Infrastructure” – 05/18/2015 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Supervisor’s Report

Discussed Governor’s Efficiency Program. Explained by Attorney Fitzsimmons. He will send papers to Town Office. We will be working through the County and will fill out necessary forms and send them back to County officials for filing with State. State is looking for savings through joint services. If this is not done, localities will not receive a tax break.

Copake Rescue Squad will be requested to have representatives at workshop at the end of the month to discuss ambulance coverage.

Town Board Members’ Reports

Councilman Hook – Keeping up with Town business e-mails.

Councilwoman Cashen – Worked with attorney on comments regarding the TRANSCO proposal on the power line extension.

Attended Planning Board and ZBA meetings as Town liaison. Worked with Planning Board Chairman, Brian Goodrich, regarding notification to Town residents of upcoming balloon test for proposed cell tower, off Rte. #23 near A.B. Shaw Firehouse.

Provided follow-up information on assessment corrections for fire districts.

Worked with Deputy Clerk and webmaster to update website on Summer Park Program and the Facebook page for Claverack History, developed by Town Historian Jeane LaPorta.

Provided information on draft Cablevision contract.

Relayed information regarding Claverack School property. No vote on sale this May. Looking for special vote in Fall.

Councilman Keeler – Great meeting on April 29th with fire company representatives. Asking each department to begin planning quarterly meetings.

Councilman Gerlach – Meeting with fire company representatives very informative.

Jeff Gibson is gentleman interested in purchasing Claverack School property.

Supervisor questioned Planning Board Meeting regarding cell tower. Councilwoman Cashen went to a meeting. Cell tower representatives have looked at water tower – would lose approximately 20% of the expansion area if they decided to use the water tower instead of building on the proposed area. Still have to look at tower at Pine Haven Home. This project is a special permitted use. Would have to justify why new tower is best choice. At Planning Board Meeting, placement at Snyderstown Road was also suggested as an expansion site.

Supervisor Weigelt reported ambulance service from Copake is requesting \$10,000.00 for next year. Town would like more information on their budget and as reported earlier in minutes will request representatives come to workshop and explain.

Resolutions and motions

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve Bond Resolution for Millbrook Bridge Project. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to set Special Meeting following 30-day Permissive Referendum to Tuesday, June 16, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. at Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York, to approve a construction bid for Millbrook Bridge Project. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to authorize Morris Associates, P.S., LLC, Engineering Consultants, to prepare necessary specifications and request for proposal documents, in accordance with law, give notice to bidders. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to change May workshop meeting to Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Claverack Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. This change is due to celebration of Memorial Day on Monday. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept January – April 2015 draft, January – March 2015 draft, April 2015 draft financial reports. Carried

One bid was received and opened for the Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program transportation:

Michael S. Johnston LLC
P. O. Box 867
165 Main Street
Philmont, New York 12565

Mileage at the rate of: \$ 3.25 per mile
Waiting Time at the rate of: \$25.00 per hour

Motion by Councilman Gerlach, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept bid. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to reappoint James Van Deusen to the Columbia County Safety Board. He has represented the Town for many years. Carried.

There was discussion on the following:

Village Police – Having their presence in the Town Park may be considered a “shared service” for the Town. Attorney Fitzsimmons said Town would need an agreement and may be able to extend the present one that is for the Town Court or can make another one.

Discussion on 2-acre parcel at former Ockawamick School. Can declare as surplus and asking a minimum bid price. Necessary meeting will be set up.

Town bookkeeper will be getting files ready for in-house audit.

Public hearing for sole assessor will be set up for June Monthly Board Meeting.

Supervisor is asking Board members to come up with wish-list by workshop and information on some grant writers.

Meeting opened to public:

Resident complained about dust on Roxbury Road and Swiss Farms Road. Fix dust on road or lower assessment on his house.

Ian Nitschke – Working on resubmitting Shaw Bridge application through Consolidated Funding. Would appreciate feedback on proposal. Money has to be up front in order to begin work if approved.

Jim Brady – Secretary of County Volunteer Firemen’s Association – Pamphlet to let residents know that local firemen are not salaried - they are volunteers. Councilman Gerlach agreed. There needs to be public information available. We can also put information on website.

End of comments

General A bills, totaling \$23,452.64, were audited and order paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,903.19, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$8,690.30, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$3,847.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no escrow account bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Gerlach, seconded by Councilman Keeler, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Gerlach: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler _____

Town Clerk: _____