

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 09, 2016

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 7:30 p.m., immediately following the continued Public Hearing on the Boundaries for Fire Protection Districts of A.B. Shaw and Churchtown Fire Districts.

Present:

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

Supervisor Weigelt opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Wanda Van Deusen, wife of former Councilman James Van Deusen, proceeded by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of May 12, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting and workshop minutes of May 23, 2016. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Grading roads in all zones and doing roadside mowing in all zones. Ditching and changing culvert pipes on Snyderstown Road to prepare for chip-sealing.

Millbrook Bridge project completed and road is now open.

Kevin is keeping park mowed and trimmed.

Questioned what the Board is doing about the health insurance deductible repayments by the Town as promised earlier in the year – Up to \$250.00 for a single policy and \$500.00 for a family policy. Supervisor Weigelt stated we are waiting for guidelines from insurance company.

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

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports were received in the Town Office, but **Ian Nitschke** spoke and said that the Town of Greenport has a resolution supporting the Inland Waterway Designation. He was going to the Livingston Town Board Meeting and the Philmont Mayor is going to talk to Supervisor Weigelt. Other Towns are also interested. The Senate and Assembly have passed this bill.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

New York Planning Federation – 2016 Summer Planning and Zoning Schools – Tentative Agenda

Senator Marchione's Office – Opening ceremony of the Veteran Memorial Moving Wall – Thursday, June 02, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. – Town of Halfmoon, 162 Rte. 236, Halfmoon, NY

Columbia County Industrial Development Agency – Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Cast Stone of New York LLC Project – June 07, 2016 – 8:30 A.M. – A.B. Shaw Firehouse

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation – Report to the Community

Dog Control Officer's Report for May

Supervisor's Report

There will be a memorial service for Wanda Van Deusen, wife of former Councilman Jim Van Deusen – Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the A.B. Shaw Firehouse.

Stopped and spoke with men working on bridge on Rte. #66. They may be finished early – almost half done at this time.

Pine Haven closing is scheduled for June 22, 2016.

Three businesses have shown interest in locating in the Commerce Park – An assisted living facility, motel and distillery. County is leaning towards doing the expanding of the water and sewer lines. Then they would be able to hook the sewer line up to the Greenport line, which would allow more businesses in the commerce park to hook into the line. At present, no more businesses can hook up to the line.

Town Board Member Reports

Councilman Hook – Spoke with Michael Brandon, Town Judge.

Attended Marker celebration ceremony at Shaw Bridge.

Participated in Memorial Day Parade in Philmont.

Councilwoman Cashen – Worked with Senator Marchione and Assemblywoman Barrett’s Offices on passage of Inland Waterway Designation for Claverack, Taghkanic and Agawamuck Creeks.

Participated in the New York Broadband Program Presentation for local officials at Columbia-Greene Community College. An official from the New York State Public Service Commission also made a presentation on the TWC – Charter Merger and its effects.

Attended Shaw Bridge Memorial Marker dedication, participated in Memorial Day Parade in Philmont, 300th Anniversary Celebration of the Claverack Dutch Reformed Church and the Claverack Historical Society meeting.

Attended Planning Board Meeting as Town Board liaison and provided updates to Board members on proposed zoning changes and GIS tool.

Worked with webmaster to update Town website.

Attorney Fitzsimmons also stated that the County has set up a committee to assist in moving forward in Columbia County with broadband.

Councilman Keeler – Attended Broadband meeting in Town of Ghent. Columbia and Greene Counties have to keep pushing for results.

Also met with Youth Director, Brett Holmes.

Reported that there will be two (2) AED’s in the Town. Town will pay for the one to be located in the Town Park. Town’s Senior Group will pay for the one in the Town Hall/Court building. Will also have to purchase mounting equipment.

Councilwoman Lee – Met with other Building Committee members. Waiting for reports from office staff as to their thoughts on what is needed for office space in their departments.

Attended ZBA Meeting.

Attended Shaw Bridge Memorial Marker dedication.

Visited former Claverack School, which was recently purchased and will be used as an artists’ gallery. Owner will be replacing windows and painting trim. Will be very interesting when established.

Councilman Hook – Stated that before contacting attorney Fitzsimmons, a person has to get okay from the Board.

Will be attending meeting of Town Senior Group on June 10th at Pine Haven. Town Clerk will also attend.

No further reports.

Supervisor Weigelt would like to present a 300th Anniversary Proclamation to the Claverack Dutch Reformed Church at the next meeting.

After reading memo from Youth Director, Brett Holmes, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee and carried to approve the following new counselors to the Summer Youth Program:

Jonathan Higgins, Derwyn Thompson, Emily Montague and Joseph Collete.

He would also like to recommend Veronica Wallace, Michael Costa and Devon Perry be on a reserve list in case of the need for more staffing and also recommend Jeffrey Montague be moved from senior counselor to Medical counselor.

There was one bid for transportation for the Summer and Winter Youth Programs:

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

Mileage at the rate of -	\$ 3.45 per mile
Waiting time at the rate -	\$45.00 per hour

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept bid. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept draft January – April 2016, draft January – May 2016, and draft May 2016 Financial Statements. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to purchase AED's under State Contract. Carried.

After explanation regarding an insurance claim by the Highway Department, Councilwoman Cashen will contact Richard Nesbitt at the Town Insurance Agency to see what needs to be done with this in order to remedy it.

Supervisor Weigelt reported that there will be a Public Hearing on June 15th at the Town of Claverack Town Hall regarding bussing from Philmont to Greenport for senior citizens. This has already been approved by the State, but has to go to a Public Hearing in order to gain approval by the County. This

program is already being used in other Towns and would be very helpful since there is no bank or grocery store nearby.

Meeting opened to public:

Michael Howard, Esq.- Representing John Thomas and requesting an amendment to the zoning law to change his property at 139 Kittle Road from the Rural Agricultural Zone to Highway Commercial Zone. Mr. Thomas would like to have a dog kennel to train dogs and also board dogs. There would be, at the most, twenty (20) dogs at one time. He will be installing a sound barrier fence. Property is right along Rte. 9-H – entrance will be off Kittle Road and adjoins his residential property. Has spoken with neighbors and there are no problems.

This has already been brought up to the Planning Board and there were no concerns. Will be sent to Columbia County Planning, which meets on June 21st. Neighboring Towns will be notified by Attorney Fitzsimmons.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to set up Public Hearing for July 14th, prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

Supervisor Weigelt spoke about Churchtown Fire Protection District and West Ghent Fire Protection District. Town has to have information requested at earlier meetings on file in the Town Office. Attorney Fitzsimmons sent letters on May 20th to remind them that this needed to be done. When questioned what would happen if the information is not received and in order, the fire protection will have to be decided and covered by other companies. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to send letter to West Ghent as no information at all has been received from them. Carried.

Thank you given to Highway Department for mowing Tishauser and Fish and Game Roads.

In response to a culvert problem between two properties, which runs downhill and floods a backyard and also a request to extend a 30 mph speed limit which is now 55 mph, County Highway Department should be contacted. The gentleman who needs to be contacted is Bernie Kelleher.

Several people near the Churchtown Dairy Project on County Rte. #27 voiced concern that it is expanding beyond the initial plans.

A thank you to the Highway Department and the Town for the Millbrook Road Bridge project and the reopening of the road now that the bridge project is complete.

Supervisor Weigelt said that the Park by Rtes. #9 – H and #23 will once again have the flower tree by next week.

A request made for a sign “no jake brakes”. Would also like to have same sign at Rtes. #9 – H and #23.

General A bills, totaling \$12,340.81, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,848.08, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$12,387.06, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water A District bills, totaling 7.870.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Escrow bills, totaling \$119.60, was audited and ordered paid from the account.

H bills, totaling \$81,112.21, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk: _____