

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 07, 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 called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, immediately following the 2016 Organizational Meeting.

Present:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Brian Keeler	Councilman
Mary Anne Lee	Councilwoman
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for Town

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of December 10, 2015 Meeting.

John Lee of the Economic Development Committee, spoke on the Village of Red Hook. They have a user friendly website and he gave the Board copies of the zoning information package. Councilman Keeler agreed that this was a very informative packet.

Dog Control Report for December 2015 received and on file in Town Office for Review.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

- Grant Langdon – Re: 2015 Petition to County Board of Supervisors
- NYS Public Service Commission – Order approving renewal of Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc. for Town of Claverack, including Village of Philmont
- Dog Control Officer's Report for December 2015
- Transmission Line update from Ian Solomon – 12/10/2015
- Cornell University – Cooperative Extension – Columbia and Greene Counties – January, February and March Programs, Workshops and Events
- NYSA – Shared Services Grant information
- Approval for reappointment of James Van Deusen as Town Representative on Columbia County Traffic Safety Board
- Columbia County Real Property Tax Service Agency – Re: Lisa Bowe – Board of Assessment Review member -
- Several communications re: Law changing Dog Control Officer to Animal Control Officer

Supervisor's Report

Many changes at the County level. New committees will begin meeting this month.

At the Town level, discussion on joint services in fire companies and getting more information. Mellenville and Philmont Fire Companies are interested. Councilman Keeler stated they can remain independent, but would help each other with equipment and manpower.

Continued discussion on the Well-Head Protection area.

Town Board Member Reports

Councilman Hook – Attended Wellhead Overlay Protection meeting and Planning Board Meeting. Also attended Columbia/Greene Humane Society Meeting. Met with Subway representative to discuss concerns.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to set up public hearing for next month for Local Law to change Dog Control Officer to Animal Control Officer. Carried.

Councilwoman Cashen – Participated in calls as Town representative with Hudson Valley Smart Energy Coalition and their efforts to stop expansion of power lines through the Town. Public Service Commission voted to move forward with the project in December, so now discussions are underway with the coalition on what next steps will be.

Attended Wellhead Overlay Protection Area information session and Planning Board meeting.

Along with Deputy Clerk, met with webmaster for the Town website to discuss updating platform of the website so updates can be made at the office level without outside assistance.

Worked with Water District staff to update new water rates on the Town website and gave webmaster additional updates to be posted.

Councilman Keeler – Churchtown and West Ghent Fire Company contracts to be signed.

Councilwoman Lee – Attended workshop and Wellhead Overlay Protection meeting.

In regards to the Wellhead Overlay Protection, Village Trustee Lawrence Ostrander will speak with Mayor Speed.

The wellhead protection area was explained by Councilwoman Cashen. Steve Winkley has now been able to use newer technology to put information together on this area, showing a narrower aquifer.

Planning Board, ZBA , Economic Development Committee and Town Board members present at information meeting, where discussion was on changing rules and regulations in regards to the wellhead protection area.

Motion by Supervisor Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Hook to schedule Special Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York, followed by the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting. Carried.

Noted that the bond closing for the Millbrook Bridge Project is set for January 15th.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook, for resolution to reappoint Lisa Bowe to the Board of Assessment Review. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Jennifer Post – Questioned the reason for the spray painting and markers near the corner by the library at Rtes. 9-H and #23. Town will look into this.

Ian Nitschke -

Will be concentrating on Shaw Bridge funding. Town Historical Society may be in place and may be able to get 501C3 status. Seem to be many interested in Shaw Bridge project. Great emphasis on infrastructure for the consolidated funding grant. Need more public input.

Also working on having Claverack Creek designated as Inland Waterway.

Supervisor Weigelt received call from representative from California firm interested in putting a power station and solar field near Town Garage. Monolith doing a project near Taconic Hills Central School.

Mid-Hudson Cablevision completed all survey work for expansion and should be ready by third quarter of this year. Mr. Chapin's property is included and will pay to have it brought another ½ mile.

Ian Nitschke gave copy of Resolution to designate Claverack Creek Watershed as Inland Waterway. No action taken at this time.

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

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk _____