

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 07, 2010

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Robin Andrews, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Brent R. Stack	Attorney for Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for Town
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept minutes of previous meeting of June 02, 2010 after correction. Carried. In the previous minutes, in the Supervisor's County Report, it was stated that the "Youth Program hiring in the County will probably not be happening this summer." On June 09, 2010, the County made a resolution to hire summer laborers from June 14, 2010 through September 10, 2010. Our meeting was held on June 02, 2010

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Completed installation of culvert pipes on Wentzel Lane and reopened the road. Changed two culvert pipes on Harder Road – Cleaned a ditch on Kittle Road.

Marty and Mario are keeping the Parks mowed and trimmed.

Roof on pavilion painted and constructed a new shed around the well house.

Zoning Revision Committee – Gretchen Stearns - Met twice since last Board Meeting. Discussed requirements for a long list of Special Exceptions – everything from access apartments to taverns , solar panels to windmills. Another discussion was on farm animals kept in hamlet zones. Plan to meet with each Advisory Committee sometime this summer before putting together the second draft.

Philmont – Supervisor Andrews – Saturday, July 10th is Philmont Community Day, to include boxing, parade dunking booth and fireworks.

County – Supervisor Andrews – Interviewed 9 architects for the new proposed Pine Haven Home. Looking for home life environment and have begun reviewing references and other follow-up work. Met with Federal Veterans' Affairs representatives regarding use of Pine Haven building for veterans' services, if Certificate of Need for a new Pine Haven is accepted. Working to see how needs of local veterans can be better met.

Heard presentation from consultant who is working on a transportation study to see how County can improve transportation needs and reduce costs. This is different from the County Vehicle Committee and the County Transportation Board.

Economic Development Committee – John Lee – Will be meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month. Written report submitted and available for review.

Agricultural Committee – Peter Reiss – Meets 4th Thursday of month. Mr. Reiss gave report on the progress of the committee. Written report submitted and available for review.

Historic Committee – Ian Stewart – Next meeting August 19, 2010. Written report submitted and available for review.

Youth/Recreation Committee – K. McGiffert – Met 3rd Wednesday of month. Written report submitted and available for review.

Ongoing Business

Skateboard Park – Councilman Johnston - One bid received for jumps and ramps. No decision made – in process of reviewing. Bid received from American Ramp Company.

Youth – Summer Program cancelled Tuesday, Wednesday and tomorrow due to weather conditions. Two new counselors requested to be approved by Board from Director Brett Holmes. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to approve same. Carried.

Streams – Supervisor Andrews sent letters out regarding debris in creeks. Received notice from Laura Slager of Soil & Water that the Town can receive approximately \$12,000.00 to assist in this project – need to prioritize. Areas of concern to be mapped out by Superintendent of Highways LaMont, Councilman Weigelt and Councilman Preusser.

Rescue Squad – Special Meeting held at Philmont Village Office. Negotiating to combine with another ambulance service. Councilman Van Deusen interested in forming County Ambulance Service and forming a taxing district.

New A. B. Shaw Firehouse – Request received for waiver of fees for construction project. Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve same. Carried. Councilman Van Deusen abstained.

Emergency Shelters – Councilman Preusser – Churchtown Firehouse now Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Short discussion followed - Reorganize the Red Cross Partnership Program – To assist at shelter, must be trained by Red Cross. Meeting on Monday, July 26, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. at Churchtown.

Web Site – Hope to have Web site Committee Report by workshop meeting.

New Business

Buyout on Town Health Insurance - Short discussion on paying those individuals who opt out of health insurance under the Town twice a year instead of once a year at the end of the year. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for approval of same. Carried.

Mining Overlay Review Committee – This is scheduled to be done every seven years. Short discussion followed. Need to come up with people, by next meeting, who are interested in working on this committee.

Ethics Policy – Has not been revised in many years according to Town Clerk. Spoke with Attorney Fitzsimmons, who agreed that it needs to be brought up-to-date. Attorney Fitzsimmons has given a sample law to be looked over by Board. Then a Public Hearing needs to be set up.

Grant Committee – Consists of Richard Nobes, Sal Cozzolino, Bill Blaauw, Cyndy Hall, Superintendent of Highways LaMont and Councilman Van Deusen. Will meet to discuss grants they want to work on with Grant Writers (TGW Consulting Group).

Meeting opened to public:

Howard Brandston – Would like to look at new firehouse architectural prints. Per Councilman Van Deusen they are not yet completed. Short discussion followed.

No further comments.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution to be made for adjustment to the 2010DB Highway Budget to recognize 2007 FEMA projects approved previously in the amount of \$5,907.48, but completed recently. This will be a transfer from DB825 to DB5110.4. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution to be made for adjustment to the 2010 Budget, increasing Highway Contractual Expense – DB5112.41 (CHIPS) by \$52,938.18. Carried.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$12,298.32, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$1,184.44, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$21,148.18, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A SW bills, totaling \$3,671.70, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

B Escrow Accounts, totaling \$1,190.00, were audited and ordered paid from the accounts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Preusser, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Councilman Preusser: _____

Town Clerk: _____

