

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 10, 2012

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, #836 State Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Robin Andrews, who led in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
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Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept minutes of previous meeting of April 12, 2012, after corrections. Carried. Councilwoman Cashen stated workshop minutes were from January – April 2012 and that the change in the workshop meeting made by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Johnston was tabled after discussion.

Report of Superintendent of Highways will be given later in meeting by Councilman Weigelt.

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

Building Inspectors' Report for April received and on file in Town Office for review.

Committee Reports

Zoning Review – Chris Post – Committee met with Planning, Zoning and Town Boards on April 21st. Made changes and addendum is on website for review.

Agricultural – Peter Reiss – Two members of the Committee attended the April 21st Zoning Review Committee's overview of the proposed zoning changes to gain a better understanding of the changes that are proposed and how they may impact farmers and the agricultural community. They were pleased to learn that nearly all of the recommendations and changes that they suggested have been

incorporated in the draft. Following final passage by then Town Board, the committee will put together a document that highlights the key changes that farmers may be interested in and distribute that within the Town's farm community.

Historic Preservation – Read by Supervisor Andrews – Met Friday, May 4th at new A.B. Shaw Firehouse. Discussion focused on making final preparations for the grant application to Preserve New York. The grant being applied for is for \$10,000.00. Committee was pleased with the community support and response to the petition. Councilwoman Cashen had procured letters of endorsement from officials Saland, Barrett, Gillibrand and Gibson. Special thanks to Ian Nitschke who finalized draft. Committee realizes that if awarded the grant, the work will just begin as money will need to be raised to restore the bridge as per the plan.

Town Board Reports

Highway – Councilman Weigelt – In absence of Highway Superintendent LaMont, Councilman Weigelt reported the following:

Highway Department completed sweeping in all zones. Have been removing plows, wings and sanders from trucks.

Have ditched and replaced culvert pipes in Orchards Mills Road to prepare for paving. Completed ditching on Miller Road and currently replacing old steel pipes that are rotted and plugged. Have been grading dirt roads in all zones.

Have been working in Park – replaced the sheeting on back wall of kitchen, staining all buildings, re-blacktopping walkway to restrooms and adding clay to ballfields. Mario Costa and Josh Skelley are keeping Parks mowed and trimmed.

Councilman Weigelt also reported that the old pickup was worked on by the men in the Highway Department and fixed so that it can be used for a while longer.

Insurance – Councilman Preusser – Insurance has been changed from NYMIR to Selective. They do offer programs for ZBA and Planning Boards at a small charge.

Park – Councilman Preusser – Some face-lifting being done before busy season begins. Front section of workshed being converted into youth/counselor building. Barn near Town Office being converted to workshop and utilized for equipment and storage.

Skateboard Park – Councilman Preusser – Winning contractor did not meet all the contract requirements. Letter was sent to terminate the contract and any obligations.

Had yearly review with Highway Superintendent LaMont to review upcoming projects.

Firematics – Councilman Preusser - LOSAP and FASNY had meeting about recruitment of members and retention of members. Mellenville and Churchtown held open houses and both received applications for membership. Claverack Task Force has had two meetings . Upcoming is truck-on dry hydrants within Town.

John Howe is new Columbia County Fire Coordinator.

The Fire Training Tower has now been named for James Van Deusen, who was instrumental in the building of the tower.

The Emergency Plan changes have been completed. Copies will be given to fire companies, rescue squads and Village of Philmont.

May 12th is the fishing derby at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club.

Bus Bid Opening – One bid received for 2012 Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program:

Pulcher Transportation, Inc.
P.O. Box 174
Stottville, NY 12172

\$ 2.98 per mile
\$ 18.00 Waiting Time

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept bid from Pulcher Transportation. Carried with Councilman Johnston abstaining.

Special recognition given to the following:

Veterans and Disabled Veterans

French family and Mr. Abitabile – Sean’s Run, Battle of the Belts, Meagan’s Run (for kids 12 and under)

Jeff French gave presentation – Sean’s Law took 10 or 12 days to go both houses of legislation, which was April 18, a little more than a week before the first memorial run. The run is scheduled each year before the prom season at the schools begin. This year 13 schools were represented and \$500.00 was awarded to each for their programs. There were 1,375 participants this year – 350 youths under the age of 12. Plans have already begun for next year, which will be the 12th year.

Town Board Reports

Buildings – Councilman Johnston – Met with supervisor to discuss future of Town buildings.

Water – Councilman Johnston – Met with Highway Superintendent to discuss water issues.

Highway Superintendent LaMont is also working to get WW1 machine guns in Park before Memorial Day.

Philmont – Supervisor Andrews – Presentations on proposed Pine Have project and new design. Mr. Wassenhove gave report on Phase 2 committee for use of present Pine Haven Home building for Veterans’ services. For new building, one year to get approval, one year for design and earliest to begin construction 2014.

County – Supervisor Andrews – Jim Van Deusen honored by having fire tower named in his honor. Tennis backboards from Ockawamick is now Town's.

Voted at last evenings meeting to purchase present DSS building.

Town – Supervisor Andrews - AUD has been filed with New York State and available for inspection. Zoning changes have been put on website.

Mike Merante, Town Resident Deputy, has retired. William Dunsbaugh has taken his place.

Partners in Prevention breakfast – Honored Taconic Hills representatives of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Breakfast sponsored by Kids in Motion and Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free Coalition.

A.B. Shaw Fire Company had dedication ceremony.

Building Department – Councilman Cashen – Met with Building Inspector regarding Planning and ZBA forms used by applicants and ways to make the process go more smoothly.

Attended GIS training and waiting for final software from trainer so it can be shared with Town Board, Planning and ZBA members.

Attended Zoning Review Committee presentation on revised zoning regulations.

Worked with Communications Committee to update website to include hazards of Giant Hogweed plant and the addendum to the proposed zoning regulations.

Worked with Historic Preservation Advisory Committee on Shaw Bridge grant application. Received letters of support from Senator Saland, Assemblywoman Barrett, Congressman Gibson and U.S. Senator Gillibrand.

End of Reports

Correspondence listed on agenda and available for inspection on request.

Councilman Preusser questioned surplus vehicles listed from past meetings. Councilman Weigelt stated they are still on list to be disposed of as surplus.

March properties – Contract for transfer – Ready for next step.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept Draft January – April 2012 Financial Reports and Final January – March 2012 Reports. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Johnston for resolution to accept updated Procurement Policy for the Town. This follows New York State guidelines. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to change Regular Workshop date to last Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Preusser to set Special Workshop Meeting for financial review and any other business that may come before the Board for June 5th, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. Carried.

After explanation by Councilman Weigelt, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Preusser to give Highway Superintendent LaMont permission to get full estimates of cost, with plans, for Millbrook Road bridge. Town will replace bridge. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Johnston for approval to submit consolidated funding application to State Regional Development Program for a sidewalk and waterline connecting Philmont to Town Park. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Johnston to increase Chips Funds appropriations from \$95,000.00, the amount budgeted in 2012, to \$132,614.07, which includes a cumulative rollover balance of \$9,936.07. Carried

Meeting Opened to Public:

Sal Cozzolino – Historic Preservation will be conducting another Walk on May 19th, which will cover West end of Rte. #23B. This is also National Historic Heritage Week.

Ian Nitschke – Highway Department did good job clearing Shaw Bridge, which could be used in grant request.

Jack Race – Why is County going into the real estate business – Ockawamick building, WalMart building, DSS building? Supervisor explained it is the intent of County to sell Ockawamick building.

Sal Cozzolino – Is Town done with work on streams? Yes. Councilman Preusser stated we have put in for another round of funds through the County.

Jeff French – Philmont’s Memorial Day Parade – Make sure to “welcome home Vets” on that day.

Recognition should also be made to “Bob” Moseley, who will be unable to attend the parade and has been an organizer of the parade for many years.

“Bill” Blaauw – David Robinson deserves credit on the recent Pine Haven presentation.

Regarding Wellhead Protection area, in new zoning, it will remain the same for now. Will be discussed by Councilwoman Cashen, Councilman Preusser, two representatives from Zoning Review Committee, representative from Town of Greenport and one from the County.

No further comments or questions.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$39,045.73, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$2,707.96, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$20,458.68, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$2683.80, were audited and order 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 Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Councilman Preusser: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____