

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**May 05, 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.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of April 07, 2010. Carried.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** – Completed 2008 ice storm clean-up of all roads. Swept the roads in the entire Village of Philmont as their sweeper was out of service.

Changed two driveway pipes on Miller Road and repaired one on Kittle Road that was plugged.

Grading dirt roads in all zones, cold patching in all zones and ditching on Bate Road.

Marty has been keeping all Town properties mowed and trimmed and the Park is looking good.

A&C Fence has done an excellent job on the girls' softball field backstop, donating some posts and fencing. They also reset two posts in the Park at the intersection of 9-H and Rte. #23 at no cost to the Town. Suggested by Councilman Johnston that thank-you note be sent.

No further report.

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

**Zoning Revision – Chris Post** – Moving along, with much accomplished and more to do.

**Philmont – Supervisor Andrews** – Village Board Meeting, which is held on the second Monday each month has had a time change to 7:00 p.m.

No increase in taxes this coming year according to budget. Funds allocated for fireworks for Community Day.

**County – Supervisor Andrews** – On two sub-committees – New construction of Pine Haven Home and use of old building for Veterans’ services. Good feedback for this use.

27 proposals for design plan for construction of new Pine Haven Home received.

Requirements for County Comptroller have been changed and job reposted.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Zoning Revision** – Taking existing information and dissecting for changes according to new Comprehensive Plan.

**Volunteer Committees** – Agriculture Advisory Committee chose Peter Reiss as Chairman; Economic Development chose John Lee and Youth, Recreation and Open Space have not chosen a Chairman yet.

Volunteer Committees should have written report for Town Board every month. **Peter Reiss** reported on initial meeting of **Agriculture Advisory Committee** – Primary focus on trying to keep farming in area and what can be done to support this. **Economic Development** meeting focused on identifying current businesses and businesses for sale. **Youth Committee**, as reported by **“Ellie” Esselstyn**, focused on identifying what is available in the Town for this age group.

**Update on “Reval”** – Time frame of program explained. Next meeting with GAR Associates 05/13/2010. According to Charles Brewer, Assessor Chairman, approximately 450 responses received from letters sent. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Councilman Johnston reported that files in Assessors’ Office in good shape.

**Skateboard Park – Councilman Johnston** – Will be going out to bid very shortly for ramps and jumps. **Nathan Chess**, a member of the Committee is trying to get some interested “kids” together on the 16<sup>th</sup> for some ideas from them. **Councilman Johnston** has also been speaking with the Highway Superintendent about planting some buffer trees on boundaries near neighbors.

**Councilman Johnston** thanked Marty Schumann for work at the Park.

Discussion on replacing roof on Town Hall/Justice Building. Councilman Johnston said this has to be bid out at prevailing wage. Discussed buying materials at \$9,400.00, which would be lower than procurement policy rules, and have men from Highway Department do the work. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to go ahead with plans, which have been approved by engineer Joe Romano, pending financial agreement. Carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Rescue Squad** – Met with administrator and two Board Members. Reported that Squad will probably be without funds by end of year. Problems lie with personnel and reimbursement rates. Have advanced many from “Basic” to “EMT’s” and have 8 full-time employees. Call volume is down. Consensus is real problem is no budget or projected plan”. Asked them to come back in two months with plans and budget. Rescue Squad is planning on joining County system when set up. Also fund drive suggested.

**Councilman Weigelt** – Regarding Quality Aggregates property – Patricia Pender from DEC said company is in process of cleaning up. Questioned reclamation and will check on this.

**Highway Garage** – Will purchase excavator that has been used by Town and rent paid will be deducted, leaving a balance of \$4,400.00 to pay off machine.

Another truck for Highway Department would eliminate use of sub-station at Old Highway Garage. Would also eliminate use of a loader from this site. Should start putting specs together now as it time to get truck after ordering.

New lights have been ordered for garage – sensors also. Should be up and running by next month.

Steve Swenson came and will e-mail report. Went around Town to see where areas are that are in need of attention. Will be making a map where issues are – possible that some work can be done with grants.

In Water Department comparing last year to this year at the same time, 37% of revenue in compared to 77% this year.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Transportation Bid** – One bid received for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program:

Donald Kline - \$3.00 per hour and \$20.00 per hour waiting time.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept bid. Councilman Johnston abstained. Carried.

**Grant Committee Meeting** – (GGW) – Offered to do NYSRDA free of charge since last application was turned down. Need to do some program development before next application.

Discussion on donations and solicitations –Have to set up separate account and has to be used only for that purpose. Town cannot solicit funds. Can have separate independent public group and they have to set up separate account on their own.

Birch Builders – Bonding Agreement okay.

Invitation from Minkler Seerey Post #252 American legion to participate in Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31, 2010. Lineup by Legion building at 8:30 a.m. with step-off at 9:00 a.m.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Available for review by anyone interested:

Local Boy scout group looking for flags that they can properly dispose of.  
Homeland Towers - (Forest Lake) – Before ZBA – Will be floating balloons  
on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Councilman Weigelt** – Has received a complaint from a resident that lives off a Town Road and has a problem with 4-wheelers nearby running all hours of the night. Suggested that Resident Deputy be advised of the situation.

**Councilman Van Deusen** – Spoke of upgrade of Emergency Plan for Town – basically the same plan as before.

No further reports –

#### **Meeting opened to public:**

**William Blaauw** – Former Ockawamick School building recently being used more. Two trailers there and old oil tank - should be moved out. Also, still problems in Mellenville that Town has been trying to get owners to clean up for many years.

**Jim Nielsen** – Questioned who he should contact to have Bott Road paved. Has been graded.

**Dog Park – Kathy Rector** = Discussion on this as discussed last year. Town was willing to put Park on Town property, but group should form a committee to set up separate account for funds received towards expenses, such as fencing. Also brought up that this project may have to abide by zoning rules and should be checked into.

**Willard Klima** – Complaint about Building Inspector, Stanley Koloski. Is requiring copy of Workers' Comp. before issuing Building Permit and said this does not exist.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Johnston to authorize the Town to donate 400 +/- yards of gravel from Alvarez mine to new A.B. Shaw Firehouse. Transportation will be responsibility of fire district. Carried. Councilman Van Deusen abstained. Caried.

Motion by Councilman Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to authorize the sum of \$250.00 for flowers for monuments for Memorial Day. Carried.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$23,526.16, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$2,154.65, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB Fund bills, totaling \$26,407.58, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A Fund bills, totaling \$5,400.20, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Carried.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Van Deusen: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Weigelt: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Johnston: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Preusser: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

