

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**October 04, 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 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Robin Andrews, who led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept minutes of previous meeting of September 10, 2012 and workshop meeting of September 25, 2012. Carried.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** – Replaced a five foot diameter steel culvert pipe on Prach Road. Graded and patched the Route #23 end of Catskill View Road. Grading dirt roads in all Zones. Replacing a concrete box culvert on Stone Mill Road.

Two bids received for equipment for new truck:

T & T Sales, Inc. – \$71,176.00  
Arrowhead Equipment, Inc. - \$82,167.00

On recommendation of Highway Superintendent LaMont, motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to accept bid from Arrowhead. Carried.

On questioning the acceptance of Arrowhead's higher bid by T & T representative, Highway Superintendent LaMont replied that there were many problems the last time a truck was purchased from them and they did not stand behind the purchase. Besides the cab and body being different colors, the first time the plow was used, it cracked at most of the welds. Almost nine months after the plow was returned to them, the Town picked up the plow, which had not been repaired and within two weeks after taking it elsewhere, the highway department had a new plow at no cost to replace the defective one. He did not feel that they took responsibility for their sales/service.

Park is being closed for the season.

### **Committee Reports**

**Economic Development Committee** had no report.

**Agricultural Committee** did not meet, but Peter Reiss, chairman, spoke. The Committee is still waiting until the Zoning Review Committee completes the changes so that the agricultural community can be made aware of the changes.

He also reported that this is the time for the annual signup to add agricultural land to the agricultural district.

**Historic Committee** Report was read by Supervisor – Committee met and focused on the Shaw Bridge presentation last Sunday.

Received official notification of the Preservation League Preserve New York grant of \$8,400.00 to introduce the Shaw Bridge and restoration project to the Town. Two experts, D. Frederick Griggs and John Testa discussed the historic and engineering significance, and importance of the bridge on September 30<sup>th</sup> at A.B. Shaw Firehouse.

### **Correspondence**

Letter to Greenport Rescue Squad  
Information from Hannaford – “flu” vaccine available  
National Grid – Safety tips  
Building Inspector – Inspection standards in areas of public assembly  
Hudson Ltd. & Hudson River Estuary Program – 3-day course in Biodiversity Assessment  
Reverse 911 service  
Shaw Bridge Grant approval  
Long Term Recovery Group of Columbia/Greene Counties-Coin Drop, Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Suggestions from Economic Advisory Committee & Columbia Co. Planning Bd.-Re: Zoning changes  
Ellen-Jouret-Epstein – The What and Why of Official Maps  
Ellen Jouret-Epstein – August 2012 Newsletter; Hudson River Valley Greenway  
Letter – Traffic study

### **Town Board Reports**

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Attended A. B. Shaw Bridge presentation on September 30<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. Heard from two experts about the bridge and its’ historic significance.

Attended two Zoning Revision Committee meetings on proposed zoning law.

Attended Planning Board Meeting as deputy liaison to Town Board.

Columbia County Environmental Management Council will host a public forum on October 08, 2012, with Dr. David Carpenter, director of the Institute for Health and the Environment at University of Albany School of Public Health. Forum begins at 7:00 p.m. at Ghent Recreation Center on County Rte. #22. Will be discussing the TCI fire.

**Councilman Weigelt** – Highway Department replacing box culvert on Stonemill Road. Is a lot of work for the Department and looks good.

**Councilman Preusser** – Has been in contact with Mary Daly in regards to the Winter Ski Program.

Paperwork completed for stream grant.

Attended presentation on Shaw Bridge.

Several meetings held on Wellhead Protection District. Discussions also included Philmont water supply.

Attended Capital Region Sustainability Plan for Cleaner Greener Community October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Supervisor Andrews** – Working on budget this month. Will be putting it on website.

Philmont – Meeting will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Stipulation regarding assessments of properties owned by but not within the Village received.

Claverack – Tri-Form Open House will be held October 12<sup>th</sup>. Won Dharma Center has program on October 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. dinner and tea and 7:00 p.m. concert.

No further reports.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Preusser that Tentative Budget is received. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Preusser to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to set budget workshop meeting for October 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. Also, Public Hearing on proposed budget on October 30, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York, followed by Regular Town Board Workshop, with the Second Public Hearing on November 08, 2012, 7:00 p.m., followed by the Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting, to be held at the Town Hall #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to continue public hearing on zoning revisions. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept draft September 2012, draft January – September 2012 and Final January – August 2012 financial reports. Carried.

**Meeting opened to public:**

**Martin Bunin** added to letter sent to Board regarding new proposed zoning on Maple Avenue. Concerned about water table.

**Ian Nitschke** – Regarding Shaw Bridge and was astounded this past month at how important this bridge is. Received \$8,400.00 grant, after failing to do so last year. Wants to make sure Town puts in the \$1,600.00 for a \$10,000.00 total.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$8,429.41, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$1,735.67, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB Fund bills, totaling \$120,880.97, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$5,465.25, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Escrow Account bills, totaling \$1,735.67 were audited and ordered paid from the accounts.

Catskill View Road Escrow Account bills, totaling \$741.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road Escrow Account bills, totaling \$4,123.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA 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 9:05 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Councilwoman Cashen: \_\_\_\_\_

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

