

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**POST OFFICE**

**July 11,2005**

An informational meeting on a new post office was held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting opened by Supervisor James W. Keegan, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
Joseph Romano	Town Engineer
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Attorney
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Anne Twaddle	Councilwoman
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Supervisor Keegan introduced Paul Tyburski, Real Estate Specialist for the U.S. Postal Service, who presented overview on proposed new post office.

Project for new post offices arisen again after budget crunch in 2000 stopped all construction projects. Now sees more replacement projects.

Gave overview of what project will be. Ad will go to newspaper within two weeks and a solicitation in the post office advertising plans for 3,000 square feet of interior space under a new lease construction with 34 parking spaces. Drawings and designs were available for anyone interested to view. The new location will be within the physical boundaries of the hamlet.

The Postal Service is asking landowner, developers or any interested parties if they own land and are willing to build the facility, to submit a bid. Postal Service would lease building for twenty (20) years.

Opened to public:

**Ian Nitschke** - Questioned criteria used to evaluate location and type of building. Is it compatible with the historic character? Mr. Tyburski answered they are sensitive to the concerns of the Town and try to accommodate to a certain point.

**George Rodenhausen** - Questioned solicitation and time frame. Postal Service will advertise for a general area and approximate size. Time frame is usually 9 - 12 months. Boundaries have already been set in hamlet. If no property is available, boundaries can be extended.

**Lisa Cartolano** - Postmistress - New building will have larger lobby, more parking spaces, larger service area, handicap access counters, larger and safer working area. Would be approximately three times the area they have now. Also will have covered dock area. New building will be safer and more pleasant for everyone. Would like to see more boxes and some larger boxes.

There being no further comments, Supervisor Keegan recessed for ten (10) minutes so people could look over plans. Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

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Town Clerk