

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 11.2005

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 by Supervisor, James W. Keegan, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
Anne Twaddle	Councilwoman
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Joseph Romano	Town Engineer
Robert Fitzsimmons	Town Attorney
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
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Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle to accept minutes of previous meeting, held on March 14, 2005. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Ian Nitschke - Did not submit letter, but wishes to be considered for Comprehensive Plan Committee. Will file FOil, requesting any information received on applicants selected for Committee.

George Rodenhausen - Hopes meetings of Comprehensive Plan Committee will be public. Soon after appointments, wants Town to consider moratorium on building, especially major subdivisions.

Ian Nitschke - Other Towns have implemented moratoriums.

George Rodenhausen - Questioned whether Town web site had been set up yet. Yes, and would go public some time this week.

Henry Casivant - Problems with Mr. Callahan, Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector. Believes he should step down - not capable to do his job when., enforcing a law he doesn't understand. Also believes Town Judge and County Attorney don't know either. Wants to be hired in place of Mr. Callahan.
No further comments.

Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont - Grading roads damaged by winter - sweeping in all areas as needed - continue to replace missing or faded signs in all zones of Town - taking down snow fence - cold patching where needed. Cleaning up sides of the roads.

Supervisor Keegan - Highway Department is going to upgrade Park located in hamlet. Dead tree being taken down and new one planted. Putting in new posts for fencing and electrical service to be installed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission - Councilwoman Twaddle - Meeting held March 24th. Skating rink taken down. Discussed several painting and repair projects. Planning Ghent Band concert for public at Park on Friday, July 29th. Considering planting six (6) flowering trees in Park. She also noted new roof on bam in Park - Looks great and a major improvement.

Traffic Safety - Councilman Van Deusen - No meeting scheduled. Chairman Reginald Osterhoudt still very ill.

Supervisor Keegan noted presence of Bill Zincio, Resident Deputy at the meeting. Deputy Zincio said any concerns or problems call Sheriff's Office and ask for him.

No further reports.

Supervisor Keegan read a list of Comprehensive Plan Committee members. He also stated he had contacted Greenway and they do not provide facilitators.

Members selected are: Gretchen Steams M.D., Charles Brassard, John Blaauw, John Lee, Christopher Post, Caroline Merritt and William First. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to approve Committee. Carried.

Councilman Van Deusen will be liaison to Board. Councilman Weigelt will also be involved.

Report on Water Project - Presented by Joe Romano, Town Engineer, in absence of Water Project Engineer Matt Abbato. Bids have not been awarded yet. Increased cost of project due to rising costs since 2003 will increase user rates. Cost was approximately \$563.00 per year. Based on the increase in the project, cost to users will be

approximately \$618.00 or \$4.58 more per month. EFC has committed to give the increased funds for project. Bids are locked in for forty-five (45) days - low bids have agreed to give extra week.

After explanation of legal aspects by Town Attorney, Robert Fitzsimmons, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution authorizing publishing notice of Public Hearing for Monday, April 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Carried. This will be subject to 30 day referendum. Matt Abbato will be present at Public Hearing with full analysis.

Motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to authorize for bus bids for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle to accept Financial Report for February 2005, as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution authorizing purchase of check signer. Carried.

Building Inspector's report for March received and on file in Town Office for review.

Dog Control Officer's report for March received and on file in Town Office for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

1. Request from Hudson City School District to use voting machine at A.B. Shaw firehouse for annual school voting in May. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to authorize same.
2. Letter requesting Legislative support given to Town attorney to check over. Tabled to later date.

No further correspondence.

Councilman Blaauw reported Philmont Fire Company will host Firemen's Convention in 2006. Would like Board members to put ad in Yearbook, not with Town funds.

Supervisor Keegan said this meeting will be adjourned in memory of Muriel Thiesson, first councilwoman on Town Board and member of Zoning Board of Appeals for many years.

Bills # 163 -#226, totaling \$46,717.66, including Water District bills in the amount of \$14,111.31, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #117- #159, totaling \$77,612.89, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. in memory of Muriel Thiesson.

Date:- 05/09/05 _____

Supervisor:- _____

Councilwoman Twaddle:- _____

Councilman Van Deusen:- _____

Councilman Blaauw:- _____

Councilman Weigelt:- _____

Town Clerk:- _____

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK
COLUMBIA COUNTY ,NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 37

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 11th day of April 2005, at the Town Hall, NYS Route 217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: William Blaauw

Seconded by: James Van.Deusen.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, New York (the "Town"), directed Clough, Harbour & Associates, LLP, the Town Engineer, to prepare of a map, plan and report for providing the facilities improvements or services in a portion of the Town wherein a water district was proposed to be established, and on the 23 day of September. 2003, said map, plan and report was filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed are as follows: the establishment of a water district to supply potable water to Claverack residents , within the district specifically through the purchase of water from the neighboring Town of Greenport. Said district will cause the installation of new 12-inch diameter and 8-inch diameter main lines for water distribution intended to servjee the lands within the district. Additionally, the district will contain a new 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank & booster pump station to ensure the proper volume and pressure to the district, and

WHEREAS, after the map, ptanand report for said district was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, the Town Board did on the 13th day of October 2003, adopt an order setting the matter for public hearing, the Town board conducted a public hearing on the 30th day of October 2003, the Town elected to submit the matter to a public vote, and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2004 the Town put the creation of the water district to a public vote. Of the 176 persons that voted, 129 voted in favor of the creation of the district, and 47 were opposed, and

WHEREAS the Town put the project out to bid, and the resultant bid costs have exceeded the initial estimate of \$4,067,000 to an amount of \$4,720,000. Pursuant to New York Town Law section 209-h the Town will conduct a further public hearing as to the cost increase to determine whether the project remains in the best interest of the proposed district users.

WHEREAS, it is proposed the maximum amount proposed to be expended for such improvement is \$4,720,000, and is to be financed as follows: of the total project cost of \$4,720,000 the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and the State Department of Health through the New York State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) will issue a \$2,000,000 grant and \$2, 720,000 interest free loan for a 30-year time period, and

WHEREAS, costs for the estimated hook-up fees for residents in the district will vary greatly due to distance from the main, type of terrain, accessibility and other factors, an estimate of \$15.00 per foot can be used, arriving at an estimated cost for a house requiring a 100 foot service a \$1,500 to connect to the district line. Additionally, the first year annual water user costs to the typical resident are projected at \$618.00.

ORDERED, that the Town Board shall meet at the Town Hall, New York, on the 25th day of April, 2005, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposal to establish said district with the improvements specified above, at which time and place all persons interested in the subject thereof may be heard concerning the same, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this order in the Register Star, the official Town newspaper and post a copy of the same on the signboard of the Town, in the time and manner required by law

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted " Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

James W. Keegan;
Anne Twaddle;
James Van Deusen;
William L. Blauw;
Clifford Weigelt

The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition

thereto: None

The Resollution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Claverack.

Dated; April 11, 2005

Mary J. Hoose, Town Clerk
Town of Claverack

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Resolution: No. #38

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held on the 11th day of April, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Anne Twaddle :

Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt :

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the following be approved:

Purchase of one check signer with Supervisor's Signature.

The following Town Board members voted " Aye" in favor of said resolution:

James W. Keegan
Anne Twaddle
James Van Deusen
William L. Blaauw
Clifford Weigelt

The following Town Board members voted "No" in opposition to said Resolution:

"None"

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Supervisor.

Town Clerk