

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Anril 09. 2007**

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 7:30 p.m. 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
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq	Town Attorney
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting held on Monday, March 09,2007. Carried.

Supervisor Keegan introduced Mary Beth Keeler, representative from newly formed Columbia County Youth League. Gave presentation and handed out information. Entire County involved.

**Howard Brandston** - Questioned how program is financed. Majority will come from businesses in County.

**Kevin Maisenbacher** - Another representative stated this program will be community oriented. Focus will be on learning and having fun and not focused on competition and winning.

Supervisor Keegan then introduced Samantha Steenburn, a tenth grade student at Taconic Hills School, who won three gold medals in snowshoe events at the 2007 Empire State Games. Proclamation read by Supervisor Keegan and presented to Miss Steenburn. Councilman Johnston noted that she is the granddaughter of Stanford Card, former Supervisor of the Town.

Meeting opened to the public:

**Frederica Wright** - In February, tree on her property near a Town road was cut down by Highway Department. What guidelines are there when you go on private property to cut down trees? Highway Superintendent LaMont stated tree was dead, the top broken and tree was near Town road. Had Willard Meyers, a licensed arborist, check tree, and said tree was dead and should be taken down. Mrs. Wright feels she should have been notified - said stump showed tree was not completely dead - still had live parts. Mr. LaMont said entire center of tree was rotted. Mrs. Wright said she hoped next time this situation arises, people will be notified before trees are cut down. Showed pictures of other trees nearby that should be and have not been cut down.

**Councilman Weigelt** - Did speak with Mrs. Wright and also Mr. LaMont - Procedure from now to go to any landowners where work needs to be done.

**Attorney Fitzsimmons** - Stated it is up to Town to make roads safe no matter what.

**Howard Brandston** - Town Highway Department does what it has to do.

**Peggy Lampman** - Gave application for member of Board of Assessment Review at beginning of meeting - did not know that there was a deadline. Still wants to be considered.

Writer covering newspaper stated there should have been a deadline and also should have been published.. Supervisor Keegan said this was brought to the public's attention many times and was also part of the information in the newspaper when meetings were held the last few months.

**Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont** - Working on damage to roads in all zones, especially dirt roads, due to recent rain. Servicing equipment. Will be taking down snow fence.

After discussion, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to award bid for loader to Nortrac in the amount of \$129,706.00, without trade-in, on recommendation of Highway Superintendent LaMont. The bids were as follows:

Keil Equipment		
DaWou		
	With Trade-in	\$ 86,315.77 plus \$7,654.75 warranty
	Without Trade-in	\$116,315.77 plus \$7,654.75 warranty
Nortrac		
John Deere #624J		
	With Trade-in	\$ 69,706.00
	Without Trade-in	\$129,706.00
Hansen, Inc.		
Case #721E		
	With Trade-in	\$ 79,079.41
	Without Trade-in	\$131,579.41
Vantage Equipment		
Volvo #119E		
	With Trade-in	\$ 79,060.00 plus \$6,981.00 warranty
	Without Trade-in	\$119,060.00 plus \$6,981.00 warranty
Tracey Road Equipment		
Hyundai #HL757-7		
	With Trade-in	\$ 71,835.00
	Without Trade-in	\$121,978.00
Southworth		
Cat #938G-2		
	With Trade-in	\$ 79,225.00
	Without Trade-in	\$139,225.00
Keil Equipment		
Doosam		
	With Trade-in	\$ 95,890.78 plus \$8,232.15 warranty
	Without Trade-in	\$126,690.78 plus \$8,232.15 warranty
Keil Equipment		
Tarex		
	With Trade-in	\$112,834.11
	Without Trade-in	\$142,834.11

**Gary Steenburn** - Discussion on drainage on Shasta Drive. COARC to build home at end of cul-de-sac - Had three maps for those interested to inspect. Setup computer to show photos of area. Explained photos as Board looked on. Mr. Steenburn read letter from Dale Rowe of the Columbia County Health Department. Mr. Steenburn requested Town Board take into consideration the study and involve DEC and Army Corps of Engineers. Will have to move electrical lines to his property. Property was approved for a three bedroom, 2 bath home now much larger with five bedrooms and 4 baths. Have already dug well on property. Attorney Fitzsimmons recommended engineering review because of wetlands. Councilmen Blaauw and Johnston said concerns should be expressed to engineers.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Park Commission - Councilman Johnston** - Transportation bids for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program will be opened next month at meeting. Counselors for the Summer Program will be discussed at next meeting. Met with Superintendent LaMont to discuss projects for the upcoming season.

**Traffic Safety - Councilman Van Deusen** - Did not attend last meeting.

**Cablevision - Councilman Van Deusen** - People never notified when prices increase. About six months late in sending Town contract money.

No further reports.

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.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee - Gretchen Stearns** - Meeting Thursday to pick format for Plan. Expect that late spring or early summer to people for more input. Fast internet access still being looked into. Mr. Steenburn asked how often cable contract renewed - every ten years. Problem is no other company interested in coming into area.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to accept Financial Report for February 2007 as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

Councilman Johnston reported that resolutions had to be made to balance 2006 accounts. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept Resolution #32 as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept Resolution #33, General A account, as prepared by town Accountants. Carried.

After recommendation by Supervisor Keegan, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to appoint Daniel Barrett to vacancy on Board of Assessment Review. Carried.

After recommendation by Supervisor Keegan, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to appoint Nathan Chess to Skateboard Committee. Carried.

Brought to Board's attention that one student who had signed up for Winter Ski Program, broke leg before season began. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to return money for bus transportation. Carried.

After short discussion motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to pay \$50.00 application fee for those in the Explorers' Program, sponsored by Columbia County Sheriff's Department. There are three from the Town interested in participating. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept bonding agreement for Millbrook Road Project. Carried.

Discussion on Recreation Fees - Fees would go into separate account. Have not been updated since 1989. Attorney Fitzsimmons will prepare and distribute new law for discussion at next meeting.

Councilman Blaauw reported Archives grant now in progress. Fireproof room constructed by Highway Department personnel and someone is working to sort materials.

Councilman Blaauw reported on alarm systems for all three Town buildings. Amount was over procurement policy and Town will have to submit for formal bids. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to allow Councilman Blaauw to proceed. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 9:25 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go out of Executive Session at 10:20 p.m. Carried.

After discussion, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to direct and authorize Attorney Fitzsimmons to commence a legal action or actions in regards to the Casivant property, located on Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. said action or actions are to remedy, prevent or enjoin zoning or local law violations that exist upon the property. Carried.

After further discussion on purchase of loader, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, to rescind original motion to purchase loader without tradein and to purchase loader with turn-in. Carried.

Bills #139 .. #196 - General A - totaling \$72,962.92, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Bills #73 - #82 - General B - totaling \$3,026.51, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #83 - #109, totaling \$36,679.05, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills #9 - #16, totaling \$4,864.23, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

Millbrook Road and Won Buddhism bills, totaling \$372.00 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 Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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

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

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

Councilman Blaauw: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK****Resolution No. - #32****April 09, 2007**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack,  
Columbia County, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Proposed by: James Van Deusen** ;

**Seconded by: William L. Blaauw** ;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the following amendments be made to the 2006 Budget:

<u>General A:</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>
1110.1 - Justices - P.S.	\$ 8,637.67	
1110.2 - Justices - Equipment	435.00	
1110.4 - Justices - Cont. Exp.	1,992.12	
1320.4 - Auditing/Accounting	4,065.00	
1330.2 - Tax Collecting - Equipment	40.00	
1330.4 - Tax Collection - C.E..		\$ 290.46 -
1355.1- Assessors - P.S.	1,559.04	
1355.2 - Assessors - Equipment		2,500.00 -
1355.4 - Assessors - Cont. Exp.		1,432.30 -
1430.2 - Personnel - Equipment		1,100.03 -
1440.4 - Engineer - Cont. Exp.		5,926.95 -
1450.2 - Elections - Equipment		500.00 -
1640.2 - New Office - Equipment		500.00 -
1640.4 - New Office - Cont. Exp.	4,423.60	
1990.4 - Special Contingent		10,000.00 -
5010.2 - Superintendent Highways - Equipment		700.00 -
5010.4 - Superintendent Highways - Cont. Exp.	16,345.07	
677241- Veterans Services - Meals on Wheels		416.30 -
7140.1 - Playgrounds - P.S.		3,906.19 -
7140.2 - Playgrounds - Equipment	500.00	
7140.4 - Playgrounds - Cont. Exp.		600.00 -
7310.1 - Youth Programs - P.S.		4,906.58 -
7310.4 - Youth Programs - Cont. Exp.	4,148.68	
8989.4 - Community Services - Website		1,295.80 -
9030.8 - Employee Benefits - Social Security	_____	<u>8,071.57</u> -
	<u>42,146.18</u>	<u>42,146.18</u> -

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

James W. Keegan  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw  
Clifford Weigelt  
Michael Johnston

The following 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.

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Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK****Resolution #33****April 09, 2007**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Proposed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **James Van Deusen** \_\_\_\_\_ ;

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **William L. Blaauw** \_\_\_\_\_ ;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the following amendments be made to the Highway DB Accounts in the 2006 Budget:

<u>General A:</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>
- Highway Reserve		\$ 90,000.00
5130.2 - Machinery	\$ 90,000.00	

For paving projects at the end of 2006

Increase following codes:

DB3001 - Revenue Sharing - revenue	9,094.00	
DB1120 - Non-Property Distribution	24,407.50	
5130.2 - Machinery	33,501.50	
Increase codes for increase in revenues received		

	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>
5110.1 - Repairs - P.S.		4816.92 -
5110.4 - Repairs - Cont. Exp.	\$ 5,908.20	
5112.2 - Improvements	69,372.09	
5130.2 - Machinery - Equipment	16,390.72	
5120.4 - Machinery - Cont. Exp.		63,004.00 -
5140.4 - Miscellaneous - Cont. Exp.		5,378.62 -
5142.1 - Snow Removal - P.S.		29,975.66 -
5142.4 - Snow Removal - Cont. Exp.	31,037.08	
9010.8 - Employee Benefits - State Retirement		2,319.00 -
9030.8 - Employee Benefits - Social Security		4,222.47 -
9050.8 - Employee Benefits - Unemployment		1,500.00 -
9060.8 - Employee Benefits - Medical Ins.	_____	<u>11,491.42 -</u>
	<u>\$122,708.09</u>	<u>\$122,708.09 -</u>

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

James W. Keegan  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw  
Clifford Weigelt  
Michael Johnston

The following 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.

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Town Clerk