

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 14, 2008

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York was held at the Town Hall, Route 217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order at 7:00 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
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Michael Johnston	Councilman
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept minutes of previous meeting of March 10, 2008. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Howard Brands ton - Thanked Superintendent of Highways, Louis LaMont, for putting up requested guardrail on Catskill View Road.

Jennifer Post: Asked if a "No Parking" sign could be put on the south end of the parking area by the Claverack Post office.

The reporter from the Independent asked if there were any ramifications for not showing up at ZBA or Planning Board meetings. Does Town Board intend to do anything about this. As long as cancellation is within the ten days of the meeting, they can cancel. If they don't appear at three consecutive meetings and do not cancel, must start process over from beginning.

Report of Highway Superintendent Louis LaMont - Snow fence has been taken down and stored until next winter season. Working on roads in all zones. Getting Park ready for upcoming season - Working on construction of Skateboard Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Park Commission - Park and buildings are being cleaned, getting ready for upcoming season. Highway Department working on pad for Skateboard Park.

Traffic Safety - Councilman Weigelt reported still a problem with traffic light at Route 9H and Fish and Game Road - 3 second delay- activated by Fish and Game Road.

Cablevision - Councilman Van Deusen stated prices just keep going up.

ZBA - Councilman Weigelt reported still working on rules and regulations.

No further reports.

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

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

Supervisor Keegan gave short report on County's plan to purchase and the use of former Ockawamick School building for some County offices, including Social Services. County wants Town to waive regulations of ZBA and/or Planning Board. Explained County is interested in building because it is much larger than present Social Services building and they need more room. Engineers toured building and it is structurally sound. County would purchase for 1.5 million. Mr. Brandston questioned impact on value of nearby residential areas. As a former school, there was much more traffic continually through the day.

Other concerns were: Would they be asked to contribute to Fire District and maybe maintain fields and will County have to set up bus schedule for people having to come to the building.

Supervisor Keegan said County representatives will be at next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to advertise for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program. Carried.

In regards to Comprehensive Plan, Attorney Fitzsimmons read Resolution. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to accept same. Carried.

On recommendation of Supervisor Keegan, motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to appoint Neil Howard, Jr. to Columbia County Youth

Advisory Board as representative from Town. Carried.

On recommendation of Supervisor Keegan, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to appoint Katie Cashen to the Environmental Management Council as representative from Town. Carried.

Howard Brandston gave report on Transportation Enhancement Program – gave information to all Board members. This is not a grant. It is a reimbursement – 80% of your money back. Process is complex – all done under Federal guidelines and all must have NYSDOT approval. Sponsor has to be a municipal organization with responsible cash flow. Minimum amount is \$200,000 and maximum \$2,500,000. Has right to single audit. Government very support. Has to be an administrator for program.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Philmont Rescue Squad – Letter read by Supervisor requesting more space to house another ambulance.
2. NYSEG – Regarding changing of lights in light district – metal halite choice. Mr. Brandston requested they be asked about installation of airport glare shields. This program does not include Village of Philmont.
3. Office of Fire Coordinator – Praising Fire Companies for excellent work during fire on Route 217 on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

No further correspondence.

David Robinson, whose residence is on Donnely Road, which is presently oil and stone. According to Mr. Robinson, problem is the repairs that need to be done on an ongoing basis, with 1" stone being used for repairs and to fill potholes-large stones ruin tires. Repairs and most filled in potholes are back to needing attention again. Wanted to be told that road will be cleaned up.

Roy Hoyt, another Donnely Road resident, will concede some of his property to make improvements on the road.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, to go into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. to discuss litigations and personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to go out of Executive Session at 9:25 P.M. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept assessment settlement of Verizon as per correspondence from Attorney Guterman.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, for resolution with Richard Koskey in regards to access road leading to land adjoining the water

tower. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to appoint Brett Holmes, Director of Summer Youth Program, and Ashley Gaylord, as Assistant Director. Carried.

General A Fund Bills, totaling \$35,437.47, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$5,695.54, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills, totaling \$48,543.48, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, totaling \$7,036.54, were audited and ordered paid from the accounts.

Catskill View bills, totaling \$95.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Columbia Park Equities bills, totaling \$1,121.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Coons Storage bills, totaling \$700.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills, totaling \$1,762.75, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

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

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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