

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

**April 12, 2009**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, Rte. 3217, and 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
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for Town
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept minutes of previous meeting, held on Monday, March 09, 2009. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Howard Brandston** – Last meeting heard about Pine Haven - Handed out list of questions and issues brought about by Pine Haven issue.

Commented on new Comprehensive Plan – Great deal of time spent over time on this. Have been significant changes in thirty (30) years. Vision for Claverack was prepared by Richard Koskey and himself. Looked at transportation enhancement grants. Need to appoint Architectural Review Board that could assist all boards in making decisions.

Also commented on Ockawamick School property proposal.

**Joan Steiner** – Spoke regarding former Claverack School property. Hudson City School Board has decided to sell property. Wants committee formed to explore possibilities and uses for the building. When questioned about library using school building, size for this is too large. Also feels firehouse building is better suited for the library and is an enhancement for the library. Councilman Van Deusen agreed.

**Cyndy Hall** – Thanked Ms. Steiner and agreed with her statement. Has spoken with a couple of school board members. Will not be on budget vote in May. Supervisor Keegan stated Hudson City School board did vote to sell Claverack School property and also Greenport School. Ms. Hall wants Town Board to write letter to open dialogue and keep up with what is going on with the school property. Would be happy to serve on a committee.

**“Al” Wassenhove** – Copake Town Board unanimously passed resolution in favor of keeping Pine Haven Home at its’ present location. Petitions have reached 3,000 signatures. This has gained much public attention. Thanked Town of Claverack for its’ support in favor of keeping Pine Haven where it is.

No further comments.

Supervisor Keegan noted Deputy Sheriff Louis Bray in attendance this evening. Filling in for Deputy Michael Merante, Town of Claverack Resident Deputy, who is on vacation.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** – Completed brush pick-up in hamlet area, Mellenville area and developments off Fish and Game Road. Presently in Churchtown area. About 1/3<sup>rd</sup> completed in Town.

Cold patching and sweeping in all zones. Started grading dirt roads. Completed taking down snow fence.

Shaped around pad for Skateboard Park and seeded. Cleaning in Park getting ready for season.

Flushing hydrants in the Hamlet and will continue this week.

*Nathan Chess*  
A resident of the Town stated many limbs still on power and telephone lines. Supervisor Keegan offered to take a ride with him to see where problems are.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen** – Meeting held recently. Discussion on speed reductions in Claverack. Some residents in Dutch Village Mobile Home Park requested Town to urge State Department of Transportation to make a “NO PASSING ZONE” from the bridge on Rte. #66 to the turn onto Fish and game Road. Many accidents and close-calls there.

**Cablevision – Councilman Van Deusen** – No report except price keeps “going up”.

**Zoning Revision Committee** – Definitions done. Design standards are next.

**Park – Superintendent of Highways LaMont and Councilman Johnston** – Problem with surface breaking up on tennis courts in Town Park. Will be working on addressing this issue. Working on paving some of the walking track. Councilman Johnston reported Skateboard Park Committee will meet in next couple of weeks to get ideas for setting up Park.

**Grant Resource Committee** - Had been suggested that Committee consist of Councilman Van Deusen, Councilman Blaauw, Superintendent of Highways Louis LaMont, Dick Nobes and Cyndy Hall. Have already put some projects together. Working on some projects to assist in needs of elderly in area. Other projects are high-band for highway and sidewalks in area of hamlet, more energy efficiency for Town buildings and finding grant writer. Another area would be the former Claverack School and finding a grant that would help with asbestos problem in the building.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution to accept members of Grant Resource committee. Carried.

Short discussion on dog census. Tabled until next budget discussion.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for resolution to keep Pine Haven Home at its' present location. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution reappointing Thomas Daus to Board of Assessment Review, effective October 01, 2008. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution to approve going out for transportation bids for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston for resolution to approve advertising for employment for Summer Youth Program. Carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Notification to Town Court of acceptance of Grant request for computer equipment for the Court by Unified Court System.

Letter from Rip Van Winkle Tobacco-Free Coalition. Free signs available.

No further correspondence.

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**Discussion on Proposed Dog Park – Cathy Rector** – Called Mr. Nesbitt of Johnny Walker Insurance. No cost to Town for park as long as rules are followed. Sent information to Robert Fitzsimmons, Attorney for the Town, for review. Another option is to file for a 501C3, set up park on their own, have their own insurance and not under the Town. Size would be one acre fenced in. Looked at an area below new Town Garage. Initial investment would be approximately \$20,000.00. Will continue to get information. Will be holding a meeting next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Mellenville Firehouse.

No further discussion.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept Preliminary Financial report for March 2009. Carried.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$ 90,879.43, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts. This includes the Bond payment.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$3,708.53, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB Fund bills, totaling \$30,444.85, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water Fund bills, totaling \$4,214.75, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

The following quotes were received for brush removal and tree trimming necessary as a result of the December storm, as per specifications in advertisement:

Myers Tree Service -	\$150.00 per hour.
Robert Host Tree Service	\$115.00 per hour.
Asplundh Tree Expert Company	\$118.37 per hour.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston for resolution giving Robert Host Tree Service bid approval. Carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009, at the Claverack Town Hall, NYS Route 217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Michael Johnston;

Seconded by: William L. Blaauw.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Claverack has heard a presentation concerning the idea to close and relocate the county-owned Pine Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in the Village of Philmont to a new location in the Village of Valatie, Town of Kinderhook. The proposal calls for the Pine Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to become part of a new senior living complex to be constructed on 18 +/- acres of land located off of Albany Avenue in the Village of Valatie, Town of Kinderhook; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility to be constructed at the new location would consist of a multi-story, 120-bed nursing home, in addition to 40+ units of independent living and assisted livings accommodations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the position of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the proposed closing of this county-owned facility located in the Village of Philmont

would pose significant hardship to the Pine Haven Community, the Village of Philmont and the Town of Claverack; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further the position of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that economic development should not be to the detriment of one city, town or village and to the benefit of another city, town or village; and

**WHEREAS**, the southern part of the County of Columbia, namely the Town of Greenport and the City of Hudson, has already experienced a loss of some 500 jobs in the past year due to the economic downturn and subsequent business closures; and

**WHEREAS**, this Town Board does not believe that any municipality, least of all other municipalities in the County of Columbia, should suffer economically as a result of the decisions of government officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing boards of the Village of Philmont, the City of Hudson, the Town of Chatham, and the Town of Copake have each passed resolutions in opposition to the closing of the Pine Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and the relocation of that facility to the Village of Valatie, Town of Kinderhook, and this Town Board supports those resolutions,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor and the members of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack are opposed to the closing and relocation of the Pine Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center currently situated in the Village of Philmont, Town of Claverack.

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

James W. Keegan ;

James Van Deusen ;

William L. Blaauw ;

Clifford Weigelt ; and

Michael Johnston .

The following Claverack Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition, thereto: "None" ; and

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The Resolution 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 14, 2009

  
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Mary J. Hoose, Town Clerk  
Town of Claverack

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK****RESOLUTION No. - #32****April 12, 2009**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Proposed by: Clifford Weigelt ;**  
**Seconded by: James Van Deusen ;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT :**

Approval be given to go out for bid for transportation for the 2009 Summer Youth Program and the Winter Ski Program.

The following Board members vote in favor of said Resolution:

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

The following Board members voted 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

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**RESOLUTION No. - #33**

**April 12, 2009**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Proposed by: William L. Blaauw ;**  
**Seconded by: Michael Johnston ;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Approval be given to advertise for employment for the 2009 Summer Youth Program.

The following Board members voted in favor of said Resolution:

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

The following Board members voted 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 OF CLAVERACK****RESOLUTION No. - #34****April 12, 2009**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Proposed by: Clifford Weigelt ;**  
**Seconded by: James Van Deusen ;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Thomas Daus be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review, effective date of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2015.

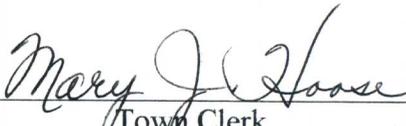
The following Board members voted in favor of said Resolution:

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

The following Board members voted 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

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK****RESOLUTION No. - #35****April 12, 2009**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Proposed by: James Van Deusen ;**  
**Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt ;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following be officially appointed to the Grant Resource Committee:

Councilman James Van Deusen  
 Councilman William L. Blaauw  
 Superintendent of Highways Louis LaMont  
 Richard Nobes  
 Cyndy Hall

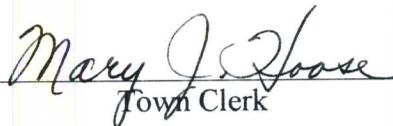
The following Board members voted in favor of said Resolution:

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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