

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 11, 2008

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, Rt. #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
corrected 09/08/08	Louis LaMont	Councilman Superintendent of Highways
	Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting of July 14, 2008.

Meeting opened to the public:

Nathan Chess – Questioned municipal borrowing – you can't borrow without paying back within fiscal year.

Howard Brandston – At August 2nd meeting at A.B. Shaw Firehouse, people asked what step would be next in vision planning.

One area of concern is near Johnson Road where speed limit needs to be lowered.

Several months ago there was a request for light poles - what organized system is set up to go from here? Many things do not cost much, but need administration. At the August 2nd meeting it was said that there should be a review board to work with zoning.

Peggy Lampman – Comprehensive Plan does say that a board should be appointed for architectural planning.

Clifford Weigelt – There is a need for trucks. “You” keep pushing them off on other roads. Prices are forced up and this in turn is put on the consumer.

No further comments

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Cut trees and brush on Donnelly Road, ditching and changing pipes to get ready to oil and stone. Cut trees and brush on Stickles Road, ditching and have to install drainage to prepare for oil and stoning.

Grading dirt roads in all zones and mowing roadsides in all zones.

Installed new guard rail posts on Roxbury Road on the bridge approach and exit due to wood posts being rotted.

Installing guard rail on Carpenter Road.

Marty and Mario keeping parks mowed and trimmed.

Manor Rock, Decker, Palmer and Palmer Road Extension roads chip-sealed.

Supervisor Keegan reported that there are County and Town-wide evaluation as to what to do considering the high costs that will be incurred this coming winter season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission – This Friday is the last day of the Summer Program at the Park. Checking out skateboard parks and on cement and steel prices for the pad. Work will be done on pad first, then on ramps.

ZBA – Zoning Committee Report – Mr. Brassard stated Attorney Fitzsimmons is recommending zoning change for Claverack Corners project. Committee will review this at meeting on Thursday and will give recommendation to Town Board at next meeting.

No further committee reports.

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

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

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution to transfer \$70,000.00 from the Money Market account to the General A account. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to change the mileage amount allowed for use of personal vehicles while on official Town duty from \$.505 to \$.585. Carried.

Discussion on Employee Policy Manual change for Highway employees. Probation period is now 90 days. Consensus of Board is to change this to six (6) months, the same as other employees. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for same. Carried.

Request received from residents of Van Wyck Lane for permission to close road in the p.m., except for local traffic and emergency vehicles, on August 16, 2008. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for same. Carried, with Councilman Van Deusen abstaining.

Letter from Columbia County September 11 Memorial Fund – Read by Supervisor Keegan. Would like tiles painted from donations received.

Town Budget Calendar given to all Board members.

Still accepting applications and/or letters of interest for ZBA vacancy.

Supervisor Keegan stated there will be a Special Meeting on the Ockawamick building on August 26th. The Town of Claverack really has very little to say as this is being done

by the County . It is not a Town Public Hearing. It is a meeting regarding the Town waiving regulations. Opinions on relocation are not useful here. "Should Town Board waive zoning process?" is the reason for this and is basically a courtesy.

Short discussion on fences – Nothing in our ordinance or State code as to which side has to be facing property owners land or neighbor's property.

It was noted by an audience member that an Architectural Review Board should be set up in the Town. It was noted because of the Claverack Corners Project, but it should not be west up just for that.

General A bills, totaling \$77,565.03, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$3,683.65, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills, totaling \$62,915.57, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, totaling \$3,076.61,

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date: 09/08/2008

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Town Clerk: _____

TOWN OF CLAVERACK**Resolution - #33****August 11, 2008**

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, duly called and held on the 11th day of August, 2008, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: James Van Deusen ;
Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt ;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that:

The following necessary adjustments be made to the 2008 Budget:

Transfer \$70,000.00 from the Money Market
Account to the General A Fund Account.

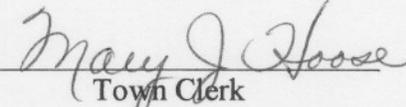
The following Town Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

James W. Keegan
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 Town Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Supervisor.


Town Clerk

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Resolution by: James Van Deusen ;
Seconded by: William L. Blaauw ;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that:

The amount allowed for mileage for Town officials using their personal vehicles for Town business from \$.505 to \$.585, effective July 1st, 2008.

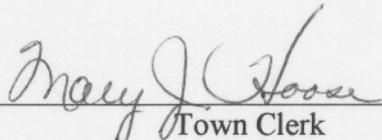
The following Town Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

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

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

"None"

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Resolution by: William L. Blaauw ;
Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt ;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the town of Claverack that:

The probation period for new employees of the Highway Department is changed from 90 days to six (6) months, the same as other employees of the Town. This is to be incorporated in the Employee Manual for the Highway Department.

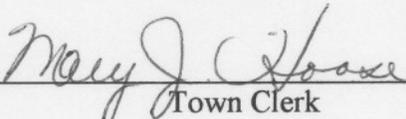
The following Town Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

James W. Keegan
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 Town Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Supervisor.



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