

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 11, 2006

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, immediately following the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2006.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Andrew Howard, Esq.	Town Attorney
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
Mary I. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Attorney

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept minutes of previous meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2006. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

No questions or comments.

Report of Highway Superintendent - No report due to absence of Highway Superintendent LaMont. It was reported that Park Street has been paved and Park has been decorated for holidays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission - Councilman Johnston - Has heard from companies in

Michigan and New Hampshire regarding skateboard park. Representatives will set up meeting after first of year.

Traffic Safety - Councilman Van Deusen - No report. Need request for speed reduction from State Rte. #23 to County Rte. # 16. There was a question on wording for request.

It was brought up that there is a problem with new one-way regulations on Mellenville Square. Many are ignoring the signs. Request made to patrol area.

No further reports.

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

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

Letter of Resignation, effective January 01, 2007, received from Howard Montague, Assessor for Town for many years. Letter read by Supervisor Keegan. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept with deep regrets. Carried.

Comprehensive Plan Committee - Gretchen Stearns - Continue to meet every other Thursday. Still working on strategies - want to keep Claverack rural, with development around hamlets, leaving open spaces - Have to consider sewer system in the future for hamlet area in order to do this - want to prevent sprawl and to consolidate. Michael Brandon, chairman of ZBA, stated that the hamlet area is hard to perk, making septic system that is necessary very expensive.

Howard Brandston - Need to control sprawl.

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

The following appointments were made:

ZBA - David Graziano to the unexpired term of Michael Brandon. Term will be from 01/01/2007 -12/31/2008.

Planning Board - Caren Mahar to the unexpired term of Martha Pizza.
Term will be from 01/01/2007 -12/31/2008.

After short explanation, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve Emergency Manual. Carried. Copies will be given to Emergency Management and #911.

Correspondence:

Letter of interest in vacancy on Planning Board from Nathan Cross.

Invitation to Columbia Hudson Partnership CEO Roundtable on December 14th.

Web-site Hosting and Maintenance Contract for 2007- To be reviewed.

Contract from Clough Harbour & Associates for 2007 - To be reviewed.

Information received from Columbia County Real Property regarding new legislation for Alternate Veterans' Exemptions and Senior Exemptions - To be reviewed.

No further correspondence.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to hold year-end Meeting on Wednesday, December 27,2006 -7:00 p.m. - at the Highway Garage. Organizational and Regular Monthly Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 04, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville. Carried

Howard Brandston - Should consider engineers other than Clough, Harbour & Associates.

Congratulations went to Michael Brandon, newly elected Town Justice, for completing course and passing exam.

Councilman Blaauw reported contractors for water district doing cleanup, re-seeding, etc. Councilman Van Deusen checking on progress every day.

Attorney Howard read SEQR of Local Law #3 for 2006. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for Negative Declaration. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve Local Law #3 of 2006. Carried.

Bills #707- #754, totaling \$102,286.89, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills, #300- #325, totaling \$178,254.72, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills #88- #92, totaling \$33,489.08, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills, totaling \$624.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Date:

Supervisor:

Councilman Van Deusen:

Councilman Blaauw:

Councilman Weigelt:

Councilman Johnston:

Town Clerk: