

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 10, 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
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Attorney
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous Regular Meeting of November 12, 2007, Public Hearing and Special Meeting of November 15, 2007. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

After questioning, it was noted that funds have been allocated to the Comprehensive Plan for attorney's fees and changes in zoning laws that might be necessary.

No further comments

Report of Highway Superintendent – In absence of Highway Superintendent, Councilman Blaauw reported Department worked three ice storms with no problems – Good job by men. Have been working on culvert project on Thielman Road Extension. The inlet and outlet walls are installed in the creek bed and inlet wing walls are in. The

bed beneath the pipes is in place and ready to set pipes. Have been grading rough spots on dirt roads and cold patching in all zones. Park in Claverack decorated for holidays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen– Meeting held two weeks ago. Letter coming to all Supervisors regarding studies for Town Roads and State not paying for this.

Supervisor Keegan received two requests: Karen Morth, on the high speed limit on Route 9-H and Fish & Game Road and the 40 mph zone in Claverack hamlet. She wrote to Governor Spitzer, who referred letter to N.Y.S. Department of Transportation. Municipality will have to send a resolution to the Department requesting the referenced situation be studied. Also a communication received from Peter Spears regarding speed limit on Route 23-B.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to send letter to State and also a letter to local N.Y.S.D.O.T. regarding light at Rte. 9-H and Fish and Game Road. Carried.

ZBA – Councilman Weigelt – Spoke with Chairman Brousseau and asked if there were problems and, if so, get them back to the Board.

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.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept Financial Report for October 2007, as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution for necessary transfers in 2007 Budget. Carried.

After short discussion regarding request by Board of Assessors' Chairman, Charles, Brewer, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for approval to hire consultant as needed, effective December 01, 2007. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to refer Comprehensive Plan to Columbia County Planning for review. They will have 30 days to respond.

The following meetings were set up:

Year-End Meeting	12/27/2007 – 7:00 p.m. at the Town Garage
Organizational Meeting	01/02/2008 – 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall
Regular Monthly Meeting	01/02/2008 – Directly following Organizational Meeting at the Town Hall.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to set Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan for Monday, January 14, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. at A.B. Shaw Firehouse, if available, or Churchtown Firehouse. This will be advertised in both the Register Star and the Independent and also on the website. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw fro Resolution in support of Taconic Hills School upgrade of its generator so school will be able to be used as an emergency shelter. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter read by Supervisor Keegan from John Keeler inviting member of Town Government to attend a special Historic Event to be held at the Dutch Reformed Church on Saturday, December 15th at 2;00 P.M. This will mark the 200th anniversary of the death of General Samuel B. Webb, a hero of the Revolutionary War. His Great-Great-Great Grandson, Samuel B. Webb, will be addressing the gathering. Ladies of the Hendrick Hudson NSDAR will be serving refreshments.

Thank you note received from the Senior Citizens Group for Town's support in assisting them in making day trips.

Thank you note received by Supervisor Keegan for speaking to the Senior Group at their November meeting.

No further correspondence.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to rescind bid for alarm system, because it exceeded the time limit, and go out for bid again. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for Highway Department to have D.O.T. physicals within 30 days of receipt of notice.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to meet with Richard Koskey of the Town's Accounting Firm regarding an internal audit.

General A Fund bills #548 - #596, totaling \$104,724.90, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills #144 - #152, totaling \$1332.05, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #355 - #382, totaling \$39,579.63, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, #74 - #78, totaling \$12,810.99, 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 Blaauw, meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____

