

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

December 08, 2008

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 opened at 7:15 p.m., immediately following the two Public Hearings on exemptions.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of November 10, 2008. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Howard Brandston – Questions on crosswalks in hamlet as brought up at last meeting. Also, speed limit from Bunker Bridge on the Greenport line on Rte. #23B and the bridge before the turn-off to Hollowville should be 30 mph. This has been submitted before, but will resubmit.

Supervisor Keegan read letter regarding crosswalks from Lance McMillen, containing the stipulations necessary.

Edward Konow, Jr. – Gave Board letter to which N.Y.S.D.O.T. did not respond. Had gotten reply to first letter sent, but very vague answers. He sent second letter, which contained his questions to their letter. Letters were from 2005 and were regarding the speed limit on Rte. #23. Wondered if petition would help. Safety is an issue for granting a speed reduction.

No further comments.

Supervisor Keegan read parts of an article written by Enid Futterman in the recent edition of "OurTown". Information is totally untrue in regards to the former Ockawamick School property. The Town has no plans at this time for the two acres from the County. It was taken for ten years as an option if the Town opted to use it for any Town project during that time and there is no cost to have this option for that time period.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont – Hot patching on Schoolhouse and Miller Road. Cold patching in all zones. Repairing washouts and cleaning ditches on Overshot Mills Road. Cleaning ditches on Carlson and Lockwood Roads. Installing culvert pipes and ditching on Miller Road II. Oil and stoned the end of Dunbar Road.

Worked three (3) small snow and ice storms.

Poured second half of Skateboard Park pad and graded around outside of pad.

Jim Nielsen asked when something was going to be done on Bate Road. Mr. LaMont stated Highway Department working its' way around and was aware of the problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen - Will send request for speed reduction as discussed earlier in meeting.

Cablevision – Councilman Van Deusen – Nothing to report except that rates have gone up three times in the last three months.

ZBA – Councilman Weigelt – Comprehensive Committee Revision Committee meeting this Thursday.

Park Commission – Councilman Johnston – Thanked Highway Department for helping with Skateboard Park. After first of the year, will begin working on putting together next phase.

No further reports.

Dog Control Officer's Report for November received and on file in Town Office for review. Mrs. Graziano passed away in November and her daughter has been filling in for her.

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

NEW BUSINESS

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to set Year-End Meeting for Monday, December 29, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Garage, 128 Schoolhouse Road, Hudson, New York, with the Organizational Meeting set for Monday, January 05, 2009, 7:00 p.m., and the Regular Monthly Meeting to immediately follow at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Carried.

Due to death of JoAnn Graziano, the Town Dog Control Officer, the Town has received three (3) letters of interest (Wes Powell, Michele Graziano, Wendy Shufelt) and one verbal interest, Reg Conklin). Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to table until December 29th Year-End Meeting and to put on website. Carried.

Fund transfer tabled until December 29th Year-End Meeting.

Letter from Collin Brousseau, asking Town to sponsor him in the Columbia County Sheriff's Department Explorer's Program. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to approve same. Carried.

Received Certificates of Attendance for Planning Board members who attended classes on Planning Board Overview, Subdivision Review, sponsored by Greene County Department of Planning and Economic Development and Columbia County Planning Department for Daniel Northrup, Virginia Ambrose and Nathan Chess.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve Local Law #2 of 2008. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve Local Law #3 of 2008. Carried.

Councilman Blaauw reported two proposals received for repairing roof at Town Hall:

Seal-Rite	\$6,300.00	Flashing, new drain pipes
AAA Roofing	\$8,400.00	10 Year Warranty

Councilman Blaauw recommended Seal-Rite. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to approve same. Carried

This evening the Village of Philmont Board of Trustees honored Louis Curcio, who is retiring after over 60 years of service as barber in the Village. Several Town Board members and the Town Clerk attended.

Before going into Executive Session, a moment of silence was observed in memory of JoAnn Graziano, Dog Control Officer for the Town for many years.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss litigation. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution for necessary transfers in the 2008 Budget. Carried.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$68,325.86, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$936.93, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DA Fund bills, totaling \$2,360.00, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB Fund bills, totaling \$127,252.66, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, totaling \$5,515.60, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date: 01/05/2009

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____

IN MEMORY OF

JOANN GRAZIANO

DOG CONTROL OFFICER FOR

THE TOWN FOR MANY YEARS

TOWN OF CLAVERACK**RESOLUTION No. - #37****December 08, 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 08th day of December, 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 transfers be made in the 2008 Budget:

To:

DB5110.4	Repairs C.E.	\$ 6,623.53
DB5112.2	Improvements	\$50,000.00
DB5130.2	Machinery	\$10,000.00
DB5130.4	Machinery C.E.	<u>\$ 6,623.53</u>
		<u>\$73,247.06</u>

From:

FEMA reserved funds	<u>\$73,247.06</u>
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To:

A5010.4	Highway Super. C.E.	<u>\$ 2,900.00</u>
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From:

FEMA reserved funds	<u>\$ 2,900.00</u>
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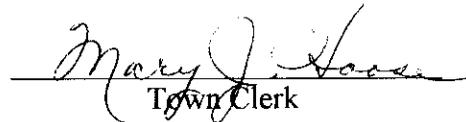
The following Town Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

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

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