

TOWN OF CLAVERACK**YEAR-END MEETING****December 27.2006**

The Year-End Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Garage, 128 Schoolhouse Road. 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:

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| James W. Keegan | Supervisor |
| James Van Deusen | Councilman |
| Clifford Weigelt | Councilman |
| Michael Johnston | Councilman |
| Louis LaMont | Highway Superintendent |
| Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. | Town Attorney |
| Mary J. Hoose | Town Clerk |

Absent:

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| William L. Blaauw | Councilman |
| Martha Pizza | Deputy Clerk |

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of Monday, December 11,2006. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Councilman Johnston - Best wishes to Supervisor Keegan as Chairman of County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Keegan - Welcomed **David Graziano** as new member of ZBA. Must attend four (4) hours of training each year.

No further comments.

Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont -Worked on ditching on Carlson, Palmer and Bate Roads. Blacktopped intersection of Palmer Road and spots on Humane Society Road. Put topsoil shoulders on Old Lane, Old Lane Extension, Rifenburg Lane and Maple Avenue. Grading dirt roads in all zones. Working on equipment.

Letter of Resignation from Board of Assessment Review (BAR) received from Gerald Oles. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept with regrets. Carried.

Correspondence received from Columbia Land Conservancy - Re: High Falls project - Pot luck meal on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at American Legion Post #252, Philmont.

Ted Preusser, a Town resident, sent Town Board a pamphlet he found from years ago.

Letter received from XP Society, thanking Town for support for their Camp Sundown.

After brief discussion, motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, to set Public Hearing on Senior Citizens and Limited Disabilities Exemptions and Veterans' Alternative Exemptions for Monday, February 12, 2007 -7:00 p.m. Carried.

Councilman Van Deusen thanked all for supporting LOSAP Program, which will begin in 2008. Program will be advantageous to volunteer firemen.

Discussion on a new post office. Start working once again to get this project moving.

Supervisor Keegan said it was a special honor to present a plaque to James Sherman Town Justice and Supervisor, holding each office for many years, first as Supervisor, then as Town Justice. Judge Sherman retired as Town Justice on January 1, 2005 and returned on January 01, 2006 to fill the vacancy left by Thomas Schindler, who retired as of that date. He will continue in this capacity until January 01, 2007, when Town Justice elect, Michael Brandon, will take over. Judge Sherman accepted the plaque, stating it has been a privilege to serve the Town for many years. The main difference in these jobs was when he was acting as judge, he wasn't talked back to by as many people. Court Clerk, Brenda Weigelt, said Judge Sherman made fair judgments and treated everyone individually.

Councilman Johnston commented it is time to sit down with Building Inspector and Town Attorney and look over junk laws and junk car law to try and find ways to improve on implementing these.

Councilman Johnston also informed the Board that a representative from Michigan is coming in January with information on skateboard parks.

Supervisor Keegan welcomed Michael Brandon, newly elected Town Judge.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Date:

Supervisor:

Councilman Van Deusen:

Councilman Weigelt:

Councilman Johnston:

Town Clerk: