

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 14, 2005

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 Deputy Supervisor, William L. Blaauw, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

William L. Blaauw	Deputy Supervisor/Councilman
Anne Twaddle	Councilwoman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Joseph Romano	Town Engineer
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Attorney
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
Mary I. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James Van Deusen ,	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle, to accept minutes of Organizational Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting, both held on January 05, 2005. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

"No comments"

Report of Highway Superintendent - Read by Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Blaauw in absence of Highway Superintendent LaMont -Worked 13 snow and ice storms in January and I in February. Commended men on doing a good job during storms and many long hours.

Cold patching in all zones. Removing dead trees on Old Lane, Roxbury Road, Prach Road, Prach Road Extension and Courts Lane.

Starting to replace road signs that are missing or faded.

Thanked Mellenville Fire Company for flooding ice skating rink at Town Park.

Requested permission to put out for bids for a used vacuum mounted truck sweeper. Motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve same. Councilman Weigelt checked into this and feels it fits into the needs of the Town, instead of renting every year .Carried.

End of report.

Attorney Fitzsimmons explained the request from the Nords, whose property borders the Highway Garage property. When their property was surveyed, they found that a part of the land believed to be theirs, including part of a pond, was actually a part of the Towns. They would like to resolve this. After researching, Attorney Fitzsimmons said a license would be an easier solution. It is very difficult to sell land that belongs to a municipality. With a license, the Nords would have a legal right to use the property. Upon transfer of the property, the license would end. Councilman Weigelt has not yet toured the property and would like the opportunity to do so, which the Nords agreed to. Consensus of Board was to wait on decision until all members were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission - Councilwoman Twaddle -Working on "wish list" for coming season. Also working on comprehensive plan for Park.

ZBA and Planning – Councilman Weigel- Had joint meeting. Told them that if there were things that they felt needed to be considered for change, they needed to let the Town Board know. Both ZBA and Planning Board will be going over regulations and will bring back ideas to be considered.

Website - Martha Pizza - Has been in contact with Robert Jones. May-be up and running by next meeting.

Water -Attorney Fitzsimmons explained how project is progressing. In terms of short-term funding, NY EFC seems to be the easiest way. An inter-fund borrowing resolution also needs to be approved. This resolution was read by Attorney Fitzsimmons. Motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve same. Carried.

No further reports.

Attorney Fitzsimmons brought before the Board another resolution needing approval. The Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. This is necessary to have in place when working with block grant monies, which the Town has done with Housing Resources. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle for approval. Carried.

Also, a resolution has to be passed, appointing William C. Fisher, Sr. to serve as the Fair Housing Officer for the County of Columbia. which includes the T own of Claverack for

the 2005 calendar year. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle for same. Carried.

Mr. Baumgold brought up placement of hay bales near library in Claverack. Questioned if that was where water line would be. Project Engineer, Matt Abatto, is checking into this, but may be for archeological study.

Financial Report for December 2004, prepared by Town Accountants, received. Motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve same. Carried.

Building Inspector's Report for January 2005 received and on file in Town Office for review.

Dog Control Officer's Report for January 2005 received and on file in Town Office for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two pieces of correspondence received :

1. Invitation to Greenway meeting.
2. Letter from Columbia County Fire Coordinator, commending firemen on excellent job at fire on January 17, 2005, in Churchtown Fire District.

Discussion on replacement windows and air conditioning for Town Hall. Motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, authorizing permission to go out for bids for same. Carried.

Bills #39 - #109, totaling \$42,929.28, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills (H), totaling \$67,585.50, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

Highway bills, #26 - #74, totaling \$57,807.92, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. in memory of Clinton Mossman, former Mayor of the Village of Philmont.

Date: _____

Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilwoman Twaddle: _____

Councilman. Weigelt: _____

Town Clerk: _____

IN MEMORY OF
CLINTON J. MOSSMAN, SR.
FORMER MAYOR OF THE
VILLAGE OF PHIMONT

William L. Blaauw

The following Town Board members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

"None"

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Town of Claverack.

DATED: **February 14, 2005**

**Town Clerk
Town of Claverack**

Resolution by: Clifford Weigelt _____ :

Seconded by: Anne Twaddle _____ :

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK
RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN**

The Town of Claverack will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low- and moderate-income {LMI} dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as LMI housing as a direct result of activities assisted with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

All replacement will be provided within three years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion. Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, the Town of Claverack will make public and submit to the Governor's Office for Small Cities the following information in writing:

- a). A description of the proposed activity;
- b). The general location on a map and approximate number of dwellings by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as LMI dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
- c). A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
- d). The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
- e). The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units; and
- f). The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain an LMI dwelling unit for of time from the date of initial occupancy

The Town of Claverack will provide relocation assistance according to either the Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (49 CFR. Part 24) or (24 CFR CFR 570.496a(c)) to each LMI family displaced by the demolition of housing or by the conversion of a LMI dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities.

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the CDBG Program, the Town of Claverack will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes:

1. Maintain current data on the occupancy of houses targeted for CDBG assistance.
2. Review all activities prior to implementation to determine the effect if any on occupied residential properties
3. Include consideration of alternate solutions when it appears an assisted project will cause displacement, if implemented.
4. Require private individuals and businesses to consider other alternatives to displacement causing activities, if they are requesting CDBG program assistance.

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

William L. Blaauw
Anne Twaddle
Clifford Weigelt

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

"None"

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Town Board.

Dated: February 14, 2005

Town Clerk

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Resolution No. - #34

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held on the 14th day of February, 2005, 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, Rte, #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Clifford Weigelt :

Seconded by: Anne Twaddle :

WHEREAS, the Town of Claverack plans to undertake Community Development Activities utilizing Federal funds from the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program, administered by the Governor' s Office of Small Cities, and

WHEREAS, recipients of Federal funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program are required, as a condition of receipt of funds, to take steps to affirmatively further Fair Housing in the community, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Claverack seeks to affirmatively further Fair Housing in accordance with Federal regulation through the identification of impediments to Fair Housing, acceptance and referral of Fair Housing complaints, and other appropriate activities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Claverack hereby established the position of **FAIR HOUSING OFFICER**, with the responsibility of accepting any Fair Housing complaints brought to the attention of the community, and referral of said complaint to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other sources, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that William C. Fisher, Sr. has been appointed to serve as the Fair Housing Officer for the County of Columbia, this includes the Town of Claverack for the 2005 calendar year.

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

William L. Blaauw
Anne Twaddle
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 Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Town Board.

Date: February 14, 2005

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