

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 11, 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 called to order by Deputy Supervisor William L. Blaauw, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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

Absent:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman

Noted by Deputy Supervisor Blaauw that the meeting time will be 7:00 p.m., beginning in March. The time had been changed by Resolution at the Organizational Meeting in January.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting, held on January 03, 2008. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston, to accept minutes of Organizational Meeting, held on January 03, 2008. Carried.

Meeting opened to the Public:

Howard Brandston - Agenda should be on website before meeting, then made available at meeting. Deputy Supervisor Blaauw will take care of this.

Charles Brassard - Spoke with Nan Stolzenburg regarding Comprehensive Plan. Next step is SEQR review. She said she will fill out all the forms and necessary resolution and send to Attorney Fitzsimmons.

Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont - Worked 11 snow and ice storms. Commended men on jobs well done. Cold patching in all zones - servicing equipment. Finished culvert project on Thielman Road Extension and opened the road on January 17th. Project took 20 days from start to finish.

Requested permission to bid on a 2008 6-wheel dump and plow truck with plow, wing and sander. Old truck will be turned in. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt authorizing same. Carried.

It was brought to Board's attention that a culvert by the former Gallow property on Catskill View Road has no protection at all. Needs to be looked at. Mr. LaMont will take care of this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission - Councilman Johnston - Need to advertise for a new Park Director for the summer program. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston authorizing same. Carried.

ZBA and Planning Boards - Councilman Weigelt - Has gotten no information back from either Board at this time.

No further reports.

Year-end Financial Report is being put together by accountants and is not yet available.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You received from the Claverack Senior citizens Group, thanking Town for support so that they are able to go on day trips.

Memorandum received from Columbia county Sheriff's Department with hourly rates for security for the Town Court.

Memorandum from Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro regarding New York State Department of Transportation CHIPS Program Budget Proposal. In Governor Spitzer's budget, Towns will actually receive a 4.32% reduction from last year's budget.

Information prepared by New York State Legislative Commission on Rural Resources on windmills for power.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for payment of \$75,000.00 on the Town Garage. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to transfer funds to balance all accounts. Carried.

Due to problems with edu's in Water District, engineers will be asked to come to next month's Board meeting.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Carried.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$494,989.57, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$2,780.54, were audited and order paid from their accounts.

Highway bills, totaling \$55,276.64, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Catskill View bills, totaling \$95.50, were audited and order paid from the account.

Columbia Park bills, totaling \$120.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Coons Storage bills, totaling \$700.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship at Millbrook bills, totaling \$1,388.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Birch builders bills, totaling \$915.00, 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 Johnston, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date: _____

Deputy Supervisor: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____