

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**February 09, 2009**

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-Councilman
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

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of Organizational Meeting, held on January 05, 2009.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting, held on January 05, 2009.

Meeting opened to public:

**Cathy Rector** – Had petitions favoring a dog park without leashes. Has researched this and handed out information to Board members – also showed pictures. In Egremont, people who use their park maintain it, with Park employees doing the mowing. Athens, in Greene County, also has an off-leash park. Had suggestions for areas to consider – also has spoken with dog trainers. Will hand in petitions at Town Office and continue to get names on petitions.

**Varrick Stringham** – Questioned who he should contact regarding edu's on property in Water District. Was told to start with Assessors' Office to review – then to Supervisor.

**Chris Post** – Zoning Revision Committee – Table of Uses almost complete. Meeting this coming Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Committee is moving along but will take time to complete. Councilman Weigelt feels process is going well.

Question arose as to anyone who has knowledge of zoning laws. Should probably have a consultant go over language changes. Some discussion on landlord property.

No further comments.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** – Twelve snow and ice storms. Hauling sand to replenish supply. Crew commended by Deputy Supervisor on recent storms, especially ice.

Cutting brush on Millbrook Road and Miller Road. Cold patching where necessary in all zones.

New truck is now in service and all other trucks being serviced.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ZBA – e-mail received from Engineer for the Town, Joe Romano – Information n Won Buddhism.

Park – Working to get things going in Skateboard Park when weather breaks.

No further reports.

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

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

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept Preliminary Financial Report for January 31, 2009. Carried.

Discussion on revisions in Employee Handbook regarding uniforms. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to adopt policy changes. Carried.

Discussion on Town wide Dog Census/Enumeration Program - Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to adopt plan and accept applications. Carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clough Harbour and Associates – Joe Romano – Won Buddhism review letter.
2. Cyndy Hall – Suggestions for consideration for Stimulus funding.
3. Marcus Molinaro – Re: Home Rule requests – Municipality would need a Home Rule Request for local legislation that affects the property, affairs and government of a specific local government. Unless the State Legislature has received a formal request to pass this type of legislation from the local government, the New York State Constitution prohibits the New York State Legislature from passing the legislation

No further correspondence.

**Morgan Bowers** – Regarding insurance for firefighters in Town. Was told that this has not been passed by State Legislature. At this point there are many “gray areas” that have to be figured out before it would even be considered.

Deputy Supervisor Blaauw said that bills were going to be presented, after which meeting would be closed in memory of Donald Johnston, father of Councilman Michael Johnston and son of the late Barson Johnston, a Superintendent of Highways for the Town many years ago. A moment of silence was observed.

General A bills, totaling \$104,407.47, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$619.36, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$61,826.89, were audited and ordered paid their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$6,272.36, 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 8:30 p.m. in memory of Donald Johnston.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Weigelt: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Johnston: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_