

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**January 04, 2007**

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, was held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor James W. Keegan.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James VanDeusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Attorney

Before the meeting began, Supervisor Keegan had the privilege of presenting a plaque to Howard Montague for his many years of service to the Town, most recently fifteen (15) years as an Assessor and many of those years as Chairman. He had also served as a member of the Planning Board. His Letter of Resignation was accepted with deep regrets at the Regular Monthly Meeting, held on Monday, December 11, 2006, with the effective date of his resignation being January 01, 2007.

The meeting continued with the following:

Resolution # 1 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Supervisor Keegan be authorized to pay utility bills, health insurance, payments to the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, full-share retirement for employees annually to the New York State Retirement System, and to the Industrial Commission for an annual boiler inspection.

Resolution # 2 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq., of Connor, Curran & Schram, serve as Town Attorney, to be paid by voucher.

Resolution # 3 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. be designated the Regular Monthly Meeting night.

Resolution # 4 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Highway Superintendent be authorized to purchase tools and implements not to exceed \$3,000.00 without authorization from the Town Board.

Resolution # 5 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Key Bank be designated as the Depository for Town funds for the Year 2007.

Resolution # 6 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** Any Town official wishing to attend the Association of Towns Meetings to be held during the year may do so with expenses paid by the Town.

Resolution # 7 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** the following appointments and reappointments be made:

Building Inspector..... Stanley Koloski

ZEO .....Dennis Callahan

Custodian..... Shannon Hoose

Budget Officer.....James Keegan

Court Laborers.....Brenda Weigelt  
.....Beverly Baillargeon

Park Superintendent... .....LouisLaMont

Personnel.....Martha Pizza

Highway Clerk.....John Hoose

Historian..... Theodore Filli

There was discussion on some of the appointments and duties involved. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston that the Historian give a report in March and December of each year, and the Building Inspector and ZEO supply Quarterly Reports to the Board. Carried.

Resolution # 8 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston: .

**RESOLVED THAT** the Register Star be designated as the official newspaper for all Town publications for the Year 2007.

Resolution # 9 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** all Town officials be allowed \$.485 per mile for use of their personal vehicles while on official Town business.

Resolution #10 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** meal allowance be set at \$8.00 for the Highway Department, at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Resolution #11 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town pay New York State Association of Highways and Columbia County Highway Superintendent's dues for the Year 2007.

Resolution #12 - Proposed by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town pay the New York the New York State Association of Towns dues for the Year 2007.

Resolution #13 - Proposed by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town pay the New York Planning Federation dues for the Year 2007.

Resolution #14 - Proposed by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town pay the Columbia County and New York State Assessors Association dues for the Year 2007.

Resolution #15 - Proposed by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston: .

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town pay the New York State and Columbia County Magistrates and Court Clerks Association dues and also authorizes both judges and clerks to attend the New York State Magistrates Association Meeting.

Resolution #16 - Proposed by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town pay the Town Clerk's Association dues and authorizes the Town Clerk and/or Deputy Clerk to attend the annual Town Clerks' Association Conference.

Resolution #17 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Clough Harbour & Associates of Albany be appointed Town Engineering firm, as needed, at the discretion of the Board.

There was discussion on this resolution before it was carried. Gretchen Stearns suggested that there be input from both Zoning and Planning Boards.

Resolution #18 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** all Councilmen be appointed to all committees, with the following serving as Chairmen:

James Van Deusen..... Traffic Safety and Cable

Clifford Weigelt.....Planning, Zoning and Insurance

James Keegan.....Finance and Audit

William Blaauw.....Highway, Town Garage, Buildings

Michael Johnston.....Youth, Water and Park

Resolution # 19 - Proposed by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Pattison, Koskey & Rath be appointed Town accounting firm, with Supervisor Keegan authorized to execute any necessary contract.

Resolution #20 - Proposed by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen:

**RESOLVED THAT** Frank Clegg be appointed Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the calendar Year 2007.

Resolution #21 - Proposed by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen:

**RESOLVED THAT** Albert (Jay) Brousseau be reappointed Chairman of the Planning Board for the calendar Year 2007.

Resolution #22 - Proposed by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen:

**RESOLVED THAT** Caren Mahar be appointed to the Planning Board. This term would be from January 01, 2007 - December 31, 2008, filling the unexpired term of Martha Pizza, who resigned.

Resolution #23 - Proposed by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen:

**RESOLVED THAT** Frank Clegg be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This term would be from January 01, 2007 - December 31, 2013.

Resolution #24 - Proposed by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen:

**RESOLVED THAT** Columbia/Greene Human Society be designated to house stray dogs picked up by the Dog Control Officer, for the contract price offered, with Supervisor Keegan authorized to execute necessary contract.

Resolution #25 - Proposed by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen:

**RESOLVED THAT** JoAnn Graziano be designated Dog Control Officer for the Year 2007.

Resolution #26 - Proposed by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Charles Brewer be reappointed as Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

Resolution #27 - Proposed by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Anthony Barry be reappointed Deputy Superintendent of Highways on recommendation of Superintendent of Highways Louis LaMont.

Resolution #28 - Proposed by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** William Blaauw be reappointed Deputy Supervisor of Administration on recommendation of Supervisor Keegan.

Resolution #29 - Proposed by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Michael Johnston be reappointed Deputy Supervisor of Finance on recommendation of Supervisor Keegan .

Resolution #30 - Proposed by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** Neil Howard be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review.

Resolution #31 - Proposed by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt:

**RESOLVED THAT** David Graziano be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, filling the unexpired term of Michael Brandon, who resigned to become Town Justice. This term will be from January 01, 2007 - December 31, 2008.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, Organizational Meeting closed.

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

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

Councilman Van Deusen: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Blaauw: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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