

**TOWN OF CLA VERACK**  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 03, 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, following the 2008 Organizational Meeting. Meeting called to order by Supervisor James W. Keegan.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
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Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept minutes of Year-End Meeting, held on December 27, 2007. Carried

Meeting opened to public:

**Stanford Card** - Resident living in home located within new Town of Claverack Water District #1 - Questioned how edu's were determined - There are more edu's on his vacant land than on his home. Also gave examples of many other inequities that he found. Why are agricultural lands and vacant lands figured differently? Asked that Board consider a revised schedule, which was initially done by the engineers.

**Howard Brandston** - Spoke regarding people adding lights to buildings. With certain lighting, it is difficult for your eyes to adapt to night lights - some are too bright problem should be put under control.

Mr. Brandston stated lighting was not addressed in new Comprehensive Plan - residential and commercial lighting should be included. Was told that this will be addressed during zoning changes that will have to be changed in the future.

Mr. Brandston commended the extraordinary work of the Comprehensive Plan Committee over the past two years. He is working on something to supplement the Comprehensive Plan in regards to architectural character of the Town and guidelines to fit within the master plan.

**Chris Post** - Appreciates the comments to the Comprehensive Committee. Will ask Nan Stolzenburg to attend the Public Hearing on January 14.

**Report of Highway Superintendent** - In absence of Mr. LaMont, Councilman Johnston reported that physicals for the Highway Department have been set up. What will be done if there are refusals for the physicals will have to be discussed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park Commission** - Councilman Johnston - Joe Raco will not be returning as Director of the Summer Youth Program. His resignation has been received - he feels it is time to move on after many years as part of the program. Contacts have been made to Jessica Nabozny and the Town of Copake for a job description - then will advertise for applications. It was also brought up that the winter ski program is no longer as popular as in the past. More drive or are taken by family or friends. There used to be two or three full buses - now there is one and it is not full.

**ZBA and Planning Boards** - Councilman Weigelt - Spoke with Chairmen of both Boards - have not gotten back to him. Will send notice to both Boards regarding the upcoming Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan.

No further reports.

Dog Control Officer's Report for December 2007 received and on file in Town Office for review.

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

Supervisor Keegan reported he attended a meeting between the Columbia County Health Department and Randy Staats, representative for the homeowners in the Dutch Village Mobile Home Park on State Route #66, to discuss problems in the Park as discussed in previous meeting. Also, supposed to get information from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in regards to the ongoing sewage problems.

Engineer working on this and letter to owner also. Tests taken on water were also given.

Financial Report for November 2007 not yet completed by accounting firm.

Discussion on contract received for website - \$547.50 quarterly. Comment by audience member that it should be a little more user friendly. For the present, we will renew for 90 days.

### CORRESPONDENCE

New York State Department of Transportation - Will be resurfacing parts of Rtes. #82 and #217.

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation - regarding tariff - Also will be replacing all lighting on poles in next couple of years. Mr. Brandston said high pressure sodium lights affect peripheral vision and should not be used as replacements.

No further correspondence.

Discussion on dog enumeration ( census) - Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to contact Dog Control Officer and have the census done an area at a time. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go out of Executive Session at 9: 15 p.m. Carried.

General Fund A bills, totaling \$8,520.84, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General Fund B bills, totaling \$1,526.91 were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills, totaling \$25,936.56, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, totaling \$865.23, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Catskill View bills, totaling \$303.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship a Millbrook Road bills, totaling \$2,054.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Coons Storage bills, totaling \$959.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman VanDeusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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