

## TOWN OF CLAVERACK

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 11.2005

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 7:50 p.m. by Supervisor James W. Keegan, following Informational Meeting on Post Office.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept minutes of meeting of June 13, 2005. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Richard Cross** - Read statement on behalf of Neighbors for Claverack - Disappointed Board did not enact moratorium on major subdivisions "at this time". Presented additional informational and opposing view. Even though population has not increased, Town now has more homes for same number of people. Other towns in area have put moratoriums into effect before problems arise.

Currently 1322 acres of land for sale in Town. Purpose is not for farms, but construction. Feels fairness is only to developers. Wonders whether strict Town codes will hold up in future.

Totally in favor of senior housing, but feels Town does not provide special needs such as hospitals, health services, public transportation, drug stores, and sidewalks.

Expects to continue dialogue with Board and Comprehensive Committee.

**Councilman Van Deusen** - Feels Town has excellent ZBA and Planning Board. Doesn't understand why a larger subdivision in one area is okay and a much smaller subdivision in another area is not. Still does not feel a moratorium is necessary .

**Councilman Weigelt** - How do you keep farms in business? They struggle to survive. Most of the time, the only choice they have is to sell.

**James DeCrosta** - Son of Franklin and Julia June - Live on Apple Lane. Severe problems with assessors. Feels there was an error and will not correct their assessment. Presented information to Jeff Gloat. In dispute is a breezeway, which Mr. DeCrosta feels should not be counted as part of square footage. Feels it should be 972 sq. ft. instead of 1132 sq. ft.

**Peggy Lampman** - Has proof of many errors in assessing.

**Ian Nitschke** -Very serious problems with fairness of assessments.

No further comments.

**Chris Post** - Comprehensive Plan Committee Chairman - Gave scope of what plan may include and estimated cost. Will be applying for grants. Estimated cost may approach \$50,000.00. Requested ZBA and Planning Board members be included on Committee.

Potential areas and subjects to be reviewed may include:

Housing  
Community services and facilities, such as sewer, water and post office  
Roads, traffic and transportation  
Economic Development  
Natural resources and environment  
Recreation, historic resources and tourism  
Community appearance and scenic protection  
Land use

Secretary for committee not necessary until after facilitator hired. Facilitator should be chosen before next Town Board Meeting.

**Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont** - Extended Mountain View Road by 100' to make a turnaround - ready to do drainage. Grading dirt roads in Zones 3 and 4. Mowing roadsides and starting on second trip around.

Installed new flag pole and electrical connection in Park at 9-H and #23. Installed new electrical panel in old garage to accommodate new air conditioning units in Town Hall.

Marty Schumann has been keeping both parks looking good.

**Councilman Van Deusen** - Appreciates work Councilman Blaauw did in getting air conditioning installed at Town Hall building.

A resident who was not present at beginning of meeting requested to speak. She hopes there will be Town participation in designing sign for new Post Office.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park Commission** - So far, 140 children registered for Summer Youth Program with more coming each day. Ghent Band giving free concert on Friday, July 29th, 7:00 p.m. at Town Park. Refreshments will be available.

**Traffic Safety** - Councilman Van Deusen -Meeting coming up soon.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution to request speed reduction from 55 mph to 30 mph in Orchard Estates. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution requesting speed reduction on Stickle Road, between Schoolhouse Road and County Rte. #12. Carried.

No further Committee Reports

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

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

Necessary adjustments to 2005 Budget presented in absence of Budget Officer Twaddle. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution authorizing same. Carried

Notification from MVP, insurance carrier for Town employees, of upcoming rate increase.

One proposal received to replace flooring in Town Office Building:

Clyde Krein & Son  
P.O.Box #45  
Philmont, New York 12565

VCT and Labor	\$ 709.50
Rip Up and Plywood	755.75
Cove Base and Rubber Reducer	<u>192.00</u>
	\$1,657.25
Tax	<u>132.58</u>
Total	<u>\$1,789.83</u>

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept proposal, minus tax. Carried.

Request received from Kipp Construction for relief from part of building permit fee. Letter also received from Building Inspector, Stanley Koloski, stating majority of space (7,500 sq. ft.) will be unfinished storage and 2,500 sq. ft. will be office space. In the past, Town has charged 1/3 of normal fee plus Certificate of Occupancy fee. In this case, total fee will amount to \$525.00. Standard fee would be \$1,500.00. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to grant waiver of usual fee. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to appoint Michael Brandon to Comprehensive Plan Committee. Carried.

Councilman Weigelt said he has spoken with Charles Casale, manager for water district construction. He will speak to anyone who has questions about project.

Bills #355 - #423, totaling \$50,359.92, including Capital Fund (\$11,424.96) and Water Project (\$9,115.00), were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #213 -#233, totaling \$17,313.21, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Resolution No. - # 40**

**July 11, 2005**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Resolution by: James Van Deusen :**

**Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt :**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board that the following request be taken into consideration:

The speed limit in Orchard Estates be reduced from 55 mph to a speed more reasonable for the amount of traffic using this road.

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

James W. Keegan  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw  
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 Supervisor.

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**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Resolution No. - #41**

**July 11, 2005**

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**Resolution by: William L. Blaauw :**  
**Seconded by: James Van Deusen :**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board that the following request be taken into consideration:

The speed limit on Stickles Road be reduced from 55 mph to a speed more reasonable for the type and amount of traffic using this road.

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

James W. Keegan  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw  
Clifford Weigelt

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

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

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**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Resolution No. - #42**

**July 11, 2005**

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**Resolution by:** William L. Blaauw :

**Seconded by:** James Van Deusen :

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board that the following adjustments be made to the 2005 Budget:

**General Fund A Account**

**Transfer From:**

A1990.4 - Contingent Fund	\$8,000.00
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**Transfer To:**

A8989.4 - Community Services - Web site	\$4,000.00
A1910.4 - Unallocated Insurance	\$4,000.00
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	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

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

James W. Keegan  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw  
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 Board.

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