

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**July 09, 2007**

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 Supervisor James W. Keegan, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting of June 11, 2007.

Meeting opened to public:

**Gary Steenburn** – Shasta Drive - Presented facts on the COARC home to be built in development as discussed in previous meetings. Discussed Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Have to comply with DEC, who also will issue permit. Mr. Steenburn stated the road is Town owned property, so Town is responsible. Need to meet with DEC. Attorney Fitzsimmons will ask Joe Romano, Town Engineer, to comment.

**Jay Swab** – off Old Lane – Drainage problem – 2 feet of asphalt after water lines installed. Worried about shrubs – Councilman Blaauw will speak with Highway Superintendent Blaauw tomorrow. Army corp. of engineers have been there. Mr. Swab wants storm drains installed.

**Mary Ann Slovak** – re: Moosehead Tavern– Lived in present location for 6 years. Feels Moosehead has gone from tavern to nightclub. Have added patio and have bands. Mrs.

Slovak feels there has been failure to respond. Mr. Keegan went there and saw no problems. Hard to address noise when there is no noise ordinance in Town. Mrs. Slovak was advised to go to Code Enforcement Officer – if not satisfied, to go to ZBA for interpretation.

**Howard Brandston** – Would like someone from the Town Board to attend ZBA and Planning Board meetings.

Supervisor Keegan introduced **Daniel Lamb**, Attorney and **Chris Chairo**, Engineer, representing **MORNINGSTAR**. Plans revised with significantly reduced plan. This is a community for Senior citizens – decrease in units – less impact - some reserved areas – some townhouses instead of single family homes. Property is under contract for purchase. No determination as to whether it is to be gated. Central water and sewer systems. Will have to have water tower. Will be built in phases – 166 buildings on 100 acres. Information will be put together and sent to Attorney Fitzsimmons.

**Report of Highway Superintendent** – In absence of Highway Superintendent LaMont, report given by Councilman Blaauw. Mowing roadsides in all zones – Cold patching roads in all zones – Ditching and grading, due to flooding, on Old Barrington, Palmer Theilman, Manor Rock, Preusser and Dunbar roads. Maintenance work in Town Park, getting ready for Summer Youth Program. Removing dead trees/branches on roads and replacing some road signs.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park Commission** – Councilman Johnston – 154 participants as of today. One counselor did not show or call – one new counselor will be contacted.

**Cablevision** – Councilman Van Deusen – Received check.

No further Committee Reports.

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

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept Financial Report for May 2007 as prepared by Town Accountants. Still one month behind – will check with accountant.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee Report** – Draft is on website. Public Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 09, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Claverack Firehouse. Will be cancelled and new date set, possibly for Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, due to conflicts in-

volving Town Board. Consensus of Board is they should also be meeting again before Public Hearing is set.

After explanation, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to compensate Highway Superintendent LaMont for additional work over the last six (6) months, deemed as overtime work. Carried.

Mandatory NIMS (National Incident Management System) training will be held this Wednesday at the Town Hall.

Councilman Blaauw reported that he will be putting together the specifications for an alarm system for the Town buildings. These specifications will then be advertised for bids.

Bid opening for the 2007 All-wheel drive articulating compact tractor with front attachments will be opened on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

General Fund A bills #304 - #345, totaling \$31,793.21, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General Fund B bills #102 - #105, totaling \$1,565.96, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #159 - #183, totaling \$33,674.68, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District #1 bills #35 - #40, totaling \$2,665.87, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills totaling \$45.00, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Resolution No. - #35**

**July 09, 2007**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

**Resolution by: Michael Johnston :**

**Seconded by: James Van Deusen :**

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent, Louis LaMont, has presented to the Town Board a listing of hours, tasks and projects over the last six (6) months, inclusive of the formation and monitoring of the Claverack Water District #1, as well as all duties as and for the position of Highway Superintendent that he has performed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board recognizes the Highway Superintendent has performed all duties of the Town of Claverack constituting additional work that is deemed by the Town Board as overtime work, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to compensate the Highway Superintendent for his additional work during this time period as overtime, as documented by the Highway Superintendent and approved herein by the Town Board, and

**WHEREAS**, as and for a future practice, the Highway Superintendent shall confirm any and all overtime requests with the Town Board, prior to accumulating or requesting any overtime pay,

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon motion of Councilman Michael Johnston and seconded by Councilman James Van Deusen, the overtime request of the Highway Superintendent is herein approved.

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

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

Michael Johnston

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 Clerk