

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

**July 13, 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 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
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept minutes of previous meeting of June 08, 2009. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Howard Brandston** – Informed Board he was doing a digital recording- Spoke of attending a Columbia County Board of Supervisors' Meeting Read part of a resolution from the County Board that he said was very interesting and thought it to be very responsible. Felt two days later not the case. Why wasn't Dormitory Authority used? Also felt public left out and should be more clarity. Didn't get answer to letter to Mr. Baer, Chairman of Board of Supervisors regarding Board of Ethics Review of Conduct.

**Cyndy Hall** – Letter sent to Hudson City School Board of Education Never received an answer.

Was glad that Board okayed Grant Writers. What was outcome of meeting?

**Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont** – Still cleaning up debris from the December ice storm.

There is one crew working Snyderstown Road area. Completed Bate Road Extension and Sweeney Road – heading toward Manor Rock Road.

The second crew is working with a tree service removing broken and hanging limbs from trees along the roadways. Completed Hamlet area and moved to Mellenville area.

Mowing roadsides in all zones.

Town Park and Park in hamlet being kept mowed and trimmed by Marty Schumann and Mario Costa.

Bid for grinding of wood debris from ice storm opened on Friday, July 10, 2009. Bids received were:

Meltz Lumber and Logging, Inc.  
483 Route #217  
Hudson, New York 12534

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Bid - \$42,500.00

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Almstead Nursery & Mulch  
905 Route #66  
Claverack, New York 12513

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Bid - \$45,924.40

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve bid received from Meltz Lumber and Logging, Inc. Carried.

Sign on Millbrook Road replaced today. Also some on Stonemill Road reported and will look into this.

End of Highway Report

Dog Control Officer's Report for June 2009 received and on file in Town Office for review.

Building Inspector's Report for June 2009 not received.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Traffic Safety** – Supervisor Keegan read letter from New York State D. O. T. regarding "NO PASSING ZONE" requests on New York State Route #66 between the Town of Greenport/Claverack line and Fish and Game Road, by Dutch Village Mobile Home Park, and also New York State Route #23, between the intersection of State Route #9-H and the old Barnard Florist. These requests were not accepted. Their correspondence stated their analysis of the data and related factors indicate that the existing passing zones are appropriate for the sections.

Correspondence also received regarding Orchard Grove Estates speed limit. This 30 mph speed limit was granted.

After short discussion on complaint received and discussed some time ago, and on request of Supervisor Keegan, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to send request for 30 mph speed limit on Shasta Drive. Carried.

**ZBA Committee Report – Councilman Weigelt** – Had meeting on New Comprehensive Plan – Much discussion on design – Attorney Fitzsimmons and Building Inspector Stanley Koloski will look at it. May need consultant for guidance since the result will have to be clear and in laymen's terms. Suggested by Councilman Johnston that Councilman Van Deusen check into what the price would be for a consultant.

**Park Commission** – Summer Youth Program up and running. Number of participants up from last year. All is going well so far.

**Grant Resource Committee Report** – Had meeting with Grant Writers group. Given three weeks to do survey. Worked hard on firehouse grant and is completed. Town is looking to see what they have done in the past and what they can do for us. This is not just for stimulus funds. Need advocacy to help.

No further Committee Reports.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept Preliminary Financial Report for June 2009. Carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Habitat for Humanity requesting waiver of zoning fees and correspondence from Building Inspector, Stanley Koloski requesting same – Habitat for Humanity is a 501C3. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to grant waiver. Carried.

Correspondence from Department of Human Services – Dr. O’Leary – Supervisor Keegan read letter – September 26, 2009 is Annual Out of Darkness Walk. Would come to Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Keegan will ask him to come to August meeting.

Correspondence received from Columbia County Volunteer Firefighter Association regarding parade on July 25<sup>th</sup>, with map of 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Parade in Hamlet of Claverack.

No further correspondence.

Reminder that there is a meeting with the Committee on the Claverack School on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Reported that the Town Court wants to apply a for 2009 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve resolution supporting this. Approved.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for permission to replace or repair roof on Town Hall. Carried.

Catskill View Road Sub-division – Financial Security Agreement -- Agreed to by Planning Board and Clough Harbour & Associates. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to give Supervisor Keegan permission to sign agreement. Carried. Rec. fees have already been paid.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. Carried.

General A bills, totaling \$24,181.15, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$2,468.08, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Escrow bills, totaling \$3,850.47, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

DB Highway bills, totaling \$34,143.53, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water A SW bills, totaling \$75,712.05 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 9:15 p.m.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**TOWN OF CLAVERACK****Resolution No. - #41****TOWN COURT GRANT****July 13, 2009**

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:** Clifford Weigelt :

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that:

The Town Court of the Town of Claverack be authorized to complete and file a New York State Justice Court Assistance Program Grant Application.

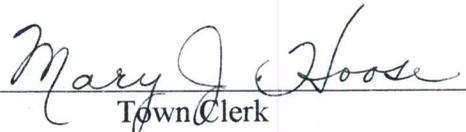
The following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

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.

  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Resolution No. - #42**

**SHASTA DRIVE SPEED LIMIT**

**July 13, 2009**

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: James Van Deusen ;**

**Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt ;**

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

The speed limit on Shasta Drive, a development off Columbia County Rte. #18, Fish and Game Road, be reduced to 30 mph. Residents are concerned about the safety in the area due to the present speed limit and the increased vehicle traffic, both passenger and commercial.

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.

Mary J. Hoose  
Town Clerk