

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 13,2005

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 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
Joseph Romano	Town Engineer
Robert Fitzsimmons, E~q.	Town Attorney
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
Mary I. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Anne Twaddle	Councilwoman
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting of May 09, 2005 and Special Meeting of May 27,2005. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Charles Brassard - Member of Comprehensive Plan - Have had three meetings. Are in need of a secretary. Next meeting is June 30, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman, Chris Post, unable to attend this meeting due to illness. Committee needs to hire consultant - have 6 or 7 possible prospects. Hope to get responses by meeting date. Will be working on putting together some sort of budget. Right now, need "seed" money to get started. Caroline Merritt will not be able to participate as a member.

No further comments.

Report of Highway Superintendent -In absence of Highway Superintendent LaMont, report made by Councilman Blaauw - Working on Mountainview Road getting ready for drainage project. Replaced five windows and remodeled kitchen in Town Hall. Mowing

roadsides in Zones I, II and III. Keeping parks mowed and trimmed. Replaced a 30" culvert pipe on Miller Road that had rotted out, with a 30" plastic pipe. Ditching on Harder Road and cold patching in all zones. Graded dirt roads in Zone I.

Mr .LaMont thanked the Claverack Garden Club for the great job they did in planting flowers in the Park at Routes #9-H and #23 and in the Claverack Town Park. He also thanked the residents of Claverack and the Garden Club for picking out the crabapple trees and helped choose the places to plant them in the Park. Thanks, too, to Meltz Lumber for donating the mulch used in the Parks.

Councilman Blaauw presented three (3) proposals for central air conditioning for the Town Hall:

1. Suburban Energy Products
2. Gennari Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
3. Long Heating and Cooling

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept proposal of Suburban Energy Products. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Safety -Councilman Van Deusen - New Chairman being chosen to replace Reginald Osterhoudt. No further discussion by Committee on Fish & Game Road or County Rte. #9. On County roads, unless weight limit is set or bridge weight limit posted, nothing can be done stop trucks from using a road.

No further committee reports.

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

Building Inspector's Report for May received and on file in Town Office for review .It was noted permits for seven (7) new homes were listed from January 01, 2005 to the end of May 2005.

Supervisor Keegan spoke on fences necessary for swimming pools. Building Department instructed to check on fencing and notify owners. Wanted public to know Department is not "picking on anyone,"

Water District -Work should be starting soon and work will continue as long as weather permits.

Letter received from Hudson City School District. First budget voted down. Revote to take place on Tuesday, June 21st. Requested use of voting machines. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, authorizing same. Carried.

Bulletin received from Department of State for a teleconference on Open Space and Farmland Conservation on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at the Cooperative Extension Building, Route #66, Hudson, New York. Registration is at 6:15 p.m. with broadcasting from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Moratorium- Consensus of Board was not to implement a moratorium at this time.

Councilman Van Deusen -Town has excellent Planning and Zoning Boards and excellent chairmen and members of these boards. Those in favor of moratorium seem to be against a subdivision in one area, but not in another.

Councilman Blaauw - Agrees with Councilman Van Deusen. Town has excellent zoning laws, road specifications, subdivision regulations and driveway specifications in effect.

Councilman Weigelt - Does not see a problem at this point in time. Would like to see an adult community of some sort in the future.

Supervisor Keegan - Thanked Neighbors of Claverack - Only seven (7) new homes started or applied for through May of this year and only twenty-five built in 2004. Claverack is still rural - no major subdivisions in Claverack in last ten years. There are two before the Planning Board at this time, the probable impetus for moratorium proposal. Last U.S. census indicated population of Claverack had only grown by one person. Comprehensive Plan now being worked on will fashion a vision for the community and should be given a chance. Town will encourage sustainable development, guided by policies and practices that integrate economic goals with the objectives of community well-being and environmental protection. Town should promote new development patterns that will take advantage of resources and opportunities without compromising the needs of future generations. Planning and Zoning Boards will monitor the situation and inform Town Board, if necessary .

Bills #184- #112, totaling \$51,905.58 (General \$45,146.46, Water \$6759.12), were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #184- #212, totaling \$25,780.06, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to go into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss litigation. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to go out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. Carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by

Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Carried.

Date:- _____

Supervisor:- _____

Councilman Van Deusen:- _____

Councilman Blaauw:- _____

Councilman Weigelt:- _____

Town Clerk:- _____