

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**June 11, 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.

Present:

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

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
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Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting of May 14, 2007 after correction. On page 119, paragraph 4 should be Key Bank. Bank was misspelled.

Meeting opened to public:

**Jim Nielsen**- Would like the part of Thielman Road which has been closed to be reopened. Last repair on the road was in 1981. This was reported in recent FEMA report. Bate Road also a disaster. FEMA was also through this road.

Town has considerable damage from recent storm and FEMA representatives have been through Town and made aware of the problems. Highway Department gave report to them on damages.

**Marie D'Amico** – Concerned as vehicles come off Route #23 and through Hollowville. Questions weight limit. It is a County road, but is being used by large trucks because part of road is closed.

**Howard Brandston** – Requested one or two Board members attend next ZBA meeting and see what is going on with some of the decisions that will have to be made by them.

**Report of Highway Superintendent** – In absence of Highway Superintendent LaMont, Councilman Blaauw requested permission to go out for bid for new mower for Town Park. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for same. Carried.

**Joe Romano – Town Engineer** – Reported on Shasta Drive and proposed COARC residence. Commented on letter sent May 8<sup>th</sup> and read to Board. Level of disturbance is different – one acre instead of five.

**Gary Steenburn** questioned who is responsible with increased water level if Town approves? **Mr. Romano** – West side will see less water with this system.

**Attorney Fitzsimmons** stated no permit approval can be made by Board. COARC is responsible for all work associated with initial drainage.

**Councilman Weigelt** – How do you increase water flow? If anything affected, all runs down to swamp and to pond – not an open ditch.

Board of Health approved single family system, largest one approved by them.

Septic and storm water two separate issues.

**Gary Steenburn** - Has or will a bond be posted? Yes, for a project this size, it will be necessary.

**Attorney Whitbeck**, representing COARC stated they are ready to apply for Building Permit.

**Mr. Romano** also reported on Catskill View Road sub-division – 3 culverts – Photos of area and map shown to Board. Felt Town should be aware of culverts as it is a Town road.

FEMA representatives gave compliments to Highway Department for reports submitted on storm damage.

**Howard Brandston** – Catskill View Road – Considerable widening of road near proposed development. Large vehicles unable to get in. Should have outside engineer, other than one developer chooses and paid for by developer.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park Commission – Councilman Johnston** – Sign-ups were on Saturday. Many from out-of-Town signed up. Library sponsoring chicken barbecue on June 16<sup>th</sup> and a Dessert Buffet and the Blue Ribbon Boys Band on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Suggestion for a pay phone at the Park – may be no charge and would be able to call 911 at any time.

**Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen** – Big issue is that to lower speed limit now, Town has to pay cost associated with studies, etc. No one at meeting would answer as to whether this is the only district that has to pay.

**Cablevision – Councilman Van Deusen** – No payment received as yet. Supervisor will call.

No further Committee Reports.

Building Inspectors' Report for May received and on file in Town Office for review.

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

**Comprehensive Plan Committee Report** – Met with Boards last week. Questionnaire return was about 20% with 80% of those being full-time residents. Questionnaire should not be totally dismissed.

Next step – Get rid of repetition. Work and go forward with comments on strategies. Zoning corrections need to be made. Within next month, should have draft ready for public meetings. Supervisor Keegan received vision statement and goals today.

No further comments.

Short Form SEQR for Local Law #4 of 2007, as described at Public Hearing prior to Board Meeting, was read by Attorney Fitzsimmons. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for negative declaration. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept Local Law #4 of 2007. Carried.

### **Correspondence**

E-mail received from Matt Perry suggesting ice cream and/or soda machine in Town Park. The main concern brought up was vandalism. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt not to accept at this time. Carried.

Received information that David Graziano ,Norma Barnard and Dan Northrop attended seminars, which are now mandatory, for Zoning and Planning Board members.

Correspondence received from Assemblyman Marcus Molinari praising hard work and leadership during recent storms.

Correspondence from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal.

Letter from Pat Favereau, President of the New York State Town Clerks' Association, about RMC (Registered Municipal Clerk) designation awarded to Town Clerk, Mary Hoose.

No further correspondence.

Councilman Johnston spoke regarding the Town's computers. Will be doing a study on the system. Would like to put replacement on a 5-year plan, with recheck on system every six months.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go out of Executive Session at 9:30. carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution making salary adjustments of \$2,000.00 per year for two Assistant Water Supervisors, to be paid out of Water District #1 budget. Carried.

A Fund bills #260 - #303, totaling \$27,799.65, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

B Fund bills #88 - #101, totaling \$4,431.94, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #141 - #158, totaling \$47,482.54, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District bills #27 - #34, totaling \$27,476.26, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills, totaling \$1,957.65, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

Catskill View Sub-division bills, totaling \$93.00, were audited and 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 9:55 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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