

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 09, 2008

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 of Claverack
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of May 12, 2008. Carried.

Meeting opened to the public:

Howard Brandston – Reported on vision statement –He has been working on grants that are available – also there are member items available. Supervisor Keegan has given information to someone regarding the two bridges. Mr. Brandston said it is time to start planning for next year. There will be a meeting with a power point presentation regarding the vision statement with Mr. Koskey present. Would like it to be at the A. B. Shaw Firehouse the end of July, if possible. This statement is not a design, but a notion.

Katie Cashen – Environmental Management Council – Went to first meeting. Was just a presentation due to no quorum. Working on a recommendation to Columbia County Board of Supervisors for air pollution monitoring in this area.

Nathan Chess – Why was there an Executive Session in the middle of the meeting last month? It was explained that last meeting we had to wait for members from Columbia County to present information on acquisition of the former Ockawamick School.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont – Mowing roadsides in all zones. Finished drag boxing on Tishauser Road, Palmer Road, Palmer Road Extension Manor Rock Road, Decker Road in preparing for chip sealing. Paved Mellenville Square, Coons Road and Town Hall/Town Court Parking lot with Colarusso Blacktop Co. Worked on some of the roads in the Mellenville Union Cemetery. Highway employee , Marty Schumann keeping Town Parks in good shape. Cold patching in all Zones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission – One bid received for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program –

Donald R. Kline, Inc.
667 Route #31
Hudson, New York 12534

Bid - \$3.00 per mile and \$25.00 per hour
waiting time

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept bid as written. Carried.

Joe Romano is putting together a bid package for the skateboard park.

Traffic Safety – Letter from Traffic Safety Board stating Towns still responsible for doing study for speed reductions.

ZBA – Charles Brassard – Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting will be on Thursday. Winfield Hotaling, Michael Layman and Nathan Chess were brought up as names to add to committee. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept same. Mr. Brassard said the Committee will try and meet two Thursdays per month.

No further Committee Reports.

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

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

Short discussion on Summer Youth Program – Information given by new Director on Counselors and salaries. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept recommendations. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to grant permission to Hudson City School District to use voting machines in A.B. Shaw Firehouse for second school vote. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Common Ground - Mediation program to settle disputes.

Letter from Columbia County Soil and Water – Have some grants for \$10,000.00 - Asking whether we have a worthy program needing funding.

Letter from Richard Chiarito – Motorists not stopping at STOP signs on Old Lane and Maple Avenue intersection. Could State come and put up STOP bars? Supervisor Keegan will see if there could be come patrolling of the area.

Letter from Melora Creager – Not happy with moving of Social Services to former Ockawamick School Building.

No further correspondence.

Xerox – To replace copy machine on a lease for 36 months would be \$138.68 per month – a monthly savings of \$19.00. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to check into this. Carried.

New FAX machine purchased for Town Office. Old machine purchased many years ago and not very dependable.

Columbia County Data Processing has sixty (60) three year old P.C.'s available if needed in an office.

Councilman Johnston brought to Board's attention the need to update Procurement Policy. Attorney Fitzsimmons gave guidelines in accordance with other municipalities. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to proceed. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt authorizing Attorney Fitzsimmons to take Supreme Court action regarding Henry Casivant.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$23,734.44, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$14,448.90, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, totaling \$6,420.38, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Highway bills, totaling \$54,136.83, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

During signing of bills, Town Clerk had to leave due to family emergency.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____