

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 08, 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 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor James W. Keegan, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This meeting was held after the Workshop Meeting, which began at 6:00 and was an informational workshop given by The Grant Writers.

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 Town of Claverack
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of May 11, 2009. Carried.

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Meeting opened to public:

“Chuck” Brassard - Comprehensive Plan Committee – Use tables complete. Working on Summary and Lighting Standards. Suggested a special meeting with all Boards, including ZBA, Planning, Town and Comprehensive Plan Committee. After short discussion, meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 25th at the Town Hall.

Howard Brandston – Thanked The Grant Writers for coming to workshop. Worked on lighting with Comprehensive Plan Committee. Needs to have a technical review done by someone knowledgeable in this area. Mr. Brassard stated this has already been incorporated in the review.

Susan Roberts – Representative of Claverack Library – Library is trying to purchase nearby A.B. Shaw Firehouse. Requested resolution that Town Board supports the library in this endeavor. This will be addressed later in meeting.

No further comments.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Still picking up debris from December ice storm – Presently working on Snyderstown Road. Last week tree trimming company began and working around the Churchtown area.

Replaced a culvert pipe on Wentzel Lane. Mowing along roadsides for second pass.

Marty Schumann of the Highway Department and helper, Mario Costa, keeping parks in good shape.

Requested permission to go out for bid on grinding piles of debris from the December ice storm presently stored at the new Garage. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen from same. Carried.

Building Inspector's 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen – Meeting held last Thursday.

Letter written for “**NO PASSING ZONE**” on Route #66 near Dutch Village Mobile Home Park and from the intersection on Route #9-H and #23 to former Barnard Florist.

Park – Councilman Johnston – Summer Youth Program to begin Monday, July 6th. Park in top shape getting ready for program to begin.

A “thank-you” to the Claverack Garden Club for the plantings in both parks.

Spoke with Attorney Fitzsimmons via telephone and met last week regarding Skateboard Park. Have to go through bidding process- do not qualify for other program.

Park in top shape for beginning of summer program.

ZBA- Covered by Mr. Brassard.

Grant Research Committee – Workshop held before meeting this evening. Grant Writers of Amsterdam gave presentation. Will give areas that should be looked at, Survey information necessary will be of no cost to Town.

No further reports.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept the Preliminary Financial Report for May 31, 2009. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution to make necessary budget transfers in the 2009 Budget.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution approving Grant Opportunity Audit. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution stating support for an application by the Claverack Free Library and Reading Room Association to the State of New York for a grant from the Environmental Protection Fund and any other state or federal agencies or foundations for funding to effectuate the purchase and adaptive reuse of the A.B. Shaw firehouse as the expanded Claverack Library. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from A.B. Shaw Fire Company Re: 84th Annual Firemen's Convention in 2010.

Correspondence from Assemblyman Molinaro's office – Regarding STAR Program and Hudson Valley Greenway.

Correspondence from Columbia County Traffic Safety Board

Letter from Claverack Garden Club – Re plantings in ^{both} parks.

No further correspondence.

Discussion on proposed Dog Park as discussed in previous meetings. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated Philmont Village Board has stated it will assist in the project and toured potential sites with Kathy Rector and will support formation of the Park.

Mrs. Rector read prepared statement. Requested that it be put in budget for 2010.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$12,951.98, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$2,297.24, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Escrow account bills totaling \$401.50, were audited and ordered paid from proper accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$18,180.28, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

SW Water A Fund bills, totaling \$4,024.67, 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: _____



TOWN OF CLAVERACK
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 38

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 8th day of June 2009 at the Town Hall, 836 Route 217, Mellenville, New York the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Michael S. Johnston

Seconded by: James Van Deusen

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the following necessary adjustments be made to the 2009 Budget:

<u>Transfer From:</u>	
1990.4 Contingency	\$4,009.00
 <u>To:</u>	
6510.4 Veteran's Contractual Services	\$ 240.00
8810.4 Cemeteries	\$ 900.00
1640.41 Archives Grant	\$1,744.00
9050.8 NYS Unemployment Insurance	\$1,125.00

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

- Supervisor James W. Keegan _____;
- Councilperson James Van Deusen _____;
- Councilperson William L. Blaaw _____;
- Councilperson Clifford Weigelt _____;
- Councilperson Michael S. Johnston _____;

The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

None _____

DATED: June 8, 2009



 Mary J. Hoose, Town Clerk
 Town of Claverack

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. - #39

GRANT OPPORTUNITY AUDIT

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 8th day of June 2009, at the Claverack Town Hall, NYS Route 217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded

Resolution by: James Van Deusen ;

Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt ;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Claverack seeks to maximize both existing and emerging grant funding opportunities in a manner consistent with its long term vision; and

WHEREAS, a “Grant Opportunity Audit,” as defined for the purposes of this resolution, is a process by which a municipality’s possibilities for enhancing revenue from various grant programs is examined and by which a program for securing more grant revenue is developed and articulated; and

WHEREAS, a Grant Opportunity Audit would result in the following: [1] identification of operational areas and initiatives that are potentially fundable by grants;

[2] examination of the town's utilization of the grant programs that are routinely accessed by other communities; [3] discovery of overlooked or non-traditional opportunities for funding from various federal, state, foundation and corporate sources; and [4] design of system-wide protocol for the coordination of grant application services and submissions; and

WHEREAS, The Grant Writers, a consulting firm based in Amsterdam, New York, will conduct a Grant Opportunity Audit for the Town of Claverack at no cost to the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and the members of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack hereby authorize The Grant Writers to conduct a Grant Opportunity Audit for the Town of Claverack.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Claverack Town Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

James W. Keegan_____;

James Van Deusen_____;

William L. Blaauw_____;

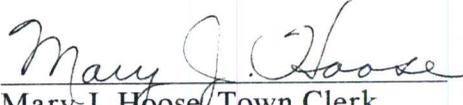
Clifford Weigelt _____; and

Michael Johnston _____.

The following Claverack Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition,
thereto: _____ "None" _____;

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the
same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Claverack.

Dated: June 8, 2009



Mary J. Hoose, Town Clerk
Town of Claverack

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TOWN OF CLAVERACK

RESOLUTION NO. - #40 OF 2009

CLAVERACK LIBRARY

June 08, 2009

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held on June 08, 2009 at the Town Hall, Rte. /#217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Proposed by: Michael Johnston ;

Seconded by: James Van Deusen ;

WHEREAS, the Claverack Free Library and Reading Room Association (the "Claverack Library") has served the Town of Claverack for over 175 years, providing a wide range of programs, materials and services to the community free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the Claverack Library is undertaking the purchase and adaptive reuse as a library of its' neighbor, the A.B. Shaw firehouse, in the hamlet of Claverack; and

WHEREAS, the present library building is too small to hold the collection of materials, provide adequate reading area and hold programs for all ages and is not handicapped accessible, and

WHEREAS, the project will provide jobs and a new anchor in the traditional center of the Claverack hamlet, will assist in the redevelopment of Claverack's historic core, will preserve the existing firehouse and will enable the Library to provide more and better services to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the Town Board fully supports the application by the Claverack Free Library and Reading Room Association to the State of New York for a grant from the Environmental Protection Fund and to any other State or Federal agencies or foundations for funding to effectuate the purchase and adaptive reuse of the A.B. Shaw firehouse as the expanded Claverack Library.

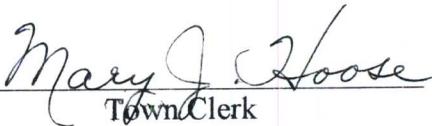
The following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

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

The following Town Board members voted 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