

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 8, 2006

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 was opened 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
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis La Mont	Highway Superintendent
Robert Fitzsimmons	Town Attorney
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Joseph Romano	Town Engineer
Mary Hoose	Town Clerk
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to approve minutes of previous meeting of April 10, 2006. Carried.

Supervisor Keegan introduced Karrie Pizza, Clerk for the CYC Program. Ms Pizza submitted the names of applicants for the summer program. Ms Pizza asked the board for permission to re-create the position of Arts and Crafts Director. Ms. Pizza also explained to the Board that a new law took effect this year. All staff was required to have a background check through the State of New York. Motion by Councilman VanDeusen and seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept the recommendations of staff contingent on their background checks. Carried.

Supervisor Keegan introduced Robert Titus representing the Clover Hill Subdivision. He addressed the Board concerning the Planning Board Regulations regarding the length of a cul-de-sac in a subdivision. Presenting the length of a cu-de- sac can be a maximum of 800 Feet. The Planning Board can not issue a waiver. They are asking the Town Board for their assistance. Supervisor Keegan explained they have turned down other developments with the same request. The town must be consistent with everyone. The Board suggested that they look into the 50 foot right a way that connects Cardinales development with Clover Hill Subdivision, which would make an alternate road, which in turn would shorten the cul-de-sac to regulation length.

Kevin Marchetto was introduced by Supervisor Keegan as the new Resident Deputy for the Town of Claverack.

Meeting opened to the public:

Howard M. Brandston, resident of Catskill View Road, read a letter requesting the Town Board to enact a temporary moratorium. Supervisor Keegan stated he and the board had just received this letter today and will take this issue up again after the board reviews it further.

No further comments.

Supervisor Keegan made an announcement that no further comments or bantering during the rest of the meeting unless it is determined by the board to re-open the meeting to the public.

Report of the Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont

Completed sweeping in all zones first time around
Cleaned lawns due to snow plowing
Removed sanders, plows & wings from trucks
Grading dirt roads in all zones
Ditching & cutting shoulders on Miller Rd. II
Speed Limit on Gahbauer & Stickles are in place and signs installed
Putting finishing touches on the new concession stand and bathrooms
Keeping balls fields ready for play. Grass mowed & trim in both own Parks and Highway garage.
Asking permission to purchase a 2006 international truck under state contract

Requested permission to purchase a new 2006 truck (cab and chassis) under State contract. Motion was made by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston. Carried.

Bids were opened on the bid for dump body and plow. Bid was awarded to Dutchess Diesel. Motion made to accept the bid by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission- Councilman Johnston - the new concession stand is being finished up by the Highway Department. The men did a great job and stayed within budget. The Ghent Band will be performing on June 30th at 7p.m. and Upstage Productions will be performing on August 18. Contact Councilman Johnston with other suggestions for programs for the park.

Traffic and Safety- Councilman Van Deusen- Nothing to report

Cablevision-Councilman Van Deusen- Nothing to report.

ZBA-Councilman Weigelt- no report. Mr. Weigelt absent.

Building Inspector's report for April, 2006 received and on file in the Town Office for review.

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

Comprehensive Plan Committee Update- Gretchen Stearns - the committee requested a monthly statement of what has been spent to date. Norman Mintz, a planner and Joan Steiner from the Claverack Library were guests. Talked about village centers, sidewalks, and hamlets.

Next meetings will be May 11th with Don Meltz to get the survey results.

May 25th meeting with Nan Stolzenburg will discuss the town profile and draft of vision statement and goals for the Town.

Water District Update - There will be a meeting on May 13 at the A.B. Shaw Fire House regarding any questions regarding the hook up to water district and any other questions that residents might have. 9:00 am will be for residents and 10:00 will be for interested contractors.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept March 2006 Financial Report as prepared by Town accountants. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by James Van Deusen to award the bus transportation bid for the summer and winter programs to Donald Kline, Inc, Livingston, N.Y. Per bus need: mileage to be charged \$2.75 per mile, Bus Waiting time \$25 per hour.

Correspondence-

Letter from Columbia County Soil and Water regarding invitation for the summer park to utilize the Environmental Learning Center.

Fax from Jim Weisner, Pres. of the Ock. Little League thanking the Town of Claverack for the new concession stand.

Letter from Robert Jones regarding updating website.

Letter from Mark Decker, Columbia –Greene Community College Workforce Investment Office regarding summer youth employment.

Letter from Diane Kreig regarding problems on her property during the installation of the new water main.

Letter from Howard Branston regarding the need for a moratorium.
Supervisor Keegan asked if there was anything more to come before the Board.

Discussion by the Town Board regarding a zoning issue. The Zoning Regulation does not permit a resident to replace a mobile home in a non-conforming use area to replace a mobile home with a larger unit. All agreed that Attorney Fitzsimmons will draft a resolution that would allow a resident to increase the size of the home by a certain percentage to be determined. A Public Hearing would also need to be scheduled.

At the suggestion of Councilman Johnston, a motion was made by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to place a wreath at the War Memorial in the Claverack Park in the hamlet. Carried

Supervisor reminded all of the Memorial Day Parade in Philmont, May 29, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Lineup at 8:30.

Councilman Johnston made a motion that Supervisor Keegan contact Congressman John Sweeney regarding the new Post Office in Claverack for an update, seconded by Councilman Blaauw. Carried

Councilman VanDeusen gave a quick update on the LOSPAP Program. All fire departments have formed committees and are working on getting all departments to agree to the same criteria. There may possibly be a referendum in September. LOSAP meets every 1st Monday of the month.

General Bills #211-271, totaling \$66,238.31, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway Bills #119-137, totaling \$58,191.49, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District Bills #20-32, totaling \$104,305.01, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Stewardship on Millbrook Bills totaling \$1,437.05, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Motion made by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor _____

Councilman Blaauw _____

Councilman VanDeusen _____

Councilman Johnston _____

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
RESOLUTION NO. #37

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held on the 8th Day of May 2006, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Michael Johnston
Seconded by: James VanDeusen

WHEREAS, section 18 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York provides that the Town may elect by resolution to provide for the defense and indemnification of officers and employees of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Claverack has determined it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt this resolution, to confer the benefits of section 18 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York to Town officers and employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Town Board of Claverack confers the benefits of the provisions of section 18 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York to its officers and employees, and further agrees to be held liable for the costs incurred therein, to provide for the defense and indemnification of officers and employees of the Town of Claverack, with respect to any civil action or proceeding, whether commenced in state or federal court, arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring or allegedly occurring while such officer and/or employee was acting within the scope of his or her public employment or duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Town Board of the Town of Claverack, the benefits provided to officers and employees pursuant to this resolution shall be secondary to any applicable insurance coverage available to the officer or employee whether under a policy of insurance procured by the Town of Claverack or a policy of insurance procured by the individual officer or employee.

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

Michael Johnston
James Van Deusen
William Blaauw
James Keegan

The following Claverack Town Board Members voted “No” in opposition, to said Resolution:

“None “

Absent:

Clifford Weigelt

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

Dated: 5/08/06

Town Clerk
Town of Claverack