

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 14, 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 at 7:30 p.m. 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
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Attorney
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting of April 09, 2007. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Gary Steenburn – regarding COARC home planned for Shasta Drive. No funding by the State for this project - need to know the price of total package before any funds released. Needs a lot of drainage installed around the septic system. **Councilman Johnston** stated Columbia County Health Department has approved an elaborate system on $\frac{3}{4}$ acre.

Report of Highway Superintendent – No report as Superintendent LaMont absent from meeting. Notification that the bridge on Catskill View Road is deteriorating. FEMA representatives were at 401 State Street office this morning for claims from recent rain storm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission – Councilman Johnston – Joe Raco, Summer Program Director, has staff in line for the summer program – 6 from program not returning this year – not replacing all of them. Program is being upgraded this year. Sign-ups will be the second Saturday in June.

Taconic Hills Little League letter read by Councilman Johnston.

Reported by Councilman Weigelt that Copake is putting in water slide at their Park this year.

Councilman Johnston requested permission to write for grants from Key Band and First Niagara, looking ahead to the skateboard park. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt authorizing same. Carried.

Cablevision – Councilman Van Deusen - Check should be coming around June 1st. Last year's payment very late.

No further Committee Reports.

Building Inspector's Report for April received and on file in Town Office for review. Six Certificates of Occupancy issued so far this year.

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

No further Committee Reports.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Report – William First – Good input – Letter sent to Board members for a meeting on June 7th. Mr. First will try and reschedule as some Board members are already committed to other meetings that evening. Will try and set meeting up for Wednesday June 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to approve Financial Report for 2006 sent to New York Stat comptrollers Office. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to approve Financial Reports for March and April 2007, as prepared by Town Accounting firm. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to authorize budget transfers to balance 2006 Budget and adjustments to 2007 Budget. Carried.

After discussion, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept Report from Director of Summer Program, Joe Raco. This includes staff members and salaries. Carried.

Discussion on Recreation fees charged when sub-dividing property. Sample law given to Board members. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to set public hearing for June 11, 2007, 7:15 p.m., prior to Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

Opening of Bus Bids for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program – One (1) bid received: Donald Kline Bus Company - \$2.75 per mile per bus and \$25.00 per hour waiting time. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept same. Carried.

Correspondence

1. Invitation from American Legion Post #252, to participate in Memorial Day Parade. Line-up is 8:30 a.m., with parade stepping off at 9:00 a.m.
2. Form letter received from Claverack Library with information on upcoming programs and request for donations.
3. Letter from Columbia County Fire Coordinator, James Van Deusen, commending fire companies for work during rain storms and grass fires.
4. Letter from Edward Jacklin, stating interest in Assessor's position.

Councilman Van Deusen reported Columbia County Firefighters' Association will be setting up bins for clothing in different areas of the County.

Councilman Weigelt will look into the purchase of portable flashing signs for highway department. May be able to do this with intermunicipal agreement.

Ghent Band will be at the Town Park on June 29th.

Blue Ribbon Boys will be at the Town Park on July 5th. A dessert buffet will be available. This is sponsored by Philmont Library.

Reported that Building Inspector, Stanley Koloski, has been given plans for the property located on the corner of Rtes. 9-H and #23B. The planning stage shows six (6) retail stores, restaurant café', with seven (7) apartments on second floor.

A Fund bills #197 - #259, totaling \$110,547.98, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

B Fund bills #83 - #88, totaling \$1,824.21, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #110 - #140, totaling \$108,222.01, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills #17 - #28, totaling \$5,025.00, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills, totaling \$705.00 were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date:

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____