

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 12, 2008

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, Route #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
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting of April 10, 2008. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

No comments.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont – Road sweeping of salt/sand in all zones. Cold patching road in all zones where necessary – Grading dirt roads. Ditching roads, where necessary, as a result of damage from April's flooding. Blacktopping Tishauser Road. Removing snowplows and wings from trucks. Worked on pad for Skateboard Park, installing underdrain on a stone and gravel base – now ready for concrete. Fixed water breaks in Town Park. Also worked on ball fields, installed concrete floors in dugouts and worked on concession buildings. T R Enterprises poured concrete and labor donated by Tom Richards and Greg Klima.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park – Councilman Johnston – Skateboard Park is in progress. Requested approval to go out for bids for ramps. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to authorize same. Carried.

Bathrooms in Park are deteriorating – going to need some work done on them.

Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen – No meeting – Councilman Weigelt said there seems to be a change in the light at Route 9-H and Fish and Game Road – More time lapses before it changes.

No further Committee Reports.

No Building Inspector's Report for April 2008.

No Dog Control Officer's Report for April 2008.

Financial Report from Accountant's Office not yet received.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for resolution to transfer necessary funds in 2008 Budget, as per recommendation of Town Accountants. Carried.

Report of Comprehensive Plan – Supervisor Keegan met with Chris Post, Chuck Brassard and Gretchen Stearns to decide on some committees and will be working on setting these up. There will be 12 – 15 people involved.

Summer Youth Program – Program needs a Medical Director – Will find out age requirements. Also will need to fill some vacancies that have occurred since last year's program.

The Philmont Rescue Squad will try and schedule a meeting to see if they will be able to store another ambulance in the old Town Garage. They presently store one there.

Matt Abbato, engineer from Clough Harbour & Associates will be meeting with Water Committee tomorrow to discuss water operations. Will ask him to look into requiring all those in the water district to hook up to the water.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, to go out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Carried.

Presentation on County purchase of former Ockawamick School property – County Representatives David Robinson, County Engineer, Daniel Tuczynski, County Attorney, and Roy Brown, Chairman of County Search Committee were present and gave presentation. Dan Grandinetti will represent Town – Attorney Fitzsimmons recuses himself as he works for County part-time. County lease of Social Services Building expires in 2011. Have looked into other properties – City of Hudson, Town of Greenport and Town of Claverack. Decided on the Ockawamick property, which is situated on 24 acres. Now on Phase 2 and in process of signing with owners. Property is not exempt from zoning, but can request exemption – no formal application process – will come before Town Board. County will probably request lead agency. Will be sending letter to Town, asking that this be the application. There was a question as to whether there were 3 or 4 acres that the County might give to Town for their use. It is possible that County would be receptive to this idea. There is no statutory time frame for this process. Question on mental health clients who walk to services. There will be a transportation schedule for all to use.

No further comments.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Members: The following names were chosen to serve on the various committees to work on the zoning changes for the new Comprehensive Plan:

Gretchen Stearns, MD
Christopher Post
Charles Brassard
David Graziano
Paul Gundrum
Stanley Koloski
Clifford Weigelt
Linda Guntert
James Van Deusen

Nathan Chess
Michael Layman
Winfield Hotaling

Next step is setting up a meeting of this group.

Memorial Day Parade in Philmont is set for Monday, May 26, 2008 – Anyone marching should be at the American Legion Post #252 at 8:30 a.m. with step-off time being 9:00 p.m.

Problems at location of Moosehead Tavern on Rte. 9-H. Parking along road on both sides – Fear that there will be an accident if something isn't done. Supervisor Keegan has received calls about this.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$66,187.38, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$3,301.25, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, totaling \$1,676.72, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____