

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 11, 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.

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
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept minutes of previous meeting of April 12, 2009, after corrections. In the paragraph regarding many limbs still being on power and telephone lines, the resident speaking was Nathan Chess. In the discussion on the proposed dog park, the name Cathy Rector should have been spelled Kathy Rector. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Kathy Rector – Handed out copies of “**Off Leash Dog Park Proposal**” to Board members and members of the public. Have already received \$300.00 in pledges. Group met twice since last discussion and also had some news articles. Explained the proposal which contained ten areas of interest including, promotions, benefits, need for an Off-Leash park, general guidelines. draft drawing of proposed park, rules and regulations, insurance, fencing estimates, doggie bag stations, donations, ,references, raffle, newspaper articles of various interest, petitions and volunteers.

Discussion will continue when Attorney Fitzsimmons is present at the meeting.

Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont – Continuing to pick up brush from the December ice storm – have work across Roxbury Road, Stevers Crossing ~~Road~~

and Dunbar Road. Have picked up approximately 2,830 cubic yards of debris on these roads.

Have been grading dirt roads. Installed a driveway pipe on Gahbauer Road and replaced a culvert pipe on Wentzel Lane. Sweeping in all zones.

Park has been opened for the season. Highway employee, Marty Schumann has Park looking good.

Has a quote of \$5,500.00 to fix cracks in tennis and basketball courts. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to make arrangements to have this done. Carried.

No further comments.

Dog Control Officers Report for April received and on file in Town Office for review.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen – No meeting scheduled until end of May. We will have to write letter to New York state Department of Transportation to address issues on State Route #66, near Dutch Village Mobile Home Park. One request would be for a double solid line from the bridge on Rte. 66 to the turn onto Fish and Game Road.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to write letter regarding this and also regarding a double solid line from the traffic light at intersection of State Rte.s #23 and 9-H to the old Mary's Diner site. Carried.

Discussion on Town-wide speed limit. This is possible, but all roads in Town would have to be marked or enforcement would be difficult. Have made many requests for Town road speed reductions in the past, some accepted, many denied. Supervisor Keegan will speak with resident deputy and request some enforcement.

Zoning – Councilman Weigelt – Moving ahead slowly with changes. Mining issue has now come up. Suggested putting a special committee together to study the mining as this is a specialized area to work on, and to make recommendations. The Zoning Revision Committee will be meeting again this Thursday and Councilman Weigelt will look into the possibility of setting up the special committee.

Park – Councilman Johnston – Highway employee "Marty" Schumann has done excellent job getting Park ready for season.

Ready to go out for bids for ramps for Skateboard Park. Will be meeting with people and skateboarders to get ideas for setting up the Park.

Applications coming in for counselors for the Summer Youth Program. Deadline for applications is this coming Friday, May 15, 2009. Also hoping to get Park Commission back on track again.

Grant Resource Committee – Councilman Van Deusen – Still looking for Grant Writer – had some suggestions, but no one voicing real interest yet. Sun Dog Company has gone through Town buildings for possible interest in some type of solar power.

No further reports.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept Preliminary Financial Report for April 2009. carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston for resolution to increase CHIPS Funds Appropriations. Carried

Bid opening for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program – one (1) bid received:

Donald R. Kline, Inc:

667Route #31
Hudson, New York 12534

\$ 3.00 per mile
\$25.00 per hour waiting time.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept bid. Councilman Johnston abstained. Carried.

Short discussion on request from Stanley Koloski, Building Inspector, for special fee reductions for work on the Vormer property, due to type of inspections necessary. This has been done in the past where inspections are not as time consuming as with residential buildings. The cost without reduction would be \$1061.00, and with the reduction \$337.00, including the Certificate of Occupancy. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to approve same. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Claussion-Raught Community Rescue Squad – Regarding forming a Rescue Squad District.

Letter from Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro –

Letter from Joan Steiner – Regarding Claverack School property.

Letter from Columbia County Office of the Aging – Regarding Meals on Wheels – For those able, the cost suggested is now \$3.00 instead of \$2.00, which has not been changed in many years.

Petitions received regarding request for New York State Department of Transportation to take safety measures on State Rte. 66 near the Dutch Village Mobile Home Park.

No further correspondence.

Discussion on updating Town's Investment Policy, which has not been changed in many years. Explained by Attorney Fitzsimons. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston for resolution accepting same. Carried.

Discussed the need for a Columbia County Planning Board member. Town of Claverack shares this with Town of Ghent. If there is anyone who would like to sit on this Board, they should contact Supervisor Keegan.

Discussed contract for bid for tree removal, which was awarded to Robert Host. This contains the guidelines which the Town requires. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept contract, subject to Attorney Fitzsimmons finalization of contract. Carried.

More discussion on Dog Park – Discussion on 501C3, which representatives say is not feasible due to stipulations necessary and cost involved. Another problem is cost of setting up is not in the present budget. Cost to get project up-and-running estimated at approximately \$20,000.00. Would have to be a new line item in budget. This would give group time to raise funds and put project together.

Councilman Johnston announced that Board is invited to participate in Memorial Day Parade. Time is 8:30 a.m. at American Legion Post #232 in Philmont, with step-off time of 9:00 a.m.

Also, announcement that Johnny Walker Insurance Office will be closing and moving to Spencertown, New York

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss litigations.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$16,068.20 were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills ,totaling \$2,598.71, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

B Escrow Accounts, totaling \$1,566.50, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

DB Highway Fund bills, totaling \$19,658.24, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District #1 Fund bills, totaling \$6,674.54, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 36

INCREASE CHIPS FUNDS APPROPRIATION

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 11th day of May 2009 at the Town Hall, 836 Route 217, Mellenville, New York the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: William Blaauw

Seconded by: Michael Johnston

WHEREAS, the CHIPS Funding for Highway Improvement has increase in 2009 from \$95,000 to \$122,421.38, which includes a cumulative rollover balance of \$6,341.91 and

WHEREAS, the Highway Fund "DB" (5112.41) was budgeted for CHIPS Funding for \$95,000 for the 2009 Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the Budget Officer is authorized to increase the Highway Contractual Expense—CHIPS (DB5112.41) appropriation by \$33,763.29 for Highway Improvement.

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 Blaauw :

Councilperson Clifford Weigelt :

Councilperson Michael Johnston :

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

"NONE"

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

DATED: May 11, 2009

Mary J. Hoose
Mary J. Hoose, Town Clerk
Town of Claverack

TOWN OF CLAVERACK**RESOLUTION NO. - #37****May 11, 2009**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County New York, duly called and held on the 11th day of May 009, at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: James Van Deusen ;

Seconded by: Michael Johnston ;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town Investment Policy be accepted as revised.

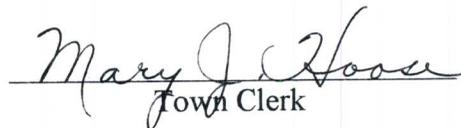
The following Board members voted in favor of said Resolution:

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

The following 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