

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

November 14, 2005

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 immediately following Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget for 2006. Meeting called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Supervisor James W. Keegan, who led in Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
Anne Twaddle	Councilwoman
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Joseph Romano	Town Engineer
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Engineer
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
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Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept minutes of previous meeting held on October 10, 2005. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

“No comments”

Report of Highway Superintendent – In absence of Highway Superintendent LaMont, report given by Councilman Blaauw. Paved Van Deusen Road and did driveway aprons. Grading dirt roads in all zones.

Put sanders, plows and wings on 5 trucks. Stockpiled sand and salt at both sites.

Ground blacktop off bridge deck on Harder Road and repaved it.

Worked with Village of Philmont on water break on Stevers Crossing Road.

Mellenville Square – Suggestion to redesign North entrance or make one-way street in Northerly direction.

Old Lane Extension – County Engineering in contact today regarding drainage problem. Have to contact Clough, Harbour & Associates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission – Councilwoman Twaddle – All facilities in Park winterized. Had monthly meeting and made list of things to be done in spring. Will have skating rink ready for use. Will be working on Skateboard Park. Walking path can continue to be used.

Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen – Letter received from Columbia County Department of Public Works regarding reduced speed limit request in Orchard Estates – Macintosh Drive. Suggested Town revise request to an “Area Speed Zone” request, which, if approved, would include all of the Town roads within the Orchard Estates development. Also suggested to add Orchard Grove Lane (dead-end road along westerly side of Rte. 9-H, lying directly opposite Macintosh Drive) to this request. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for new resolution requesting same. Carried.

ZBA & Planning - Councilman Weigelt – Will push for joint meeting in February between Planning Board and Town Board. Meeting will be open to the public.

Comprehensive Plan Committee – Gretchen Stearns – Workshop to be held at A.B. Shaw Firehouse on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Survey to go out to residents in January 2006. Will begin to have focus groups.

No further Committee Reports.

Building Inspector’s Report for October 2005 received and on file in Town Office for review.

Dog Control Officer’s Report for October 2005 received and on file in Town Office for review.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept Financial Report for September 2005 as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept the Preliminary Budget as the Adopted Budget for 2006. Carried.

Request received from Robert Jones to extend website contract for another year, Tabled until next meeting to let Attorney Fitzsimmons go over contract.

Discussion on raising Senior and Disability exemptions. Presently \$15,000.00 - \$20,700.00 on a sliding scale. Public Hearing should be held by February 1st, 2006. Will be set up at December meeting.

Noted by Columbia County Empire Zone that a replacement is needed on the Administrative Board due to recent death of Peter Hotaling.

Letter received from ECO/Waste, stating rates will be increasing, but not until next month.

Noted that Columbia County Youth Advisory Board needs a representative.

Councilman Weigelt also noted there is an opening on Planning Board.

The following appointments were made:

Court Laborer	Beverly Baillargeon
Planning Board Secretary	Jodi Keyser

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for resolution to make Mellenville Square a one-way street. Carried.

Water District – Cyndy Hall requested update on project. Tower beginning to materialize. Crew now working on Rte. #23-B. Have had some problems with rock on Rte. #9-H. Meeting held with representatives each week. Completion date set for May 2006.

Gretchen Stearns questioned installation of sidewalks sometime in the future. This was brought up to people three years ago and they didn't want it.

Bills #571 - #627, totaling \$37,340.84 were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #317 - #362, totaling \$146,497.21 were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District bills totaling \$176,103.88 were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Bills for Stewardship at Millbrook Road, totaling \$405.00 were audited and order paid from their escrow account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Twaddle: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Town Clerk: _____

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Resolution No. - #50

November 14, 2005

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: James Van Deusen ;

Seconded by: William L. Blaauw ;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board that the following request be taken into consideration:

The speed limit of all Town roads within Orchard Estates be reduced from 55 mph to a speed more reasonable for the amount of traffic using these roads.

In addition, the request includes Orchard Grove Lane (dead-end road along westerly side of Rte. 9-H, lying directly opposite Macintosh Drive).

The following Board members voted “Aye” in favor of said Resolution:

James W. Keegan
Anne Twaddle
James Van Deusen
William L. Blaauw
Clifford Weigelt

The following Board members voted “No” 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

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Resolution No. - #51

November 14, 2005

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held on the 14th day of November, 2005, at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: James Van Deusen ;

Seconded by: William L. Blaauw ;

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that:

Mellenville Square be one-way, traveling North
from Gahbauer Road to Columbia County Rte. 9.

The following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said resolution:

James W. Keegan
Anne Twaddle
James Van Deusen
William L. Blaauw
Clifford Weigelt.

The following Board members voted "No" 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

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Resolution No. = #52

December 12, 2005

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the TOWN OF CLAVERACK, held on December 12, 2005, the following resolution was introduced by Councilman Van Deusen and seconded by Councilman Blaauw.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND CONCURRING IN COUNTY OF COLUMBIA'S APPLICATION FOR REDESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CLAVERACK AS AN EMPIRE ZONE

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 961 of the General Municipal Law, the county authorized, pursuant to Local Law No. 5 of 2000 (and this municipality concurred, pursuant to Resolution No. 54 of November 6, 2000), application by the County of Columbia for designation of certain areas as an Empire Zone within the meaning of said statute, such designation was approved by the New York State Commissioner of Economic Development and was formally designated by the Empire Zones Designation Board on November 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature and the Governor have enacted into law changes to the Empire Zones program, whereby each existing Empire Zone must configure its existing zone acreage into three "distinct and separate contiguous" areas; the boundaries of said areas to be included in said Empire Zone within this municipality shall be set forth in Schedule A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 957 (d) and 961 of the General Municipal Law, the County of Columbia has proposed the redesignation of the existing Columbia County Empire Zone into three "distinct and separate contiguous areas", which will include the Town of Claverack; and

WHEREAS, such redesignation could greatly benefit the Town of Claverack in that new businesses would be encouraged to locate in the zone area, existing businesses would be encouraged to expand in the zone area and new and expanded businesses would generate new jobs for the Town of Claverack residents; and

