

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**October 09, 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 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.	Town Attorney
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept minutes of previous meeting of Monday, September 11, 2006. Carried.

Mrs. D'Amico requested correction of her remarks on Page #59 - paragraph #1 - Per Mrs. D'Amico, it should read: Stockport and another nearby area are putting in senior housing projects in close proximity to Claverack.

Meeting opened to public:

**Howard Brandston** - Re: Enacting a moratorium. 6% increase in population of Town if Morningstar approved. Wants moratorium considered - if not, reason why.

**Jennifer Post** - Would like a brief report each month of information in general on what's going on at the County level.

**Marie D'Amico** - Why can't minutes and agendas for Town Board be on Web-site? A general agenda can be on web site and accepted minutes are on web site.

No further comments.

**Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont** - Finished drainage on Mountainview Road - Shaped and seeded all lawns - Trued up road and will be paving Tuesday. Have been repairing road signs. Striped Gabhauer, Stottville, Roxbury, Schoolhouse, Snyderstown and Stevers Crossing Road and 1/2 of Millbrook Road. Cold patching in all zones and grading dirt roads.

Checking chloride residuals at pump station and tank. Have added 10 tons of salt to brine tank - sent monthly water report to Department of Health - Installing readers on meters. Did first water billing.

### **Committee Reports**

**Park Commission - Councilman Johnston** - After short discussion, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to send letter of appreciation to Marty Schumann for work in the Town Park. Carried.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee Report - "Chuck" Brassard** - Meeting this Thursday to go over information from Focus Groups. These comments will then go to Nan Stolzenburg. Committee would like to sit down with board for discussion as soon as possible.

Question on what is in budget for 2007 for Committee. \$25,000.00 is budgeted for 2007.

No further Committee Reports.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept Financial Report for August 2006, as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to set permit fee for storage of vehicles, as in Local Law #2 of 2006, at \$50.00. Carried.

Correspondence:

1. Received application from Town resident to work on State Archives Inventory Grant Project.
2. Thank-you from John and Tammy Rigos for assistance with water connection.
3. Invitation to Supervisor and Town Board members to attend Family Family Farm Festival at Miller Crossing.

4. Howard Brandston, regarding concerns with application of Won Buddhism.
5. Mark and Beverly Cheffo, regarding Morningstar project and re-zoning of that area.
6. Iona Lutey, regarding concerns of Morningstar project and re-zonng.
7. Tom and Laura Fiederlein, with concerns of Morningstar Project and re-zoning.
8. 20 residents with concerns of Morningstar project and re-zoning.
9. Focus group summaries from Comprehensive Plan Committee.
10. Non-profit group called Communities Connecting, regarding broadband connections.
11. Approximately 100 letters supporting Morningstar Project.

Councilman Blaauw reported on LOSAP Program - There will be public hearings on November 29, 2006 for A.B. Shaw Fire Company and Churchtown Fire Company and November 30,2006 for Mellenville Fire Company and Philmont Fire Company, with voting on December 12, 2006. Philmont will have a second public hearing on December 2, 2006

If passed, will be enacted in January 2007, with funding in 2008 - funded by taxpayers in each district.

Brought to Board's attention that Jodi Keyser is doing a fine job as secretary to both Planning and Zoning Boards. Seems to be a problem with people coming to her place of employment. She should be contacted at home. Suggested that ZBA and Planning Board also make this announcement.

After discussion, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to hold Budget Workshop on Tuesday October 17, 2006, 9:30 a.m. at the Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. Carried.

After discussion, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2007 at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York on October 30, 2006, 7:00 p.m., with a Special Meeting to follow to consider Preliminary Budget as Final Budget for 2007, and any other business that may come before the Board. Carried.

Bills #561 - #629, totaling \$39,846.76, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #230 - #250, totaling \$108,354.71, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills #65 - #73, totaling \$18,674.01, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills totaling \$656.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Van Deusen: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Blauuw: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Weigelt: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Johnston: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_