

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 08, 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 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
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept minutes of previous meeting of Monday, September 10, 2007. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Howard Brandston – regarding Catskill View Road – One culvert should be 6 ton weight limit until fixed – came from Planning Board engineer – near Slocum property and will be working on it as soon as possible. **Mr. Brandston** said something should be done now. Has been bringing up this problem for quite some time. Signs will be up as soon as Highway Superintendent LaMont gets them.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont – Paved Manor Rock Road from Taconic State Parkway to the Town Line – Paved 4,000’ of Palmer Road on Palmer Road Extension and 3/10th of a mile on Decker Road – Chip sealed Mountainview and Humane Society Road - Ditching on Snyderstown Road, just off Taconic State Parkway. Installed two new driveway pipes – installed underdrain on Decker Road Pipe for Thielman Road Extension will be here Tuesday – waiting for D.E.C. permits. Mowing roadsides in all zones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission – Councilman Johnston – Will meet with Mr. LaMont this week to lay out skateboard park. Has also spoken with neighbors, whose properties abut Town property, near where skateboard park will be.

Philmont and Mellenville Fire Companies will be holding hayrides on October 29th and 30th from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the Town Park.

Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen – Met last Tuesday. Only Columbia County, which is part of Region 8, has the problem of doing their own engineering on road requests.

Cablevision – Councilman Van Deusen – Residents on back-roads are complaining cannot get high speed internet through Mid-Hudson Cablevision.

No further reports.

Discussion on problem at intersection of Tishauser Road and Fish & Game Road – Can't get weeds out of fence. People cannot see to pull out of Tishauser onto Fish and Game Road. Councilman Johnston suggested writing letter to Mr. Meisner, owner of the property, regarding this safety problem. It was decided that Attorney Fitzsimmons write letter.

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

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

Comprehensive Plan Committee Report – “Chuck” Brassard– Not a large turnout on September 27th for the Public Hearing. Committee will have to meet again to incorporate comments. After presenting to Town Board, will have to be sent County Planning – 90 days to complete.

No further report.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept Financial Report for August 2007, as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

Bid for Security System - There was one bid for the Security System (Fire, Heat and Monitoring):

Scott Alarm Systems, Inc.
1131 Rte. #23
Catskill, New York 12414

The bid was as follows for furnishing, installing and monitoring:

Town Office Building	Security System	\$ 1,320.00
	Fire/Heat	\$ 2,904.00
	Monitoring and Daily Communi- cation Test	\$ <u>383.40</u> year
	Total	\$ <u>4,607.40</u>
Town Hall/Town Court/ Old Highway Garage	Security System	\$ 330.00
	Fire/Heat	\$ 3,449.00
	Monitoring and Daily Communi- cation Test	\$ <u>383.40</u> year
	Total	\$ <u>4,162.40</u>
Central Highway Garage	Security System	\$ 1,225.00
	Fire/Heat	\$ 4,675.00
	Monitoring and Daily Communi- cation Test	\$ 383.40year
	Cost of Lift Installation	\$ <u>686.00</u>
	Total	\$ <u>6,969.40</u>
<u>Total Bid Package</u>		<u>\$15,739.20</u>

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept bid from Scott Alarm Systems as per bid specifications. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept resignation, with regret, of Robert Kavanaugh as a member of the

Planning Board, effective September 30, 2007. Carried. It was noted that anyone interested in this position send letter of interest to the Town Office.

Invitation received to an event at Miller's Crossing, sponsored by Town Democrats.

Comprehensive Plan Committee reported that the Committee may still need some funds if there are changes in the zoning laws after approval of the new Comprehensive Plan. After discussion, it was decided that any charges, such as attorney's fees, would come under the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and would be from their budget items. Senator Schumer has stated that there are grants that may help cover these of expenses.

General "A" Fund bills, #458 - #497, totaling \$40,526.87, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General "B" Fund bills, #122 - #133, totaling \$2,537.33, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills, #204 - #228, totaling \$126,784.94, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills, totaling \$4,710.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Catskill View bills, in the amount of \$1,931.83, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston, meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____

