

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 09, 2008

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 was opened by Supervisor Keegan, immediately following the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2008.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, to accept minutes of previous meeting of September 08, 2008.

In regards to the proposed acquisition of the Ockawamick School property by the County, Attorney Fitzsimmons read the SEQR. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to declare a negative declaration. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept the SEQR negative declaration. Carried.

Supervisor Keegan introduced Attorney Guterman, who spoke regarding the Ockawamick property. SEQR process completed last evening. Negative Declaration issued. Traffic Impact Study, done by independent representatives, concluded no

significant environmental impact. Part of Environmental Review was ten year option for two acres of land to the Town of Claverack.

Two resolutions were presented to the Town:

- (1) Waiver of site plan review requirement. Nine factors for Board to consider. Read and explained by Attorney Guterman. Councilman Johnston voiced appreciation for Attorney Guterman's "Letter to the Editor" in the Register Star, clearing up some misinformation that was in the newspaper. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to approve waiver. Carried.
- (2) Interest in option of up to two (2) acres of land located in southeast corner of Ockawamick property for period of up to ten (10) years. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve option. Carried.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont –Graded Donnelly and Stickles Roads and stone- topped both of them. Changed culvert pipes on Preusser and Carpenter Roads due to pipes being rotted. Cold patching in all zones. Blacktopped driveway aprons on Mountainview Road and a culvert cut on Schoolhouse Road. Began stockpiling sand and salt for winter.

Closed Town Park for 2008 season, winterizing buildings and putting equipment away. Marty and Mario did excellent job this season.

John Hendrickson – Complaint on Sweeney Road – Resident complained car bottoms out in certain areas.

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Traffic Safety – Councilman Van Deusen – No meeting this month.

Cablevision – Councilman Van Deusen – Rates keep increasing. Cable being installed on parts of Gahbauer Road.

ZBA – Councilman Weigelt – Working through changes due to Comprehensive Plan. Next meeting will be on October 23rd.

Park – Councilman Johnston – Will be getting together next week to discuss completing installation of concrete slab for Skateboard Park.

No further reports.

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

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

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept Tentative Budget for 2009 as presented to Town Clerk. Carried.

Tentative dates for workshops on 2009 Budget – Wednesday, October 15th – 7:00 p.m. and Monday, October 27th – 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to appoint Oliver Milot to fill vacancy in ZBA, held by Steven Harder. This unexpired term will be from 10/01/2008 – 12/31/2010.

Correspondence –

Letter from Jordan Hoose, requesting sponsorship by Town to participate in Explorers Program, sponsored by Columbia County Sheriff's Department. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve same. Carried.

Notice that a Public Hearing will take place on Thursday, November 06th, 2008 at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, on Agriculture District No. 3 to consider the recommendations of the County Planning Board and the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board and any modifications of the district. Recommended that Agricultural District No. 3 be revised (boundary modifications have been recommended to include 6 parcels resulting in an increase in size to 16,036 acres) and recertified for an additional eight years.

R.I.D.E. requesting donations for driving residents of County to appointments. \$200.00 could help sponsor one driver.

State Park Police – Requested Town consider purchasing a radar gun for their use.

Community Rescue Squad – Covers a small area in the corner of the Town of Claverack. Requesting \$10,799.00 for this coverage.

Howard Brandston – Regarding Ockawamick School property.

Habitat for Humanity – Looking for properties to purchase or rehab.

Cheryl Roberts – Re: Former Ockawamick School property – Represents Mr. Brandston.

Letter from A.B. Shaw Fire Company – Re: West Ghent Fire District

Letter from Deborah Shakotka – Interested in ZBA position.

No further correspondence.

Councilman Blaauw brought to Board's attention that there is a problem with the roof on one bay of the old Town Garage. Repairs need to be made before winter.

Brought to public's attention that the local Food Pantry is low on supplies for residents needing the services. Number in need keeps increasing.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to go out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to reduce necessary Bond by Millbrook Road project to \$450,000.00. Carried.

General A bills, totaling \$57,639.03, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$2,346.54 were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills, totaling \$69,715.45, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills, totaling \$6,326.65, 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 Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date: 11/10/2008

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____