

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 11, 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, following a memorial service for the 9-11 tragedy. Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor James W. Keegan, with a moment of silence in respect and remembrance of the tragedy of 9-11-2001, followed by 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 Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of last meeting of August 14, 2006, as amended. Carried.

Page 55 - 2nd paragraph - Water on site and County sewer will be requested.

Page 55 - 6th paragraph -Work by County on end of Mellenville Square not yet completed.

Page 55 - 11th paragraph -Spelling of Philmont corrected.

Meeting opened to public:

Howard Brandston - Read prepared statement on impact of Morningstar.

James Nielsen - 228 units on less than 93 acres are too many.

Marie D' Amico - Stockport and another nearby area are putting in senior housing projects. Morningstar not necessary.

No further comments.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - Louis LaMont - Grading dirt roads. Ditching Preusser, Decker, Carlson, Snyderstown and Catskill View Roads. Cold patching in all zones. Chipsealed Prach, Schoolhouse Justice, Van Deusen and Millbrook Roads and Meltz Lane. Cut trees and chipped brush from rain and wind storm.

Have been installing water meter readers in residences that have called and have already had meters installed. 123 meters are out and 39 readers installed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission - Councilman Johnston - Park Superintendent LaMont getting ready to winterize facilities in Park for winter season. Local Rotary did very nice job on 9-11 Memorial Program at the Park this evening, which Board attended before Board Meeting. Trying to encourage more events for community at Park next year .

Traffic Safety - Councilman Van Deusen - Meeting to be held at the end of the month. After short discussion, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to request speed limit reduction from State Rte. #23 to west end of County Rte. #16. Carried.

Cablevision - Councilman Van Deusen - No report except rates keep increasing.

ZBA - Councilman Weigelt - Very busy

No further Committee Reports.

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

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

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept Financial Report for July 2006, as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Report - Will not be having a meeting this Thursday as Focus Groups will be meeting on Saturday to discuss appointed topics. In October, deliberations will begin. John Blaauw thanked for serving on Committee.

Resignation from Comprehensive Plan Committee received from John Blaauw. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept resignation with regrets and send letter of thanks.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to appoint Jim Folz to Comprehensive Plan Committee. Carried.

Request from Building Inspector, Stan Koloski, for permission to attend mandatory Building Code Meeting in Westchester on October 03, 2006. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to grant permission. Carried.

Correspondence received:

1. Katie Cashen - Requesting appointment to Comprehensive Plan Committee.
2. Dean Knox - Director of Engineering - Columbia County Department of Public Works - Reduced bridge load posting - Stone Mill Road over Claverack Creek (Duntz Bridge). Now posted for 20 ton weight limit due to deterioration and section loss of portions of the structure's primary steel members. The actual posting will likely take place within the next 2 to 3 weeks.
3. Howard Brandston - Formal request for a moratorium on subdivisions.
4. Peter Bevacqua - Concern for possible damage to large maple tree in front of his property, due to digging for water main in new water district.

After discussion on LOSAP Agreement between Taghkanic and Claverack, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, to adopt a per parcel pay, which would equal 35% for Taghkanic (\$40,000.00) and 65% for Claverack (\$75,000.00), based on a total of 867 parcels covered with Taconic having 307 and Claverack 560. Carried. There will be a joint sponsoring Board with Councilmen Blaauw, Johnston and Weigelt appointed as members. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to approve same. Carried.

Bills #496 - #560, totaling \$34,800.78, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #216 - #229, totaling \$94,298.79, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water bills #61 -#64, totaling \$6,971.51, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Stewardship at Millbrook Road bills totaling \$682.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen that no signs be placed on Town property at any time. Carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blauuw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blauuw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____