

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 12, 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. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Keegan, who led in the 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
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
Matthew Abatto	Town Engineer
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 previous meeting of Monday, August 08, 2005. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

Bill First - Introduced **Tom Scharf**, who gave presentation on possible project for retired or almost retired people - affordable single family modular homes in a gated community, priced in the area of \$150,000.00. Research done in New York State showed this area in need of housing for those 55 years of age and over. If project is approved, no maintenance required by Town - will have own water system and sewer plant. Would not affect schools. Nine percent (9%) of area would be homes and remainder open spaces. Location is on old "pony track" on Rte. 9-H. Would be three entrances, one on Gahbauer Road and two on Rte. 9-H. Between thirty (30) and forty (40) units per year, each between 1500 and 2000 sq.ft., would be built over a four or five year period. Owners of homes do not own land, but can contract to buy land. Will have clubhouse for recreation, tennis courts, swimming pool, shuffleboard, walking and bicycle paths. Some communities have bus transportation and the same here. This is a new venture in this area. Many of the same type communities set up in Florida.

There were some in audience who felt this type of community would put a burden on local rescue squads.

Max Dannis - What is Town's share of \$1,000,000.00 in taxes? This depends on the rates for Town, County and school districts.

Another resident asked what maintenance would be per household per year? This is a new venture and no statistics available at this time.

Ian Nitschke - Questioned "squares" on map. One was water plant, the other waste treatment plant. Would modifications be considered? Wants more green by Rte. 9-H.

Katie Cashen - Who did research? Per Mr. Scharf, there were companies contracted to do this whose expertise is in this field. Ms. Cashen said Town needs to find out if there is a demand for this type of housing. Also, what if grandparent has to care for grandchildren? Mr. Scharf said they had not thought of this and would look into it.

John Keeler - Did not approve of models of homes, which were just a few of which would be available, Aesthetics very important.

Cyndy Hall - Would there be citizen input? Yes. Will have several meetings with senior citizens of community and also come to several Town Board meetings.

Name will be Morningstar Community.

Enid Futterman - Must be open to suggestions. Very close to Rte 4. 9-H. Must consider aesthetics.

Ray Trowbridge - Resident of Old Lane Extension - Read petition regarding standing water at back of development. Requested Highway Department examine and install culvert able to allow the water to drain away into an existing culvert system located under Old Lane roadway.

Post Office update - Posting is in Post Office, but not in newspaper as yet.

John Keeler - Hudson City School District ready to sell Claverack School building. Town needs to look into purchasing it.

Vincent Wallace - Questions on Water District - Cost to Town to update Greenport for Town - \$350,000.00 - Required by Town of Claverack to bring supply up to capacity. Maintenance sharing is part of contract. What is 2,000' - 3,000' of plastic pipe at distribution center used for? Used to go under stream. Also saw 6" cast iron pipe and didn't think it was going to be used. Water project engineer will check on this.

Bob Hyland - How is determination made for placement of stubs? Town engineer will check on this.

John Winch - Local intersection problems: **Kittle Road** - 20 degree angle onto Rte. 9-H creating sight distance problem. Had photos to explain problem. **Tishauser Road - Fish and Game Road** intersection - During motocross races, heavy traffic

coming out at intersection. **Schroeder Road -Fish and Game Road** intersection - Have to almost round the corner to see traffic before turning into Schroeder Road.

It was noted that the problem in making corrections is acquisition of property and financial funds, all of which takes time. **Councilman Van Deusen** said a letter of concern could be sent to Columbia County Safety Board. Fish and Game Road is a County Road.

Mr. Winch also spoke of 50' of Schroeder Road taken by neighbor. There are also 4 driveways of a right-of-way.

No further comments.

Report of Highway Superintendent -Louis LaMont - Completed box culvert project on Preusser Road and waiting to install guide rails. Installed one catch basin and 140' of culvert pipe on South Drive for drainage. Finished blacktopping Millbrook Road to prepare for chip sealing next year. Truing up Schoolhouse Road to repair broken edges and voids in road. Still mowing roadsides in all zones. Plan to start Mountain View within next two weeks to do drainage and prepare to pave.

Fall baseball has started and Marty has gotten fields tilled and ready to play on, plus keeping both parks mowed and trimmed.

Worked two days assisting Village of Philmont with excavator and a dump truck to remove a retaining wall on Prospect Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Commission - Councilwoman Twaddle - Planning to reinstall ice rink for this coming winter season. Requested authorization to continue work on Skateboard Park. Hoping it will alleviate vandalism at Town Park. No price at this time, but with authorization will continue putting plans together. **Councilman Van Deusen** questioned how much participation there would be now -Doesn't seem to be as much interest as a few years ago. **Councilman Weigelt** questioned insurance. **Councilwoman Twaddle** said Town will have recommendations from insurance company and also cost. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to give authorization to proceed. Carried.

Cablevision -Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to approve resolution as submitted by Mid-Hudson Cablevision. Carried.

No further reports.

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

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

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle to accept Financial Report for July 2005, as prepared by Town accountants. Carried.

Necessary adjustments to 2005 Budget explained by Budget Officer Twaddle. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution authorizing same. Carried.

Comprehensive Plan Consulting Agreement - Shall not exceed \$29,100.00. (Cost of \$23,900.00 plus \$5,200.00 for surveys, mailings, etc.). Can have a change order, if necessary. This is a professional service and would not have to be bid on. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept. Carried.

Chris Post - This is a good choice. Will now work on applying for grants. Will have to get approval for applying for a grant from the Board.

John Blaauw - Have to have a secretary to keep minutes at Comprehensive Committee meetings. Will advertise in newspaper.

Bills #487- #529, totaling \$33,391.21, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway bills #256 - #286, totaling \$30,443.20, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm in memory of Philip (Po) Mossman, Mayor of Philmont for many years and William Weigelt, who was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town for many years.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Twaddle: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Town Clerk: _____

TOWN OF CLAVERACK**Resolution No. - #43****September 12, 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 12th day of September 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: James Van Deusen :

Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt :

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

An application has been duly made to the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, by Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc., whose principal place of business is located at 200 Jefferson Heights, Catskill, New York 12414, and holder of a cable television franchise in the Town of Claverack for the approval of an agreement to renew Mid-Hudson's cable television franchise for an additional ten (10) years, commencing December 13, 2004. The Franchise Renewal Agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings.

A public hearing was held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York 12544, on May 9th, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. and notice of the hearing was published in the Register Star on April , 2005. The Town Board of the Town of Claverack approved the agreement to renew Mid-Hudson Cablevision's cable television franchise on the 12th day of September, 2005.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Claverack finds that

1. Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc. has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and
2. The quality of Mid-Hudson service, including signal quality, response to customer complaints and billing practices has been reasonable in light of community needs; and
3. Mid-Hudson Cablevision has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide the services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and

4. Mid-Hudson Cablevision can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Claverack hereby renews the cable television franchise of Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc. in the Town of Claverack for ten (10) years commencing December 13th, 2004 and expiring December 13, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Claverack hereby confirms that this Franchise Renewal Agreement replaces the original franchise granted and all amendments thereto.

The foregoing having received a "yes" vote was thereby declared adopted.

Dated: September 13, 2005

Town Clerk

TOWN OF CLAVERACK**Resolution No. - #44****September 12, 2005**

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Resolution by: James Van Deusen :

Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt :

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that the following necessary adjustments be made to the 2005 Budget:

Highway Fund DB Accounts:

Appropriate from:

DB909	- Ledger Fund Balance to	
DB910	- Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 66,000.00

To Increase 2005 Appropriation:

DB5130.2	- Machinery	\$ 66,000.00
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Highway Fund DB Accounts:Transfer From:

DB5112.2	- Improvement	\$ 55,000.00
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To:

DB5130.2	- Machinery	\$ 55,000.00
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General Fund A Accounts:Transfer From:

A1990.4	- Contingent Fund	\$ 152.00
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To:

A6510.4	- Veterans' Services - Cont. Exp.	\$ 80.00
A8810.4	- Cemeteries -Cont. Exp.	<u>\$ 72.00</u>

Total \$ 152.00

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. - #45****September 12, 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 12th day of September, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: William L. Blaauw :

Seconded by: James Van Deusen :

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

The Comprehensive Plan Consulting Agreement between Nan C. Stolzenburg d/b/a Community Planning & Environmental Associates be accepted. The cost shall not exceed \$29,100.00 (Cost of \$23,900.00 plus \$5,200.00 for surveys, mailings, printings).

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

IN MEMORY OF
PHILIP "PO" MOSSMAN
MAYOR OF THE
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT

IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM WEIGELT
FORMER MEMBER OF
TOWN OF CLAVERACK
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS