

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**YEAR-END MEETING**

**December 27, 2007**

The Year-End Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York was held at the Town Garage, 128 Schoolhouse Road. Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. 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 Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of December 10, 2007. Carried,

Discussion on alternate members for ZBA and Planning Board. Consensus of Board was to leave them at the present 7 members each.

Also discussion on mailing of ZBA and Planning Board material or having members pick the up from the Town Office. Consensus of Board was to mail materials to members/

Comprehensive Plan delivered to Columbia County Planning Board. They will not rule on it until January 14, 2008, the day after the Town's Public Hearing. It was suggested by Councilman Johnston that a letter be sent to the newspapers regarding the Public Hearing to make people aware. There has already been a Public Notice in both local papers, but this would be a reminder to the residents of the date, time and location. Board also discussed the need for a Zoning Change Committee in the future.

Board reminded that the Organizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Town Hall, followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting.

Discussion on position of Historian for the Town. No reports have been given to the Board as requested at the beginning of the year and members do not feel that necessary work is being done. There was also discussion on the need for a job description so that there is no question as to what is expected.

Attorney Fitzsimmons will contact liaison between State and municipalities to try and recoup the payment made by the Town for renewing D.O.T. Bond, which was initially necessary during construction of the new water system, is no longer needed, but State said it had to be renewed.

Discussion on heating system in new Town Garage, which is now working properly. It is felt that Town should recoup some of the moneys invested to fix the system, which has had many problems since installation. Attorney Fitzsimmons suggested a warranty claim or reimbursement letter might be the route to go initially and see what happens.

Discussion on Engineering Firm for the Town. Will see if contract is sent by Clough, Harbour & Associates.

Discussion on Health Insurance and disability for employees. Many years ago Town set up Insurance Fund to cover disability claims, if necessary.

**Report of Highway Superintendent –Louis LaMont** – Working on culvert installation on Thielman Road Extension. Last rain washed out diversion dam, but didn't wash out underneath pipes.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

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

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

Councilman Blaauw: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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