

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK****YEAR-END MEETING****December 29, 2008**

The Year- End 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 scheduled to be held at the Town Garage, but had to be changed due to heating problems. 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
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

**Absent:**

Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting of December 08, 2008. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Howard Brandston** – Thanked Board for working for working with Comprehensive Plan Committee, but would like to see the following done:

Vision of Claverack – Would like to see what has been accomplished and what Town Board would like to see. Would like public comment as to what they would like to see done. Would like to see Comprehensive Plan enhanced and plans for traffic calming to protect pedestrians. Would like to see work on the closed bridge on Van Wyck Lane so that it could be used for bicycle and walking path – planks need replacing- would like a professional assessment of the bridge and plans brought to people soon. Supervisor Keegan said financing is a problem and will not be getting any easier. Mr. Brandston stated that are grants available.

**Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont** – Department has worked one ice storm and two snowstorms. Men did a fantastic job opening roads after ice storm. It took three days to open all roads, with help from loggers from Meltz Lumber and residents of the Town. Mr. LaMont would like to thank all who assisted, including local Fire Companies. Between ice storm and snowstorms, men worked 74 ½ hours overtime.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ZBA** – Table of uses and revisions almost complete. Just one phase of Plan – many more to go.

**Park** – No Report. Power Company used Park area as staging area during many days of repairing and replacing work so that power could be restored to residents' properties. Many hard working man hours were put in to restore power. Still much clean-up and repair work to be done.

No further reports.

### NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Dog Control Officer – Tabled until Organizational Meeting on January 05, 2009

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for resolution requesting speed limit reduction on Rtes, #23 and #23B as discussed at previous meeting. Resolution is necessary in order to send request to NYSDOT. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen for resolution to encumber funds from 2008 Budget and authorization given to make payments of 2008 expenditures as received to close out Fiscal Year. Carried.

**Howard Brandston**- Has not heard about lighting for the Town by National Grid. Would like a report on what they are going to do.

General A fund bills, totaling \$24,934.15, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,437.78, were audited and order paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$9,003.45, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Escrow accounts bills, totaling \$3,665.65, were audited and order paid from their accounts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date: 01/05/2009

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

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

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

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

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Resolution - #38**  
**December 29, 2008**

**Speed Limit Reduction**

**Town of Greenport Line at Bunker Bridge on Route #23B**  
**To**  
**Red Mills Bridge on Route #23**

At the Year- End Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was made and seconded:

Resolution by: James Van Deusen ;  
Seconded by: William L. Blaauw ;

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

Due to concerns of many residents of the Town, a request be made to New York State Department of Transportation for a speed reduction to 30 mph from the Town of Greenport line at Bunker Bridge on Rte. #23B to the Red Mills Bridge on Rte. #23.

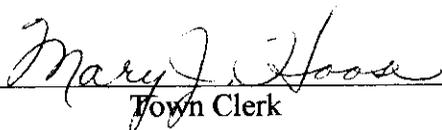
The following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

James W. Keegan  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw

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 Board.

  
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Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK****Resolution No. - #39****December 29, 2008**

At the Year-End Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, the following Resolution was made 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:

Necessary funds be encumbered from the 2008 Budget and authorization given to make payments of 2008 expenditures as received to close out Fiscal Year.

The following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

James W. Keegan  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw

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