

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

YEAR-END MEETING

December 28, 2009

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 called to order 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 Fitzsimons, Esq.	Attorney for Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept minutes of previous meeting of December 14, 2009. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

“Al” Wassenhove – Spoke on Supervisor Keegan – Always serving people no matter what political affiliation. For many years has been one of Columbia County’s top leaders. Spoke of his leadership, loyalty and friendship. Worked diligently, and successfully, on fight to save Pine Haven. Supervisor Keegan has been asked and accepted vice-chairman of committee to work on using what will be the former Pine Haven Home as a Veterans’ Resource Center, if the Certificate of Need is approved for a new Pine Haven facility. There are 6,700 veterans in Columbia County. His helping others started many, many years ago with Little Sisters of the Poor and he has been helping and serving people ever since. Mr. Wassenhove concluded with a deep debt of gratitude to Supervisor Keegan and the motto of the VFW – **Helping Our Heroes.**

Councilmen Van Deusen and Blaauw took the opportunity to say “Thank You” to Supervisor Keegan for his many years of service to the Town and Columbia County.

Joan Wassenhove – “Hats off” to Mrs. Keegan for sharing her husband’s time for so many years with so many others.

No further comments.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont - Completed cleanup on Palmer and Carlson Roads. Moved to Thielman, Old Barrington, Roxbury Hollow and Oak Hill Roads.

Speed limit signs installed on Shasta Drive.

Worked several nuisance storms.

No further report.

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

There were no Committee Reports.

Contract for professional services with GAR Associates – Will sign off tonight with a 5-year payment plan. **Assessor Chairman Charles Brewer** stated this “reval” should be done. GAR is very well known and done several local Towns – very positive feedback. Local Assessors will be overseeing the project and working closely with GAR Associates representatives. Results will show on the July 01, 2011 tax roll.

It was noted that the Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. with the Regular Monthly Meeting to follow.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to encumber necessary funds from 2009 Budget and authorize payment of 2009 expenditures as received to close out Fiscal Year. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution to make necessary name changes on Depository Accounts at Key Bank. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. ISO – Insurance Services Office, Inc.
2. John A. Alvarez & Sons Sand & Gravel
3. NYMIR – Underwriting survey – No problems or recommendations when they inspected Town properties.

The following appreciation awards were presented:

Martin Schumann – Presented by Supervisor Keegan for 32 years of service – Worked on the Highway Department for many years and was very proud of the Town Parks, which he maintained.

William L. Blaauw – Presented by Supervisor Keegan – Has worked serving the public for many years, including Trustee on the Village of Philmont Board, Town of Claverack Highway Department, Town of Claverack Superintendent of Highways and as a Town of Claverack Councilman. He has served the Town in one capacity or another under four Supervisors.

James W. Keegan – Presented by Councilman Van Deusen – Supervisor Keegan has accomplished more than any other Supervisor for the Town. He has served the public for more than 40 years, beginning with the Little Sisters of the Poor, his work at Niagara Mohawk, a member of the Town of Claverack ZBA, Town Justice for the Town of Claverack, member of the Hudson School Board, member of B.O.C.E.S. Board, and Supervisor for the Town of Claverack.

Supervisor Keegan thanked Michael Brandon for his many years of service to the Town as a member of the ZBA and now serving as Town Justice. Justice Brandon then proceeded with the Oaths of Office to the following:

Charles Brewer	Assessor
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DATE: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Resolution - #49

December 28, 2009

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 proposed 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:

Necessary funds be encumbered from the 2009 Budget and authorization be given to make payments of 2009 expenditures as received to close out Fiscal Year, and authorization to make appropriate budgetary transfers.

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

James W. Keegan
James Van Deusen
William L. Blaauw
Clifford Weigelt
Michael Johnston

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 - #50

December 28, 2009

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Resolution by: Michael Johnston ;

Seconded by: William L. Blaauw ;

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

Authorization be given to make necessary signatory changes on Depository Accounts of the Town at Key Bank.

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

James W. Keegan
James Van Deusen
William L. Blaauw
Clifford Weigelt
Michael Johnston

The following Board members voted "No" in opposition to said Resolution:

"None"

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the saqme was duly declared adopted by the Supervisor.

Town Clerk