

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 11, 2010

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, Rte. 3217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Robin Andrews, following the 2010 Organizational Meeting.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for Town

Absent:

Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
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Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept minutes of Year-End Meeting of December 28, 2009. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Worked two storms since last meeting.

Working with DuRuzzio Tree Service on Palmer road, cleaning up from the December 2008 storm.

Requested a 3-month extension from FEMA/SEMA to finish clean-up work from December 2008 storm, due to weather conditions..

No further report.

Dog Control Report will be available at next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Andrews and Councilman reported they attended a 3-day training session sponsored by the Association of Towns. Supervisor Andrews thanked everyone for support during transition.

Zoning Revision Committee – Chris Post - Next meeting will be January 21, 2010. Will continue working with consultant. Will be making reports regularly to the Town Board.

Supervisor Andrews will report on County meetings and on Philmont at future meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Wassenhove were honored this evening at the Philmont Village Board Meeting for their work on the Pine Haven issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank You received from Claverack Senior Citizens for the support received from the Town for their group trips.

No further correspondence.

The lighting for the Highway Garage was brought up for discussion again. Consensus of Board was that this needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Emergency Preparedness Plan needs updates by next meeting. Councilman Van Deusen will be working on this.

Discussion on website. Attorney Fitzsimmons has worked on an RFP. Will be moving forward on this.

Discussion on setting up advisory committees on the following:

1. Economic Development
2. Historic Preservation
3. Agriculture
4. Recreation, Youth Commission, Open Space

Anyone interested should send letter of interest by next meeting.

Brought to Board's attention that the roof on the Town Hall building is in need of attention as soon as possible.

Councilman Van Deusen reported that ISO rating for West Ghent Fire District has gone down to a Class 9 for 1 and 2 family homes and Class 9 for industrial and commercial buildings. There is a problem with available water. This will raise fire insurance for district. There is no liability for Town, but a letter will be written to representative and ask that Town be contacted. Town is supposed to respond by January 15, 2010.

Rick Tracy, representative from Philmont Rescue Squad, It was suggested that Mr. Tracy, Councilman Van Deusen, Councilman Preusser and someone from the Philmont Village Board be on the Committee.

Councilman Van Deusen thanked Chris Post and Chuck Brassard for working on the Comprehensive Plan and now the Zoning Revision Committee.

Meeting opened to public:

David Graziano spoke on the Town website - Posting time has improved.

Leonard Winters – on LOSAP – Life members, active and exempt receiving benefits and should not be receiving them. Board of Fire Commissioners put names in and they have to be contacted to settle the problem. Councilman Van Deusen told him to contact Penflex to do audit. Mr. Winters said he has certified letter and they will not do this.

Warrant for 12/31/2009:

General A Fund bills, totaling \$5,705.82, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$896.78, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB Fund bills, totaling \$48,582.25, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

SW Water A Fund bills, totaling \$60.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Warrant for 01/11/2010:

General A Fund bills, totaling \$3,71.45, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$175.00, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB Fund bills, totaling \$2,736.62, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to set up Public Hearing for Real Property Exemptions to be held on next Regular Monthly Meeting night at 6:45 p.m., prior to Regular Meeting. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss scheduling problem. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to go out of Executive session at 8:55 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Preusser to set Regular Monthly Meeting day to the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Carried. This change was made due to a conflict with the Town Court meeting on Tuesday evenings.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Carried.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____