

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

November 09, 2009

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 7:00 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
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
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Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept minutes of previous meeting of October 05, 2009. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:-

Rick Tracey – Representative from Philmont Rescue Squad – Feels it is being underfunded – Wants committee set up to work on this. **Councilman Van Deusen** said fairest way to go is forming a “taxing district”. This only takes action from Board – no referendum necessary - Will find out what it takes to form this district.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont – Still picking up debris from the December 2008 ice storm. Completed Manor Rock, Bate and Thomas Roads and now working on Decker Road. Working with DiRuzzio Tree Service removing broken and hanging limbs – completed Roxbury and Stevers Crossing Roads, Prach Road Extension, Meltz and Madonia Roads.

Repairs made to broken edges on Van Wyck Lane and South Drive with blacktop.

Snow fence installed and three trucks prepared, with sanders, for winter storms.

Sweeney and Carpenter roads paved.

No further report.

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

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

Committee Reports

ZBA Committee Report – Comprehensive Plan – Building Inspector, Stanley Koloski, is a great asset on Committee. Has much knowledge to share to help in making decisions on changes necessary. David Graziano, a member of the ZBA, is also a great asset on this Committee.

Grant Resource – Councilman Van Deusen – Funds have been budgeted for 2010. Have some leads to check on – To begin with, looking for grants for the following:

1. Extend sidewalks from Village to Town Park and extend water district.
2. Solar panels for all Town properties,
3. Work on Van Wyck Lane and Webb Road bridges to be used as walking and bicycle paths.

No further Committee Reports.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept Preliminary Financial Report as of October 31, 2009. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw, to accept the 2010 Preliminary Budget as the final 2010 Budget. Carried.

After short review, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston, to approve Churchtown Fire Company five year contract (2010-2014). Carried.

Correspondence

1. Laberge Engineering Group Grant Alert – Hudson River Greenway.

2. National Grid – Non-Company Attachments
3. Grants for Parks and Trails
4. Emergency Services for Won Buddhism Property

Discussion on Town-wide reassessment – Contact with GSR Associates for information.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss litigation. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$20,340.14, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$2,138.41, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB Fund bills, totaling \$69,198.91, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

SW Water A Fund bills, totaling \$6,723.39, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen, meeting adjourned with a moment of silence in memory of Clyde Moore and our Veterans.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____