

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 5, 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
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimons, Esq.	Attorney for Town of Claverack
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

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

Meeting opened to public:

Howard Brandston – Still concerned about bridge near his home now at weight limit of 15 ton. Town received approval from engineers.

No further comments.

Bridgette Harvey, from the American Government Class, was present at meeting this evening.

Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont - Still picking up debris on Manor Rock Road and Catskill View Road from the December ice storm.

Ditching has been done on Old Barrington and Oak Hill Roads and two damaged culvert pipes from the July flooding replaced. Now ditching on Sweeney and Catskill View Roads.

The Park is being closed for the 2009 season. Can still be used by the public, but water and restrooms will not be available.

“Marty” Schumann will be retiring this fall.

Attorney Fitzsimmons received petition for Town to abandon Angus Lane, which was requested at last meeting, and read order. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw for resolution to abandon road and requested a deed for the Town, at no cost to the Town. Carried.

No further report.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZBA - Councilman Weigelt – Building Inspector, Stan Koloski, left report for Committee.

PARK – Councilman Johnston – Working on getting information together for Skateboard Park. Received review today from Attorney Fitzsimmons.

GRANT RESOURCE – COUNCILMAN VAN DEUSEN – Looking to put funds in next year’s budget. Projects to be considered are: Solar panels for Town buildings, extending sidewalks from the Village of Philmont to the Town Park entrance and walkways on Webb Road and Van Wyck Lane bridges.

No further reports.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept Preliminary Financial Report as of September 30, 2009. Carried.

After brief discussion, motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to set workshops for Monday October 19, 2009 and Monday, October 26, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, to prepare the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2010 and a Public Hearing on the Monday, November 9, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, to

discuss the proposed Preliminary Budget for 2010, followed by the Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

Councilman Van Deusen brought up the topic of the Won Buddhism property. Chief of Churchtown Fire Company, Winfield Hotaling, is concerned what district covers the property. There will be no fire tax, but consensus of Board was to get companies that would be involved in the protection of the project, which would be Churchtown, Claverack and Mellenville.

Brought to everyone's' attention that Senator Saland's 17th Annual Golden Gathering is Saturday, October 17, 2009.

Howard Brandston stated there are grants that would include the two bridges in the Town that are closed and some wish them to be repaired and opened to bicycle and pedestrian use. Supervisor Keegan stated that Grant Writers are aware of this and has been discussed.

Councilman Blaauw – Received reply from Matt Perry – Interested in doing website. Town will be looking into this.

Update on memorial placement as discussed at last meeting. Met with Superintendent of Highways – Spoke with Garden Club. They will give input as to where they would like it placed.

Discussion on stream at State Route #217, near Town Hall. Consensus of Board is the State, Village and Town should get together to reach a mutual agreement. Town will work on getting this meeting together.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Carried.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$48,426.13, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$1,298.60, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$22,571.43, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

SW Water A Fund bills, totaling \$4,103.80, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

Short discussion on tree work cleanup contract. Two bids received:

Host Tree Service \$115.00 per hour

DiRuzzio Tree Company \$114.50 per hour

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Johnston to authorize contract with DiRuzzio Tree Company, pending submission of proper insurance coverage. Carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilman Van Deusen: _____

Councilman Blaauw: _____

Councilman Weigelt: _____

Councilman Johnston: _____

Town Clerk: _____