

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 08, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Clifford Weigelt at 7:00 p.m., following three Public Hearings for West Ghent Fire Protection District, Churchtown Fire Protection District and Local Law #1 Of 2018 – Alternative Veterans’ Exemptions. Supervisor Weigelt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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| Clifford Weigelt | Supervisor |
| Kathleen Cashen | Councilwoman |
| Stephen Hook | Councilman |
| Brian Keeler | Councilman |
| Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq. | Attorney for the Town |
| Mary J. Hoose | Town Clerk |

Absent:

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| Maryanne Lee | Councilwoman |
| Louis LaMont | Superintendent of Highways |

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept minutes of previous Regular Monthly Meeting of January 11, 2017, Monthly Workshop Meeting of January 29, 2019 and Special Meeting of January 30, 2018. Carried.

Due to the absence of Superintendent of Highways, Louis LaMont, there was no Highway Department report.

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

Committee Repots

No reports received in Town Office.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

NYS Comptroller – 2019 Governmental Accounting Class Schedule
Marcus J. Molinaro – County of Dutchess – “Think DIFFERENT” information
Morris Associates – Re: Engineering Planning, Surveying, Consultant Services
Elan City – Re: Evolis Radar Signs
Mid-Hudson Cablevision – Re: Change in management services
Columbia County – Re: Shared Services Agreement
National Grid – Re: Field audit of company owned street lighting
NYS DOT – Re: Bridge NY Announcement 2018
Jennifer Strodl – Re: Columbia County Board of Supervisors’ Meeting – Referred Agreement with Galvin Foundation’s Galvin Civic Motel in Town of Greenport
Vicki Rosenwald – Re: PDD’s and the Comprehensive Plan
Enid Futterman – Re: Planned Development District
Donna Davey – Re: Comprehensive Plan and PDD
Pine Plains Veterinary Associates – Copy of signed 2019 Agreement
Guterman Shallo & Alford PLLC – Notice – Town of Ghent – Proposed Local Law #1 of 2018 Amends code as it pertains to lot line adjustments and Local Law #2 of 2018 – Amends the Code of the Town Chapter 36 (Personnel Policies), Article V (Sexual Harassment Policy) and Article IX (Workplace Violence Policy)

Supervisor’s Report

NYS DOT – Bridge and Culvert Funding – 21 million available for bridges – Should try to get funds for one or two per year.

Looking for three volunteers to do planning for the Claverack Park at Routes 23 and 9-H. Councilwoman Cashen will work on this.

County is looking at a building near the Columbia County Airport for training center for firemen. Looking into cost for this and waiting for engineer to determine the cost.

Discussion at the County Meeting and setting up a committee to keep an “eye” on spending and consolidation.

Also, County going into agreement with MIS – Shared Services – County and Towns – Setting up computers, networking, etc.

Town Board Member Reports

Councilman Keeler – Worked on Planning Board interviews.

Attended Workshop Meeting and Special Meeting on PDD with Liz Axelson, Special Planner with Morris Associates Engineering where first draft was reviewed.

Along with Councilwoman Cashen, met with Mellenville and Philmont Fire Company representatives to

discuss combining the two companies into one building.

Continued with work on the Policy Manual.

Councilwoman Cashen – Will look for 3 residents with gardening experience to plan the work on the Hamlet Park.

Along with Councilman Keeler, met with representatives from the Mellenville Fire Department and Village of Philmont Trustees regarding feedback and information on the space needs for the two departments, which is being put together so that it can be forwarded to the State for possible funding opportunities for a new combined location to house both Departments.

Met with other Board members to discuss the Employee Handbook and related changes.

Reviewed proposed updates to the website and input on the business directory section.

Reviewed draft PDD law and participated in the workshop to review the draft and ask questions.

Followed up with Mid-Hudson Cablevision officials to clarify coverage on certain roads in Claverack and also responded to inquiries regarding the recent grant funding in Round 3 that they received and the areas of Claverack that will be covered. They said that they didn't get all the funds they wanted. Also called Didi Barrett for assistance.

Two residents in an area on Gahbauer Road spoke. One stated she had spoken to many representatives, but would probably have to go to the State level. Another couple said they moved here four years ago and told it would cost \$50,000. for coverage. Have been looking for options, but at this point have none.

No further reports

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for resolution adopting an Energy Benchmarking Policy for Certain Municipal Buildings in the Town. Carried

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook for resolution to adopt the New York State Unified Sola Permit. Carried

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approved Local Law #1: Alternative Veterans' Exemptions. Carried

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve West Ghent Fire District Contract thru December 31, 2018. Carried

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve Draft January – December 2017, Draft January 2018 and Draft January – December 2018 Financial Statements. Carried

Other Business – Discussed Lot Line Adjustment procedure change. Attorney Fitzsimmons spoke with Building Inspector, who brought in a similar change in the Town of Livingston. It will have to be sent to County Planning for their approval before Town can move forward.

After discussion, it was decided to hold the Regular Monthly Workshop, which will include the ZBA and Planning Board for PDD explanation and discussion, at the Town Hall/Town Court Building, #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York, instead of the regular location of 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York.

Meeting Opened to public:

Attorney Fitzsimmons – Read Unified New York State Solar Permit from Robin Reynolds – It will increase Town’s eligibility for various incentives and grants through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

No further comments.

General A bills, totaling \$18,726.67, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$105.68 were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$44,224.83, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$65.82, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no Escrow Account bills.

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

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Town Clerk: _____

