

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 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, immediately following the continued Public Hearing on the Churchtown Fire District Contract. Meeting opened by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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

Absent:

Stephen Hook	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of previous Regular Monthly Meeting of February 08, 2018. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve Churchtown Fire District Contract as presented and discussed at the Continued Public Hearing prior to this Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

There was no Highway Superintendent's Report.

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

Committee Reports

"None received in Town Office".

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Senator Marchione's Office – Re: NYS Senate Heroin Task Force Public Meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Columbia/Greene Community College
Donna Barrett – Re: Claverack Memorial Corner
Claverack Senior Group – Re: 2018 Trips

Supervisor's Report

County -Meeting on Monday regarding Shared Services – What they can do for us and what we can do for them.

Now on Bus Committee. Two new buses ordered – will be able to transport those using wheelchairs. Also, transportation to Columbia/Greene Community College will be available.

Tim Stalker from the County will have training for Planning Boards.

Talked to County regarding up to one million dollars available for box culverts over a two-year plan – two this year and two next year.

County Meeting next week.

Town is looking for \$300,000. Grant funds for Town Park. Request and paperwork already submitted.

Town Board Member Reports

Councilwoman Lee – Attended the Heroin Task Force public forum at Columbia/Greene Community College. Inpatient services, recovery facilities and safe affordable housing are desperately needed in Columbia and Greene Counties.

Participated in a conference call with Councilman Keeler, Councilwoman Cashen and Hudson Valley Resource Group representative, regarding Employee Handbook.

Met with Assessor Charles Brewer and also contacted Morris Associates regarding Lighting District maps to see if they could give an estimate for redoing the old maps. Will bring this information back to the Board when received.

There has been a request to remove the machine guns from the Park in the Hamlet.

Read to a group of children at the Philmont Library in February.

Congratulations to the Columbia/Greene Community College Women's Basketball Program. The team this year was the runner-up in the 2017-2018 National Junior College Athletic Association Region 111. With March being "Women's History Month", it's perfect timing for this announcement that they worked very hard for in making history for the College

Councilman Keeler –Spoke, via telephone conference call, with representative from Hudson Valley Resource Group going over Employee Handbook.

Attended workshop on PDD. This was for Planning Board and ZBA members to hear explanation on the draft PDD from Liz Axelson, ask questions, make comments and give suggestions. There was no public input for this session.

Attended Planning Board Monthly Meeting. Representatives from Drumlin Fields – Brandy Distillery proposal - present to discuss plans and answer questions. **Councilwoman Lee** stated this project would fall under Agri-Tourism and information on Agri-Tourism is being offered at Columbia/Greene Community College.

Spoke with Brett Holmes, Summer Youth Program Director. Discussion on whether it should be a 5 or 6-week program this year will be discussed at the next monthly workshop.

Councilwoman Cashen – Spoke with representative from U.S. Postal Service regarding status of Mellenville Post Office Project. Had sent contract to property owner but has not heard back. They are planning on putting a modular building in the same location as the present post office but will be larger.

Attended meeting with other Town Board members and human resources firm on updates to the Employee Handbook.

Working on insurance quotes for Town – no specific quote as yet. Should have it before monthly workshop. Reviewed and updated questionnaire for insurance broker.

Attended meeting with Planning and Zoning Boards to review and discuss draft PDD law.

Responded to calls and follow-ups regarding Broadband status in Town and grant funding to Mid-Hudson Cable. Would like to get a list of roads that do not have broadband service to share with broadband office.

Attended March 5 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Planning Board.

End of reports

A member of the public brought to everyone's attention an incident at the Claverack Library where a gentleman was allegedly viewing pornography on one of the library's computers. According to the report to the Board, the librarian was not cooperative at the time of the incident with law enforcement personnel. It was suggested by this individual that the Library has to create a stronger computer policy as this is endangering the welfare of children. It was noted by Supervisor Weigelt that the Town Board will be following up on this incident, but that the gentleman should address the Library Board about this incident since any policy and procedures would fall under their purview.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler to authorize the Town to process the Town insurance renewal with Johnny Walker Insurance. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to set Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2018 – Boundary Line Adjustments. It will be held prior to the Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve Shared Services Agreement with Columbia County MIS. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept draft January – December 2017, draft February 2018 and draft January – December 2018 Financial Statements. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to approve renewal of Town Bond. Carried.

Regarding quotes for water tower cleaning – Attorney Fitzsimmons said that it needs to be in newspaper and website and formal quotes need to be in writing. Supervisor Weigelt will follow-up with Highway Superintendent LaMont.

After short discussion, motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve “Think Differently” initiative writing. Carried.

Habitat for Humanity has requested fee waivers for their project. They do not own building and do pay rent, so this would be upgrading landlord’s building. Will wait for more information and will discuss at next workshop.

Meeting opened to public:

Ian Nitschke – Progress on Shaw Bridge Project minimal. Potential of withdrawing the \$170,000. Per Attorney Fitzsimmons, this is at the County level now. Danielle Dwyer, is aware of the County involvement. Planning and Tourism may get involved.

James Ivory received Academy Award. Has home in Claverack.

Planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs by Shaw Bridge.

No further comments.

General A bills, totaling \$10,632.09, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$2,715.12, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$49,247.60, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$9,094.93, were audited and ordered paid from their 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 Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Supervisor Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk: _____