

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 11, 2016

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 opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Brian Keeler	Councilman
Maryanne Lee	Councilwoman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Supervisor Weigelt presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Karen Garafalo, who retired from the Philmont Public Library after many years of service to the Town of Claverack and the Village of Philmont. She instituted many programs for the residents of the area, especially children, and headed many fund raisers for the library. Karen also spends many hours assisting in the local Mellenville/Philmont Food Pantry. She was wished well in her retirement.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to approve minutes of previous Regular Monthly Meeting of July 14, 2016. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Completed blacktopping of Snyderstown Road and putting shoulders on Oak Hill Road to prepare for chip sealing.

Completed ditching on Thielman Road and have been cold patching in all zones.

Continuing mowing road sides in all zones for second time.

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

Committee Reports

None received in the Town Office.

Correspondence

Including, but not limit to:

Karen Sheak – Correspondence regarding water problem in home on Rte. 23B
NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance – Real Property Tax Services – Equalization Rate remains at 100%

Didi Barrett – E-mail regarding Pave NY Funding for 2016
Columbia County Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Sat. September 10, 2016
Dog Control Officer’s Report for July
Greenport Rescue Squad, Inc. – Request for increase in funding for 2017
Kim Keil – Resignation from ZBA
ProAct Prescription Discount Card Program – Information for uninsured
NYS Public Service Commission – Re: Clean Energy Standard proposal
Crawford & Associates – Information regarding Town Hall Building/Former Highway Garage
Chazen Companies – Information on securing funds for municipal infrastructure projects
Brian Stratton – Director – Thruway Authority/Canal Corp. – Copy of support letter for 2016 Consolidated Funding Application
David Rogers – The LOSAP Group of RBC Wealth Management – Re: Set up meeting to review Churchtown LOSAP

Supervisor’s Report

Reported that there will be a Federal survey on a solar field in the Town. Just a survey to see the possibility – will also be looking into other sites in the County.

Getting together a package for Park improvements (bathroom facilities, tennis and basketball courts, playground equipment, etc.) for Senator Marchione and Assemblywoman Barrett to see if there are funds that might be available to us.

Going to be setting up meetings for 2017 budget process. Hoping four meetings will be enough.

Quiet on the County level. Sent sewer project information to NYSDEC. This line will run from Greenport up Rte. #6 to the Commerce Park.

Board Members’ Reports

Councilwoman Lee – Met with the Town Justices and Court Clerks to discuss their needs when transitioning from the existing Town Hall/Court building.

Met with Karen Landau, our healthcare broker representative, regarding healthcare/dental rates for 2016 – 2017. Also attended the healthcare information meeting on Wednesday, July 27th, for all Town

employees. Meeting was conducted by Karen Landau who discussed the healthcare options for 2016-2017 including dental coverage. Open enrollment scheduled for September 1st. Also met with bookkeeper Michele Fuchs and Supervisor Weigelt to go over time sensitive documents regarding the healthcare renewal.

Attended ZBA meeting. Oliver Milot announced this would be his last meeting. He would be submitting a letter of resignation.

In regards to the Building Committee, Crawford and Associates will be submitting a report regarding removal of hazardous materials from the Town Hall/Town Court building. Once that is received, she will be notifying other members of the next meeting date and time.

It was brought to her attention that the Philmont Nutrition site, which also serves as a Poll Site for Districts 3 and 4 during elections, has only one handicap parking space. Supervisor Weigelt was aware of this problem and will be working on getting additional handicap parking space.

Councilman Keeler – AED's have arrived, along with the cabinets. There is documentation that has to be filled out by Dr. Weisberg. Suggested meeting with representatives from Planning Board, ZBA and others who use Town Facilities.

Councilwoman Cashen – Followed up with Mid-Hudson Cablevision to get status of the 6.2 mile expansion for services within the Town. Followed up with Assemblywoman Barrett's office regard the Governor's Broadband announcement and the impact on the Town.

Researched the number of Planning Board and ZBA members in the other Towns in Columbia County.

Worked with webmaster to update Town website.

Councilman Hook- Attended monthly Planning Board meeting.

Met with representatives from Town of Taghkanic, Town of Claverack and Churchtown Fire Company. LOSAP representatives did not show.

After short discussion, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to set two meetings to discuss 2017 Budget – one on Monday, September 12, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. and the other on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Town Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept draft January – July 2016, draft January – June 2016 and draft July 2016 Financial Reports. Carried.

After brief discussion, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, for Attorney Fitzsimmons to compose and send letter to owner of property on Rte. 23B, regarding dispute over water problems.

Discussion on ZBA and Planning Board – Councilwoman Lee has looked into this and in New York State most have 3 – 5 members on the ZBA and 7 members on the Planning Board. Councilman Keeler has discussed this with David Graziano, chairman of the Town ZBA. There would have to be a local law to make any changes. There are clarifications needed, like does there need to be alternate? This will be further discussed at the next Monthly Workshop.

There were no representatives from the fire departments present at the meeting. Supervisor Weigelt will let both Churchtown and West Ghent that the Town will be looking at their contracts and the documentation that the Town legally needs.

Meeting opened to public:

Two residents, who have property in question which runs along Rte. #23, near County Rte. #11, where there was a change in the zoning regulations in 2015. Until that time, the property was in Rural Conservation zone and now it is in Rural Residential. They have been in contact with the Department of State and after speaking with them, would like to have that area reversed back to Residential Conservation.

No further comments.

General A bills, totaling \$35,724.97, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,757.33, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$79,195.14, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

District A Water bills, totaling \$5,748.97, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no Escrow bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, on motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk: _____