

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 09, 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 opened at 7:00 by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, who led in a moment of silence in memory of Cyndy Hall and Todd Greci, followed by 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
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
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Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept minutes of previous Regular Monthly Meeting of July 12, 018. Carried.

There was no report from **Superintendent of Highways**.

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

Committee Reports

There were no reports received at the Town Office this week.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

4 Ourselves Advocacy Group – Re: Park Fee Waiver Request for August 24th Summer Dance Event

Columbia County Youth Bureau – Re: Municipal allocation for fiscal year 2018

New York State Labor Commissioner – e-mail – Re: U.S. Supreme Court, Janus Decision
Guidance

Elan City – Re: Radar and Speed Signs

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation 2017 Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Summer 2018 Programs, Workshops and Events

Pine Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – Re: Ribbon cutting, Tuesday, August 7th

Dan Andrade - e-mail – Re: Safety, Defibrillators & Stop Bleed Kits

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation – e-mail – Re: Volunteer Fire

Assistance Grants

New York State Department of Taxation & Finance – Re: Final State Equilization rate

E-mails – Re: Vacated County Coroner Position from the following residents:

Joanne Vilaghy

Tom Buckner

Cindy Bobseine

Claire Ackerman

Stephanie Sussman

Wendy Wilde

Kathy Pakay

Michael Seserman

Susan Fingar

Stephen King

Enid Futterman

Mary Luft

Supervisor's Report

At the County level - Firefighters Insurance – Paul J. Keeler, Columbia County Treasurer, working on this for County and Municipalities.

Approved Sewer Project extension to Commerce Park projected to be \$8,812,000.

County Board of Supervisors appointed Carmen Martino to the Columbia County Coroner's position due to resignation of present coroner. This position will have to be on the November 2018 ballot.

At the Town level – Working on completing the PDD law.

Budget time is here and will be working on the 2019 Budget.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Hook – Attended ribbon cutting at Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Attended Town Board Workshop and PDD Meeting.

Attended Monthly Planning Board Meeting.

Assisted Town Dog Control Officer in purchasing kennel.

Helped with Town Health Insurance, which comes due in September.

Councilwoman Cashen – Attended Town Board Monthly Workshop and PDD Meeting.

Attended Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Followed up with Mid-Hudson Cablevision regarding status of Broadband on certain roads in theTown;
Summit View Lane is included in Round 3.

Did research on short-term rentals law recently passed in Copake and an events law covering wedding and party events from Livingston.

Sent website items for updating at Town Office.

Received draft contract from New York State Department of State for Claverack Creek. This contract is for \$25,000. And is a matching grant. Sent to Attorney Fitzsimmons and Building Inspector, Jay Trapp for to read over. This is separate from the Shaw Bridge and will be a lot of paper work.

Councilman Keeler – Worked on contract for fire houses (Philmont and Mellenville). Trying to set up a meeting.

Checked on the updating of the Employee Handbook.

Attended Planning Board Meeting.

Attended Monthly Workshop Meeting and PDD Meeting.

Worked on Health Insurance for employees.

Would like to meet with all fire companies as was done a couple of years ago.

Councilwoman Lee – Waiting for return call from Carl Quinn regarding status of business directory for website.

Worked on putting new health insurance program in order for employees.

Contacted Town of Taghkanic to set up date for a meeting.

Attended workshop when new representative from Clean Energy Community Program, Tara Donadio, attended to bring us up to date as to where the Town is with the program.

Discussed LED streetlights and EV Stations with her as possibilities for the 4th action. She recommended contacting Joe Pallone at National Grid regarding the Utility Owned Option. It was requested that he work up a price to upgrade the Town's lights to LED's. He will need the request to be on Town letterhead. Once we receive this information, Clean Energy Program will figure out a return on investment based on current rates and number of lights we have. Then Town can evaluate their decision. Requested Deputy Clerk to contact Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium, which was recommended by Clean Energy Program for possible benefits for the Town, and because the Village of Philmont participates in that program, a possibility that the Town could piggyback. More information will be coming.

Was contacted by Joe Pallone regarding the request for a LED light to be installed across Rte. #23 near the Colonial Arms Apartments entrance. The light has been ordered and he will keep in contact as to the installation date, since weather and/or storms may cause delays.

Since last Board Meeting when it was reported that part of the red light at the intersection of Rtes. 9-H/23B was out, and reported to NYSDOT on July 13th, a report was put in. As of August 6th, the one light was completely out, so contacted them again and was told that it would be taken care of. As of August 8th, a crew had it up and working.

Attended August Monthly Planning Board Meeting.

Attended Pine Haven Home and Rehabilitation Center Open House. The interior of the facility has been improved and to date of the 233-bed capacity, 114 are filled.

Contacted by Lotus Energy, representatives who attended July Workshop, to see if Town had any questions and if a decision had been made to move forward with their service. They install efficient lighting energy systems to help eliminate or reduce electric bills by using LED alternatives. They also install solar systems, do energy audits and look at each building and its' efficiency.

Met with Building Inspector, Jay Trapp, to discuss additional information requested by Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), regarding the Town Park Grant. He contacted the Authority and is working on this at this time.

Was contacted regarding event venues/wedding venues. The Town does not have a law that regulates these venues at the present time and will be discussing it at the workshop.

At the July workshop there was a question on housing and the difference between Affordable Housing, Low Income Housing, Workforce Housing and Senior Housing.

Contacted Dave Fingar from Mid-Hudson to check on the licenses needed to proceed and if they had been issued. None have been issued yet and NYSEG seems to be difficult to work with. He calls every couple of weeks to discuss progress, which he says there is some and will keep us informed.

End of reports

Attorney Fitzsimmons spoke regarding the PDD Law, which was sent to him by Liz Axelson. There are no substantial changes.

The next step is to adopt a resolution. It has to be reviewed by the Columbia County Planning Board, Town of Claverack Planning Board and Town of Claverack Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). He will send notice to all surrounding municipalities. Workshop on Monday, August 27th.

Attorney Fitzsimmons handed out copies of a local law from Livingston regarding event venues, which the Board will be working on. It was from 2013 and revised in 2014. It may help them in determining what they would like in the Town's law.

Supervisor Weigelt stated that the Board will begin working on the 2019 Budget. Will be discussing when budget workshops will be held at the Monthly Workshop.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to waive park fee for an event to be held by COARC. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept draft January – December 2018, draft January – August 2018, draft July 2018 and draft January – December 2017 financial statements. Carried.

Councilman Keeler brought to the Board's attention that neighbors near the Yorkshire Motel are very concerned since they have learned that Social Services is housing sex offenders there. Attorney Fitzsimmons will speak with Mr. Gibson, Social Services Commissioner to see if there is any truth in this.

Meeting Opened to Public:

Jim Brady – Gave Board members Public Works Schedule of salaries from Columbia County workers.

Ian Nitschke – County working on transfer documents for the Shaw Bridge to the Town.

No further questions or comments.

General A bills, totaling \$27,187.55, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,221.44, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$53,118.68, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$7,364.16, were audited and ordered paid from their account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no Escrow Fund bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk: _____

