

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 10, 2019

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 12544. Meeting followed the 2019 Organizational Meeting and was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, who requested a moment of silence in memory of Maureen Hess, daughter of John Hess and Agnes Hess. Mr. Hess was Supervisor of the Town of Claverack for many years. The moment of silence included the memory of Paul Proper, Columbia County employee and Columbia County Sheriff for many years and also, recognition for all Law Enforcement personnel in honor of Law Enforcement Recognition Day. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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

Absent:

Maryanne Lee	Councilwoman
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A very informative presentation was given on Community Solar projects by representatives from Eden Renewables. Presently looking at 40 – 45 acres on Humane Society Road. Did a project for Hudson City School. They are also looking at the Town property on Schoolhouse Road.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve minutes of previous meeting of December 13, 2018. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont = Crew has been out nine times for snow and ice conditions.

Department has been cutting trees and brush. Cold patching done in all zones and spreading gravel on rough spots on gravel roads.

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

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Memo from IRS with standard mileage rates for 2019
American Ramp Company – e-mail – Information on their products, which includes more than ramps
Thank you from Gretchen Stearns for Holiday ham
Columbia County Office of the Aging – Elder Express (January – March 2019)
Sue Haag – Town Clerk of Austerlitz - e-mail – Information on requirements of Town Historians
NSEG – Postcard notice of tree and brush work near power lines to be done soon
David DeSanto – e-mail – Disappointed with decision of Planning Board member appointment, but interested in being of service on other areas
Dog Control Officer's Report for December 2018
JV Computers – Joe Vining – Estimates as per discussions for a year or more under the five-year replacement agreement done many years ago
Wealth Management – Re: Churchtown Fire Company annual audit of financial statements
Request from Claverack Republican Club for waiver of Park fees for Music in the Park as it is a free service for the community
Marybeth Staebell – Office of Planning Development & Community Infrastructure – Re: Claverack Creek Historic Sites and Public Waterfront Access Study
Michael Chameideas – e-mail – Invitation to Hudson Interfaith Council's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Pre-Holiday Service on Sunday, January 20, 2019 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church
Columbia County Board of Supervisors – Three resolutions – The releveling of 2018 – 2019 Returned School Taxes, Levying Aggregate Taxes and Warrants Issued and Levying Special District Taxes for the Conduct of Special Districts in Certain Towns in the County of Columbia

Committee Reports

"None" received in Town Office

Supervisor's Report

There was no report due to Holidays and the Regular Monthly County Meeting is next week.

Town Board Member's Reports

Councilman Keeler – Attended Planning Board Meeting – Two items on agenda.

Fifteen questions on Handbook by/for Hudson Resource Group -Then to second draft.

Regarding radar signs – They are on Harry Howard Avenue near the Hudson City School and also in Ancram – solar powered. Can only be placed on Town owned roads. Supervisor Weigelt will get information from Hudson and Ancram. It was also noted that Kinderhook has its' own signs.

Councilwoman Cashen - Continued work on draft Employee Handbook.

Letter received from resident living at Dutch Village Mobile Home Park. Would like solid lines at the intersection of Rtes. #23 and #16. Contacted Assemblywoman Barrett's Office regarding this and requested her assistance in requesting NYSDOT to change the striping so that it is a "no passing" zone in this section of the road.

Followed up on Town's website hosting change and what to do to ensure no interruption of service. Town is talking with County for shared services.

Discussed Census 2020 with several individuals and gathered information for upcoming outreach. Philmont is putting a small group together.

Councilman Hook – Attended Monthly Planning Board Meeting and also Tuesday Court night.

Was present on Court Clerk interviews and also during Court mandated audit.

Attended Philmont Community Day Meeting.

Attended Town of Claverack Senior Citizens Group luncheon and Highway Department luncheon.

Swore in new Planning Board member.

Met with engineer and Highway Superintendent at Birch Builders' property.

Worked with Deputy Sheriff and Dog Control Officer regarding dog problem on Rte. 66.

Picked up monthly food order for Mellenville/Philmont Food Pantry and took cardboard to Greenport for recycling.

Need to set up appointment with the County for mandatory Sexual Harassment Policy discussion` for all Town employees.

No further reports.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler for Resolution accepting the required examination of the Town Court for May 2018 and October 2018 as required. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook for Resolution to approve agreement between the Town and Columbia County for 2021 Revaluation. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen supporting the Town Assessor updating the 2021 Tax Roll. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to approve Town Office and Highway Department computer purchases as outlined by existing computer replacement program. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept shared services agreement with Columbia County MIS Department. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept Municipal Agreement with Columbia County regarding employee education/training. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept draft December 2018, draft January – December 2018 financial statements, with a contingency to check on the income/sales in the Water lines. This was later explained by the accounting firm representative. The totals were only for the first two quarters. The third and fourth quarter figures will be added in.

Received call from LOSAP (Churchtown Fire Company). Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to request information for audit. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Supervisor Weigelt to waive Park fees for Music in the Park. Carried.

Meeting opened to the public:

Ian Nitschke – Update on Shaw Bridge. Planning to go to United Kingdom for presentation near Coventry,

Nick Zadorin - Spoke regarding Firemens' Association Meeting.

Columbia County has done much for Firefighters' Cancer Insurance and New York State is looking into this also.

Columbia Memorial Hospital made the news by offering free physicals to firemen.

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association is offering free fire extinguishers for anyone interested. Wally Ingles has more information on this.

End of questions and comments.

General A bills, totaling \$7,291.27, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$309.31, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$26,896.79, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District bills, totaling \$570.25, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

T & A Escrow Account for Clover Hill bill, totaling \$50.50, was audited and ordered paid from the account.

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

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Town Clerk: _____

