

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 11, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York was held at the Town Hall, #386 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Clifford Weigelt, who led in a moment of silence for the families and friends of the twenty people who lost their lives in the tragic vehicle accident in Schoharie County, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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

Absent:

Brian Keeler	Councilman
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Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of September 13, 2018. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Department ditching on Preusser Road and Miller Road II – Grader patching on Tishauser, Thielman, Old Barrington and Manor Rock Roads.

Paved Van Deusen Road.

Hauling sand for winter months.

Closing Town Park for the season. Walking Path will still be open.

Committee Reports

None received in the Town Office this month.

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

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Village of Philmont – Re: Budget for Fire Department for 2019
“Philmont Neighbors” – Re: Potluck neighborhood dinner – Thursday, September 12th
NYSDEC – Re: to James Ivory – Condition of Red Mills Dam – Now Class B – Intermediate hazard
Peter Bevacqua – e-mail – Re: Hamlet Park
Trish Gray – e-mail – Re: Intent from Merrimax Feature Film requesting to film at Won Dharma Center and what, if any, steps they would need to take to make this happen
National Grid – Re: Gas pipeline safety
Ken Flood – e-mail – Re: Claverack Creek Historic Sites and Public Waterfront Access Study
U.S. Senate – Re: Farm to School Grant Program
Heather Grimes – Estimate for plantings at Hamlet Park
Association of Towns – Re: 2018 Winter Planning and Zoning Schools – Registration forms
Taconic Hills Central School District – D.A.R.E. Program Flag Raising Ceremony – October 2nd
Office of Senator Kathy Marchione – Re: Phone call from Karen Sheak – Water District complaint
Ken Flood – e-mail – Re: Update on two State grants
N.Y.S. Comptroller – Re: Webinar – October 17th – A How-To-Guide to Shared Services
Stark Reunion Committee – Thank-you note for having Town Park available to community
KoolTemp Heating and Cooling - - Estimate for Heat Pump System for Town Office Building
Columbia Land Conservancy – Re: Feasibility study of developing a trail for walking and cycling between Empire State Trail in the City of Hudson and Harlem Valley Rail Trail in eastern part of Columbia County
E-mails – including Carl Quinn, Julia Sedlack (P-CAN), Rebecca Preusser – Invitation to “plan of attack” meeting, possibly on October 22nd evening regarding the current opioid epidemic
Gary Wallace – e-mail – Originally sent to Columbia County Safety Board regarding timing of light changes at the intersection of Rte. 9 – H and Fish and Game Road
Memo to all Town of Claverack employees - Re: New Anti-Harassment/Sexual Harassment Policy to be in compliance with the N.Y.S. Law enacted in October 2018. This is updated from the Town's original policy
Patrice Perry – Re: 2018 Fall Land Use Training – Monday – October 29, 2018
Claverack Fire District (A.B.Shaw) – Re: West Ghent area discussion

Supervisor's Report

At the County level – Audit complete – Before \$3,000,000. in reserve – now \$11,000,000.
Class held in Policy and Procedures – New Anti-Harassment/Sexual Harassment Policy.
Meeting regarding recycling – Much more difficult and County policy will have to be restructured.

At the Town level – Spoke with the Supervisor of the Town of Taghkanic – Attorney Fitzsimmons in on the discussion – will send information to them. The two Towns will share a main building, but remain separate otherwise and would be considered shared services. There are many steps in the process to do this and would take a considerable length of time to accomplish.

Met with Ken Flood. Will not be accepting the \$25,000. funds for a feasibility study of a Waterfront Revitalization Plan. He said there are many other grants out there that will do better.

Met with Eden Renewables– Town is inundated with requests about solar fields. Informed that the solar fields can have animals in the fields to keep plant growth down. It would be a payback for the people of the Town and the Town will be the first to be ask. Town has to make new laws and regulations for renewable energy.

Town Board Members' Reports

Councilwoman Lee – Contacted Town of Taghkanic 09/10. They have spoken with their attorney after the August meeting and hoped to get more information. They were meeting that evening, hoping to get a clearer picture.

Zoning Review Committee held the first meeting September 26th. Members will now review current zoning in conjunction with Comprehensive Plan, to make recommendations to Town Board.

Attended meeting on September 24th to discuss 2019 Budget.

Met with Debra Gitterman, who has been working through the Clean Energy Designation process for the Village of Philmont. She reviewed the Village's 4 High Impact Actions. They have been awarded a \$35,000. Grant.

October 19th Zoning Review Committee met and next scheduled meeting is October 24th.

Contacted Joe Pallone from National Grid to check on RFP that was sent to his office in August. Also, checked on status of the LED light that was ordered two months ago to be installed across from the Colonial Arms Apartments. Was sent an update on October 10th.

Contacted Dave Fingar from Mid-Hudson Cablevision for an update. The power company "make ready work" is underway on Snyderstown Road. He expects necessary licenses to be issued shortly after that is completed.

Town's Employee Handbook reviewed new Anti-Harassment Policy that goes into effect October 09, 2018. All Town employees who receive wages, regardless of how infrequently, are required to be notified of the policy and receive training.

Toured the Mill at Green Hole, owned by Steve Formel.

Requested that all Planning Board and Zoning Board members receive the "Talk of the Town".

Councilwoman Cashen –

Attended September Budget Workshop and joint meeting with Mellenville and Philmont Fire Companies in regards to shared space.

Received notice from residents on Summit View Lane that have gotten Mid-Hudson Cablevision service, but had made direct payment. Followed up with Assemblywoman Barrett's office to make sure that any grant money received by Mid-Hudson for Summit View would be reimbursed to the homeowners who had paid for the service.

Worked with Hamlet Park Committee to obtain bids on tree work and plantings.

Provided input on Anti-Harassment Policy and other employment policies for Employee Handbook.

Followed-up on status/availability of volunteers for Winter Ski Program.

Councilman Hook – Attended 2 Zoning Review Committee Meetings.

Attended 2019 Budget Workshop on September 24th.

Attended Monthly Planning Board and ZBA Meetings.

Checked in with Dog Control Officer.

Checked in with the Town Office personnel almost every day to see if there was anything needed.

Took cardboard from the food pantry deliveries to the transfer station in Greenport for recycling..

Attended meeting on Martindale Cemetery. The couple who have been overseeing it have given it up. It is not a church owned cemetery and, therefore, the Town has to take it over. Town will work with the State to make all of the necessary changes. Has to be mowed at least three times during the season.

End of Reports

Attorney Fitzsimmons will put Local Law for PDD together and notify adjoining Towns. This will also go to Columbia County Planning Board for review.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept the 2019 Tentative Budget as the 2019 Preliminary Budget. Carried.

There will be a 2019 Budget Workshop on Thursday, October 18th, 5:00 P.M. at the Town Office, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to set Public Hearing to accept the 2019 Preliminary Budget as the final 2019 Budget for November 08, 2018, 6:45 P.M., prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

After explanation by Attorney Fitzsimmons, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee for resolution of the Town Board's intent to be Lead Agency and Identification of a Type I Action and to initiate and complete review referrals for the proposed Planned Development District (PDD). Carried.

The Public Hearing for the PDD is set for November 19th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the A.B. Shaw Firehouse.

Motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to approve Anti-Harassment/Sexual Harassment Policy as presented to the Board. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept Financial Statements. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept the Columbia County Chargeback Agreement. Carried.

There was discussion on the Town Park at Rtes. #23 and 9-H. Explanation by Councilwoman Cashen regarding estimates on tree work and plantings. Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept estimate by Everhart Tree Care LLC. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept estimate from Heather Grimes for plantings. Due to time sensitive for the plantings, 50% will be paid now, with the balance to be paid when planting is completed. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

"Mike:" Brandon- Thanks to the Highway Department for the work on Tishauser Road.

If Board wants to talk on the idea of a fishing hole on Rte. #217, as brought up at last meeting, he is interested.

Spoke on the street being blocked near the liquor store and Park Place. Very dangerous situation and stated it should never have been approved for a restaurant,

Ian Nitschke- Ask if there was anything new to report on the Shaw Bridge. He was told that this is in the hands of the County with nothing new reported. Mr. Flood is working on this project now.

General A bills, totaling \$7,316.85, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$327.25, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$63,126.57, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District bills, totaling \$1,417.26, were audited and ordered paid from the 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 Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Hook, meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____