

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 11, 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. 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
Maryanne Lee	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Brian Keeler	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, Seconded by Councilman Hook to accept minutes of previous meeting of June 13, 2019. Carried.

Supervisor Weigelt called upon Conrad Coon. Mr. Coon provided the Town Board with a map and described his interest in adding additional 3 – 5 more storage buildings on his property on Route #23 near the parkway. There is wetland property at the back of the property and he would like to put the buildings in the back of the property where they would not be visible and would not interfere with the wetlands. DEC will regulate the wetlands to make sure of this. He is requesting the Board to change that area from Rural Residential to Highway Commercial.

There was no report received from the Highway Department.

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

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Philmont Neighbors – e-mail – Philmont FIT Bingo activity
Paul Hetherington – e-mail – Short-term rentals

Philmont Neighbors – e-mail – Philmont Community Action Network
Philmont Public Library – e-mail – Summer Program (July 8 – 13)
Copy of letter to NYSDOT – Re: Consider crosswalks in Hamlet
Virginia Ambrose – e-mail – Requesting fee waiver for food trucks in new parking lot of library
on Wednesdays in July and August
Maryanne Lee – e-mail – Re: Car Charging Station at Claverack Free Library
Copy of Letter to County – Re: Petitions from Claverack Free Library for budget increase
Philmont Pubic Library – e-mail – Summer Programs
Philmont Public Library – e-mail – Museum passes
Steve Bodnar – Barton’s Mill marker – e-mail – Ceremony July 27, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(date changed from Friday, July 26th)
e-mail – 2019 Veteran’s Car Show – Sunday, July 14th – O’Kenny’s Express – 3321 Rte. 9, Valatie,
NY
Village of Philmont – Clarence Speed, Mayor – Requesting support to NYS 2019 Consolidated
Funding application
Philmont Public Library – e-mail – Summer Programs – Out of This World Fun All Summer Long

Committee Reports

“None” received in Town Office

Supervisor’s Report

At the County level, the Columbia/Greene Community College budget was passed. Many improvements are being made.

Also, on the County level, due to the shootings in Hudson recently, a Deputy Sheriff is on duty at the County building, 401 State Street, Hudson, New York.

There has been a problem with water in the Town Park in the Hamlet. Thanks to those individuals who have been taking care of the plantings in the Park and also the weeding.

There are Little League play-offs being held at the Town Park this year, with teams from different leagues from Columbia and nearby counties participating.

Town Board Member Reports

Councilwoman Lee - Met with Assessor “Charlie” Brewer and Councilman Hook regarding tax assessments.

Met with other Board members and Karen Landau, health insurance representative, to go over new rates for 2019 – 2020. Open enrollment is open on September 01, 2019.

Zoning Review Committee will be meeting on July 17th. The final draft for the solar energy law will then be forwarded to Attorney Fitzsimmons for review.

A copy of the Claverack Free Library EV Charging station details was forwarded to Board members and Attorney Fitzsimmons for review. The Town is interested in leasing one of the charging stations proposed for the new library building. This would satisfy the fourth action necessary for the Town to be a Clean Energy Community Designation.

Letter was written to New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) requesting they consider pedestrian crosswalks in the Hamlet along with other upgrades. The new library is scheduled to be opening in October 2019. There will be additional children and adult programs, creating an increase in automobile and pedestrian traffic in the Hamlet. Also, requested that Supervisor Weigelt speak to the Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, Matt Murell, about having Columbia County Transportation Committee write a letter of support.

Councilwoman Cashen -

Attended Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting and participated in the Workplace Violence Training Program following the meeting with ZBA members and two other Town Board members. This is now a mandatory training program. Also monitored Workplace Violence Training for Youth Camp Counselors and with Councilwoman Lee at the Highway Department.

Researched issues brought up in regards to the Town Employee Handbook.

Worked with Deputy in Town Clerk's Office on updates for the Town website.

Councilman Hook – Attended Pine Haven luncheon with Town Clerk.

Assisted in Food Pantry monthly pick-up and also took recycling from pantry to Greenport transfer station several times.

Met with S & F regarding placing cameras in Town Parl.

Met with Mike Bucci on payroll matters.

Met with County representatives regarding information on time clocks and to arrange time clock information.

Met with Kool-Temp representatives regarding the air conditioners in the Town Hall/Town Court building.

Attended County Planning Meeting.

Met with Town Assessor.

Met with Town Health Insurance representative.

Worked on a tree in the Hamlet Park

Met with Ancram Highway Superintendent in reference to speed sign trailers.

Arranged for a dumpster at the Town Office Building.

End of reports.

Discussion on EV Charging Stations to be installed at the Claverack Free Library parking lot. Town is interested in leasing one of them and details will have to be worked out with library. Presentation was given by Mike Sullivan of the Library Board. The option of a lease to the Town, with the owner being the Library will be considered. Each station would be broken down and a way would have to be worked out for the Town to be invoiced. Will need formal resolution in order to go forward. Cost would be \$3,350. each with an annual maintenance fee of \$1,300. each. It would be reviewed in one year. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to authorize a municipal agreement. Carried.

Discussion on possible new Town Office Building, to include Court facilities will be at the Monthly Town Workshop. Town Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer has been working on plans. There was also a tour of a Morton Building.

Final planting at Hamlet Park completed. Peter Bevacqua handed out pictures and plant selections and also copies of signs to be considered. Borders weeded and around monument weeded also. Will needed to be watered when dry and weeded when needed also. Supervisor Weigelt would like a committee to help out. Suggested using the website to see if there were interested residents. There used to be a garden club, but that is no longer an option as it has disbanded.

Short discussion on new law on motels or other facilities used to house sex offenders. They would be required to obtain a license and other requirements. Since it is a licensing law and does not pertain to zoning, it does not have to go to County Planning.

Attorney Fitzsimmons informed the Board that County Planning will review the proposed Solar Law in August – then it could be voted on.

Short discussion on Village of Philmont's application to the CFA (Waterfront Revitalization). After some changes in the letter of support because of vague information, the letter was forwarded to the State.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to purchase trailers for portable speed signs at a price not to exceed \$2,000. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept draft January – June 2018, draft June 2019 and draft January – June 2019. Carried.

Law for expansion of use of land has to go to County Planning. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to set up Public Hearing. Carried

Meeting opened to public:

“Mike” Brandon – Great job of mowing corner of Tishauser Road and Fish and Game Road. Sight distance was very bad at that intersection, coming from Tishauser and turning left towards Hudson.

Need new blinds, plus closing windows to make Courtroom safer. Blinds will be purchased and installed.

Also, stated that some people had to go to Chatham to use a charging station, so it would be a good idea to have access in the Town.

Ian Nitschke – Questioned Shaw Bridge. Was told that all information had been submitted by County.

General A bills, totaling \$12,887.73, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$744.75, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$10,543.01, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District bills, totaling \$2,297.42, were audited and ordered paid from the 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 Cashen, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk: _____

