

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**September 12, 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, with a moment of silence in memory of Edna Card, wife of former Town Supervisor Stanford Card and also in remembrance of 911 victims and their families. This was 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
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq. Attorney for Town

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept minutes of previous meeting of August 08, 2019. Carried.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** – Have been getting roads ready to chip-seal.

Began chip-sealing on Monday and Tuesday.

Mowing roadsides in all zones.

**Dog Control Officer's Report for August 2019** received and on file in Town Office for review.

**Correspondence**

Including, but not limited to:

Columbia County Economic Development Corporation – e-mail – Re: Rail Trail Feasibility Study Presentation Flyer for September 24, 2019

NYS Department of Public Service – e-mail – Re: National Telephone Discount Lifeline Awareness Week

Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack – Re: Park Fee Waiver

Joyce Thompson – e-mail – Re: Safe At Home Program presentation

Claverack Library News – e-mail – Request for proposal for current property purchase

Columbia County Clerk's Office – Re: KISS – Senior Shredding Program

Town of Livingston – Re: Notice of Public Hearing regarding wireless telecommunications facility

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers – Re: Permit Application by Hudson Greys, LLC

Burns McDonnell – Project Fact Sheet for New York Energy Solution transmission upgrade project

NYS Department of State – Re: Local Government Innovation Conference October 17-18, 2019

NYS Public Service Commission – Re: Transmission Line Upgrades

Columbia County Planning Board – Re: August 2019 Meeting notice

Columbia County Planning Board – Re: August Meeting cancellation and further action required

Federal Energy Commission – Re: Idaho Power Company

NYS Division of Consumer Protection – Re: National Do Not Call Registry

NYS Division of Consumer Protection – Re: Key Consumer Contacts

Columbia County MIS – e-mail – Re: Purchases

Community Rescue Squad – e-mail – Re: Budget Meeting

#### **Committee Reports**

"None" received in Town Office

#### **Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Weigelt has been absent from meetings due to surgery. Did report that 40 million was budgeted to be received from sales tax and 45 million has been received.

#### **Town Board Members Reports**

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Attended Mellenville Fire Company wet-down at the Town Park for new brush truck and tanker.

Attended informational meeting on employee health insurance.

Followed up with Village of Philmont officials regarding resident complaint about mailbox placement.

Worked with Deputy Clerk Rich Michael on updates for website for Transco power line notice.

Attended September Town Planning Board meeting.

**Councilman Keeler** – Good idea to put power line notice on website.

Small changes in handbook given to Board members today.

Spoke with fire companies – Noted that Mellenville Fire Company has 100-year lease on property across from the firehouse.

Will be working on 2020 Town Budget.

Next project for handbook may be job descriptions for all employees.

**Councilwoman Lee** – Read letter from Claverack Free Library agreeing on terms and conditions of lease for charging station with the Town of Claverack.

Attended open enrollment for health insurance for Town employees and AFLAC eligibility for part-time employees.

Attended Zoning Review Committee meeting to discuss a draft law for large scale solar fields. The Town does not have one at the present time.

Contacted New York State Department of Transportation in Poughkeepsie, following up on the letter sent by the Town in July. A message was left, but have not heard back from the Traffic and Safety Departments.

Spoke with Claverack Free Library Trustee, Michael Sullivan, regarding the EV Charging Station lease agreement that was drafted by the Town Attorney. The lease was forwarded to the library for their review. Mr. Sullivan said that a letter is being sent to the Town.

An open house and presentation is being held at the A.B. Shaw Firehouse on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in cooperation between Columbia Land Conservancy and Columbia Economic Development Corporation, regarding a feasibility study of the Boston & Albany Rail Trail. It is free and open to the public.

**Councilman Hook** – Did food pickup for food pantry and recycling three times.

Inspections with Dog Control Officer.

Inspections with Code Enforcement Officer.

Attended Rezoning Committee Meeting and Town Planning Board Meeting.

Worked with County representatives regarding time clocks.

Met with Dog Control Officer twice in reference to 2020 Budget.

Met with State Police in reference to issues in Town Park.

Went to Harbor Freight to inquire about the purchasing of trailers for speed signs.

End of reports.

Joyce Thompson spoke on the Safe at Home Program and the services currently available. Gave interesting presentation and left folders with information for Board members. It is not money, but what community can provide, such as transportation, home maintenance and other necessities for senior citizens.

Discussion on Town having credit card and necessity of Town having a written policy. This was explained by Deputy Clerk, "Rich" Michael. The information and guidelines came from the New York State Comptroller's Office.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for waiver of Park fee for the Dutch Reformed Church. Carried.

Discuss on lodging and books for two employees attending water school.

Deputy Michael explained Town Sexual Harassment Policy as some Town employees had training outside of the Town. Councilman Keeler took on-line training at his place of employment, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and received certificate. Supervisor Weigelt had the training through the County. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to accept these with confirmation from the outside source. Carried.

Discussion on dates for workshops for the purpose of the 2020 Budget. There will be one meeting on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building. Others will be decided, if necessary.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for Resolution to accept S&F quote to replace damaged fire alarm board at the Highway Department. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to Resolution necessary to send information to New York State Retirement System. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Supervisor Weigelt for proclamations by Town for two individuals as requested. One is for Lisa Miller as a distinguished citizen for dedication to her church, family and community and requested by Carr Enterprises and the TEAM Movement. The other was requested by Attorney Michael Howard for Robert C. Rosekrans who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 22, 2019. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept draft September 2019, draft January through September 2019, draft January – September 2018 financial reports. Carried.

Meeting opened to the public:

**Stephen King** – Questioned “water school” for two Highway employees. Explained that in order to monitor the water in the water district, these men had to have training. David Siter was one of the men who did this, but no longer works for the Town.

**Michael Brandon**- Would like the Town to do a dog census. Would be a great help when a dangerous dog case comes before the court. Would like to commend Attorney Fitzsimmons for cases that have been handles.

Questioned the unlicensed vehicles in the Town. He pays \$100. each year for 2 cars on his property, but sees many all over the Town.

Questioned regulations of AirBnB’s in the Town. This is on the docket to be discussed and addressed in the near future.

It was also brought to the Board’s attention that at Tipple’s, near Rusty’s Acres, there is all kinds of “junk” being dumped.

**Ian Nitschke**- Re: Shaw Bridge – Has another contact as Danielle Dwyer is leaving. Was told that there are many from the State that are leaving. Also told that Ken Flood from the County is handling this now.

No further comments.

Deputy Clerk Michael told the Board that the time clocks are scheduled to go “live” on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Cashen suggested that the information on the powerline briefings be put on the website.

General A bills, totaling \$11,980.29, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,436.40, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$33,768.59, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water district bills, totaling \$4,464.96, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no escrow account bills.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Cashen: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Hook: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Keeler: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Lee: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

