

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 08, 2020

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 called to order by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, at 7:00 p.m., leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. As in the past several months, per Executive Order from the New York State Governor, because of COVID-19, the meeting was held remotely, with the public having the ability to listen, comment and ask questions. Also, a few residents were allowed to attend, using safe distancing.

Present:

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

Absent:

George Duntz	Councilman
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Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of previous meeting of September 10, 2020 and Monthly Workshop minutes of September 28, 2020. Carried.

**Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont** – Dug out a section of Catskill View Road where the intersection was changed, put down fabric and road millings to prepare for paving. Paving completed with assistance from Colarusso and the Town of Ghent.

Grader patched and drag-boxed Baker Road. Put shoulders on new paving and seeded.

Chip-sealed Bate Road Extension, Knapp Road and worked with the Town of Ghent to chip-seal Carpenter Road. Worked with Town of Taghkanic to pave Manor Rock Road.

Mowed roadsides in all zones for last time this season.

Met with Greg Storms from SUES on quote for repainting water tank. Cleaned out overflow pipe from brine tank due to being clogged.

Spoke with County regarding condition of Fish & Game Road. Needs work before winter.

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

### Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:  
census

Rebecca A. Bordeau – e-mails – Several regarding census  
Philmont Public Library – Monthly news  
NYS Environmental Protection Fund – Climate Smart Communities Grants available  
John Bradley – e-mail – Climate Smart Communities  
Pam Kline – e-mail – Elizaville Food Pantry in need of critical staples  
Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress – e-mail- Roads for People  
Mellenville Fire District – 2021 Proposed Budget  
Village of Philmont Fire District Budget  
John Bradley – Climate Smart Community Workshop Report  
New York State Energy Solution – Transco – Information on PSC Case #19-T-0684  
Patrice Perry – e-mail – Land Use Training Webinar  
Eric De Feo – e-mail – Speed limit on Rte. #217 – Residence is 144 State Rte. #217

### Supervisor's Report

Listened in on a virtual County Solar Panel meeting. 500 acres planned for Hillsdale-Copake area.

### Town Board Member Reports

**Councilman Keeler** – Attended Churchtown Fire Company mutual aid meeting. A. B. Shaw is on automatic respond. It is noted that the Town Office has received Routine Dispatch Instructions.

Worked on 2021 Budget with other Board members.

Again, the sign on Rte. #9-H near the Dutch Reformed Church needs to be replaced. Highway Superintendent LaMont will contact NYSDOT.

**Councilwoman Cashen** - Discussed new website layout and address updates via telephone.

Received complaint from resident about a 9/11/2020 event on Rte. 9-H. It turned out to be a gathering after a funeral.

With Town Attorney, worked on draft lease for Town Hall/Town Court for use of the former Claverack Library building until new building is constructed.

Followed-up with health insurance representative on the 2020 – 2021 coverage for employees.

With Councilman Hook, interviewed candidate for Building Inspector/Zone Enforcement Officer position.

Hosted and staffed virtual meeting for Town Board, Planning Board and ZBA meetings and Joint Public Hearings on Large Scale Solar Projects.

Provided information to legal counsel for union negotiations and participated in several rounds of negotiations with Deputy Supervisor/Town Board Member Hook and Town Highway employees.

Participated in meeting to discuss 2021 budget.

Responded to complaints on speed limit on Rte. #217 and sign regulations.

**Councilman Hook** – Attended September and October Planning Board meetings, September ZBA meeting and joint Planning Board/ZBA Public Hearings.

Did recycling several times for Town Office and Mellenville/Philmont Food Pantry.

Met with contractor at former Claverack Library.

Attended budget meetings on the 2021 Town Budget.

Attended Town Monthly Workshop meeting.

With **Councilwoman Cashen**, attended several Union negotiation meetings.

Met at old Yorkshire property regarding application for Food trucks there.

Met with Town Supervisor.

Met with Highway Superintendent.

Signed checks at Office.

Along with **Councilwoman Cashen**, interviewed candidate for Building Inspector/Zone Enforcement Officer.

End of reports.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to accept 2021 Tentative Budget as the 2021 Preliminary Budget and presented to Town Clerk. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook, to set Public Hearing for discussion on 2021 Preliminary Budget and approval as 2021 Final Budget, for Thursday, November 12, 2020, 6:45 P.M. at the Town Hall, preceding the Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for resolution authorizing Town Supervisor to execute the Road Use and Crossing Agreement with New York Transco for the New York Energy Solution Project Application No: 19-T-0684. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for resolution to pay bills for work and supplies in September, if necessary, that were not received in time for approval at this meeting. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Stephen King** – Received formal estimate from Fonda Construction for necessary work on the former library building to be used by the Town for a Town Court and other Town meetings while new building is constructed. Meeting with Library Board next week. Will Town be going to Planning Board for approval? Yes.

**Stephanie Sussman** – Again questioned Supervisor Weigelt on the Public Safety Committee and what the County has done for the April 2021 deadline for a program to be in place on law enforcement rules. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that there will be a full Board meeting next week. When complete, a web-page is being planned.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Carried.

Town Clerk was excused from the Executive Session.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to go out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

General A bills, totaling \$5,970.63, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$1,057.20, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$66,795.68, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$3,671.30, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no escrow accounts bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen, meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m. Carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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