

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 03, 2021

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, 836 Rt. #217, Mellenville, New York. The meeting was changed from the regular meeting night of the second Thursday of the month due to Veteran's Day, which falls on the second Thursday this year and is the usual day of the Town Board Meeting. The meeting was held "virtual" to the public, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Deputy Supervisor Stephen Hook led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 p.m., followed by two Public Hearings before the Regular Monthly Meeting began.

Present:

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

Absent:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
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Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of previous meeting of October 14, 2021 and monthly Workshop Meeting of October 25, 2021. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Cleaning ditches on Stevers Crossing and cold patching in all zones.

Drag-boxed Schoolhouse Road from Millbrook Road to Rte. 9-H.

Built Turnaround on Dunbar Road for school buses and plow trucks.

Servicing two trucks – Installing kingpins, brakes and tires. This is very costly and have two trucks to go.

Loader does not leave the shop as it has no brakes.

Hauled in sand for the winter.

Questioned if there was a decision on a new hire? Would like to hire someone and be able to train that person before winter.

Mr. LaMont will be taking vacation the week of Thanksgiving and the week after and also the week of Christmas and the week after.

Report of Dog Control Officer for October received and on file in Town Office for review.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Linda Hannigan – Want to Reduce Property Taxes and Lower Costs?

Columbia County Emergency Management – NYS training designed to provide an overview of the Incident Command System. Important for “non-emergency” public officials instrumental in managing government, education, health care and other public services

Patrice Perry-Columbia County Planning Board – Local Law #1 of 2021 on agenda for 11/16/2021

Association of Towns – Training School and Annual Meeting – February 20-23, 2022

Katy Cashen – HABOI filming at former Ockawamick School building on Thurs. 11/04 and Fri. 11/05 – All scripted for daytime, except for courtyard outback where bit of lighting outback, but between two wings in the back of the school, so shouldn't have impact on surrounding neighbors.

Craryville Fire District – Budget for 2022

John Bradley – Climate Smart Coordinator – Re: Town Garage Tour Feedback Summary

A.B. Shaw Fire District – 2022 Budget

Justin Weaver – Columbia County Clerk's Office – Re: KISS Program

Register Star Confirmation and Invoice – Salaries of Elected Officials

Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin – Filming on Friday, November 12 – 1 day

Thomas Kennedy – e-mail – Local Sales Tax Collections up 20% in State in 3rd Quarter

NYS Town Clerk's Association – e-mail – Legislative Update

Town Board Member Reports

Councilman Keeler – Worked on 2022 Budget.

Attended Budget Workshop.

Councilman Duntz – Worked on 2022 Budget.

Attended Budget Workshop.

Heard complaint from residents on Macintosh Road regarding party at a residence there.

Will be joining Climate Smart Committee.

Councilwoman Cashen – Followed up with National Grid on LED streetlights conversion for the Hamlet.

Attended November Planning Board Meeting and zoomed meeting for public.

Worked with Deputy Clerk, Rich Michael, to get signup information on the 2022 Snowsports Program at Catamount Ski Area. Sent press release out on the program.

Attended Budget Workshop for 2022 Budget and followed up with accountant with additional information regarding several budget items.

Attended October Climate Smart Meeting.

Spoke with a vendor regarding the installation of a pickleball court on cement slab in the Town Park.

Attended Court Audit.

Suggested a representative from National Grid come and explain brightness and other questions regarding the installation of the new LED lights in the Hamlet.

Councilman Hook – Recycling for Town Offices and Food Pantry.

Signed checks several times.

Picked up painting supplies for former Claverack Library building, to be used for Town Court and other Town Business until new building is constructed. State will pay for new floor in one room and have two rooms sanded and refinished. Also shades on all windows. They will pay for up to \$30,000.

Met with Town and State Court Personnel at the former Claverack Library building.

Attended Budget Workshop and Regular Monthly Workshop.

Attended Planning Board Monthly Meeting.

Along with Councilwoman Cashen attended Court Audit.

End of Reports

Motion by Councilman Duntz, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept the 2022 Preliminary Budget as the 2022 Adopted Budget. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Duntz for a resolution for the authorization for the Supervisor to submit Tax Cap Filing. Carried.

Opened to Public:

No questions or comments.

Councilman Duntz gave more information on complaint received regarding Macintosh Road. The circle in that neighborhood was vandalized. There was a party at one of the homes and there were large noisy trucks which did damage to the circle. Still trying to find out who did the damage, but the damaged was fixed by the person having the party. The Sheriff's Department was called.

Councilman Duntz also spoke to Rebecca Wolff. Would come to Workshop on December 27 to discuss R B & B's. The Town can regulate this thru zoning.

Councilman Hook reported that he had heard from Steve Bakunas, owner of the former Yorkshire Restaurant property plus another piece of property next to it. He offered to donate the property to the Town to be used as a park.

There being no bills to be audited due to the meeting being so early, on motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The bills will be audited during next week by Town Board members individually.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilman Duntz: _____

Town Clerk: _____