

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

Regular Monthly Meeting

December 09, 2021

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, #837 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. The meeting was changed from the regular meeting night of the second Thursday of the month due to the Organizational Meeting, which had to be held earlier in the month as required. It was decided that the Regular Monthly Meeting would be held on the same night. The meetings were held “virtual” to the public, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Suprvisor Weigelt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag after the two public hearings and began at 6:15 p.m.

Present:

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

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept minutes of previous meeting of November 03, 2021. Carried.

Superintendent of Highways Report – Louis LaMont – Have been servicing trucks.

Patching in all zones. Cleaning up around Highway building.

Worked three small storms.

Not doing a lot as men are using up time before end of the year and department is short-handed.

Water Plant needs new heater and a new chlorinator. One was changed two years ago. Now the other needs to be changed. It is 17 years old.

Report of Dog Control Officer – On file in Town Office for review.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Andy Aubin – e-mail - Crawford & Associates – Re: Like to set up meeting to discuss an upcoming project

Philmont Neighbors – e-mail – Re: Philmont Community Center and Playground redesign

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity – e-mail – General information under new Executive Director, Al Bellenchia

Columbia Economic Development Corp. – e-mail – December 2021 Newsletter

Donald Meltz – email – Claverack-Churchtown Boundary information
Columbia Land Conservancy – Municipal Mini-Grant Program information
Centerline Communications – Re: Red Mills AT&T FA #14905126 – Old Lane Water tank
Philmont Public Library – November events
Important information on cannabis opt-out local laws
Kenneth Pomplun – Jackson’s BBQ – e-mail
Samantha Umstead – e-mail – Re: speed limit on Rte. 9-H near County Rte. 27
Victoria Rosenwald – e-mail
Maureen Gardner – Columbia County Planning Dept. – e-mail – Local Law #1 of 2021
Bradley Sherwood – US Army Corp of Engineers – e-mail – Re: NY Transco
Alex Campbell – e-mail – Re: Shepherd’s Run – Information open House – Nov. 30th
Claverack Library – Information on past year - Special Events – Ongoing Programs

Supervisor’s Report

They will be working at the former Ockawamick School building on Monday, December 13th. There will be a bonfire and work at the site will be until 11:00 p.m. There will be no activity on Tishouser Road, except during actual shooting of the film. Then there will be no more activity until sometime in January. They always notify neighbors to let them know what their plans are.

Columbia County is 2 percent under the CAP for 2022.

Ray Jackowski has been hired as the Commissioner of Public Works. This is in place of Dean Knox, but changes have been made in the duties he will be doing.

Town Board Member Reports

Councilwoman Cashen – Worked with Attorney Fitzsimmons and Board members on draft Cannabis law for public hearing and input.

Followed up with National Grid on LED streetlight conversion for the Hamlet.

Worked with Claverack Library Board member on contribution by the Town for the EV Charging Station.

With Councilman Hook, set up and participated on a tour of the former Library building with Town insurance broker to determine coverage for the temporary use of the building by the Town Court and other Town functions.

Shared information on proposed Greenport AirBnB draft legislation.

Zoomed the December Planning Board Meeting for the public.

Worked with Deputy Clerk to get sign-out information on the 2022 Ski Program for youth at Catamount Ski Area out to all who are interested.

Followed up with accountant on possible ARPA projects that were developed with input from Town Board members.

Reached out to a vendor regarding the installation of a pickleball court on the cement slab already in the Town Park.

Councilman Duntz – Looked into Mastadon information. E-mailed Dean of Students for possible interest in a project.

Watched Climate Smart video.

Councilman Hook – Recycling for Town Office and food pantry.

Attended Agawamick Creek watershed meeting.

Signed checks at Town Office multiple times

Went to former Claverack Library building many times to meet with contractors, drop off materials, etc.

Councilman Keeler – This is Brian's last Board Meeting. He said that it has been a pleasure working with the Board and thanked everyone.

End of reports.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to declare Negative long form SEQR for Local Law #1 of 2021, amending the zoning law to add section 7.3 to allow for Private Road Subdivisions. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to approve Local Law #1 of 2021, amending the zoning law to add section 7.3 to allow for Private Road Subdivisions. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to approve Local Law #2 of 2021 to opt out of allowing adult use on-site cannabis consumption site to locate within the Town of Claverack as authorized under Article 4 of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Duntz for a resolution to create the Claverack Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force and establish the role of Climate Smart Coordinator. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler for resolution to pay end-of-year bills as they are received in January 2022. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept draft December 2021, draft January - December 2021, draft December 2020 Financial Reports. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to set Thursday, January 06, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for 2022 Organizational Meeting followed by the January 2022 Regular Monthly Board Meeting. Carried.

After discussion on Fire Inspection Fees, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Duntz for a fee of \$75.00 pr inspection. Carried.

Discussion on setting up a meeting with Rebecca Wolfe from Hudson regarding short term rentals. This will be set up for the January Workshop Meeting and Attorney Fitzsimmons will get information.

Discussion on sign for Hamlet Park.

Discussion on Agawamick Water Shed. Suprvisor Weigelt wants to be in on this project.

Discussion on work at former Claverack Library building. Work is almost complete and ready for use by the Town as a temporary location for the Town Court and other Town activities.

A DeCintio boy residing in the Town is going for his Eagle Scout and would like to do the necessary project in the Town. A thought brought out was for him to head the sign project for the Hamlet Park.

Highway Superintendent LaMont brought up the hiring of a new worker in the Highway Department as there is someone retiring. He would like to do this soon so that the new person hired can get some experience in. The Board said that the worker retiring must give a date that he will be retiring.

Opened to Public:

Brenda Shufelt – Need more local Youth for ski program and more youth programs available . Could work with libraries. Councilman Keeler said that the Town is certainly open to the youth.

Stephanie Sussman – Asked if the Town Board meetings will be recorded and posted on the website. Yes, they will be recorded and posted.

Ian Nitschke – Regarding Shaw Bridge. Told that the County is working on this. Mr. Nitschke suggested that some of the Federal infrastructure could be used for this project

Brenda Shufelt – This was the same answer that has been given for many months. Supervisor Weigelt said that Mr. Nitschke has not done as he was requested a long time ago. There have been no matching funds shown to the Town as required by the Town. Ms. Shufelt offered to assist Mr. Nitschke on this initiative.

A bills, totaling \$13,024.07, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

B bills, totaling \$451.24, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$28,389.74, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District bills, totaling \$822.54, 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 Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Duntz, meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Date: _____

Suprvisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Keeler: _____

Councilman Duntz: _____

Town Clerk: _____