

TOWN OF CLAVERACK
Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting
February 9, 2023
6:00 pm

Board Members Present

✓	Clifford Weigelt Supervisor	CW	✓	George Duntz Councilman	GD	
✓	Stephen Hook Councilman	SH	✓	Douglas Colwell Councilman	DC	
	Kathleen Cashen Councilwoman	KC				

Others Present

✓	Louis LaMont, Superintendent of Highways
✓	Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq, Attorney for the Town
	Michael Brandon, Town Judge
✓	Mary J. Hoose, Town Clerk
✓	Vonda Teaney, Deputy Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes - Town Board/Organizational meeting of January 5, 2023

Motion: SH

Seconded: GD

Vote: Yes: 4 No: Abstention(s): ✓ Accepted Rejected Tabled

Highway Superintendent Report – Have worked 6 snow and ice events. Have been covering rough spots on gravel roads as well as Old Barrington, Oak Hill and Theilman Roads. Cold patching in all zones. Working on equipment for spring. Dug a water break in the Village of Philmont. Water Quality report online and hard copy available at Town Office. Have installed 61 new water readers.

Dog Control Report – *On file with the Town Clerk*

Correspondence – *None for the month*

Supervisor Report – *Attended County Supervisors meeting last night – did 82 resolutions. Shared 3 Climate Smart ones that were approved. Coordinator Don Meltz has been appointed as Task force representative to address solid waste law for master plan. Reminded all that February is Black History month.*

Town Board Member Reports

Councilman Hook - *Met with Town of Taghkanic with Katy Cashen to see how the Owl system works for them. Met with Town of Taghkanic and with Taghkanic Fire House. Signed checks and checked in at the office several times and did bank runs. Deliveries for Food Pantry. Met with Rich Schumann, Code Enforcement Officer, several times. Attended Workshop and Planning Board Meeting. Met with Birch Builders re: Lucas Lane. Contacted Park Program Director and Nurse re: 2023 Summer Park program-both are interested in returning.*

Councilman Duntz - *Met with residents about Clover View. Spoke with Ron Semp/Taconic Little League and about scoreboard installation at Town Park. Spoke with John Bradley about adding old Town Garage to Comprehensive Planning Committee agenda. Met with Highway Supervisor about adding a 7th employee to the department and union contract.*

Councilman Colwell – *Met with Highway Supervisor regarding staffing issues and equipment needs. Conducted a comparison of Highway (DPW) personnel from several towns within Columbia County. Shared findings with other Board members. Based on discussion at Workshop, approval was given for Highway Supervisor to proceed with hiring one additional employee. Spoke to outside vendor regarding the “Owl” system for live streaming of Board meetings and online attendance by community members.*

Councilwoman Cashen - *(not in attendance)*

Proposed Motions/Resolutions

Motion to approve Alexandra Colwell, Park Program Director and Amber Dusenberry, Registered Nurse for the 2023 Summer Park program.

Motion: SH **Seconded:** GD

Vote: Yes: 3 No: Abstention(s): 1-DC **Resolution:** Accepted Rejected Tabled

Resolution for discontinuation of roadway/turnaround on Humane Society Road for solar project. RF explained the proposed Resolution. Highway Superintendent Lamont signed the Order to the Town Board for the portion of the road to be discontinued which was then provided to the Board. Hyde Clark, Clover Meadow representative, addressed the board and asked that they support this Resolution of Discontinuance.

Motion: SH **Seconded:** GD

Vote: Yes: 4 No: ___ Abstention(s): ___ **Resolution:** Accepted Rejected Tabled

Resolution in opposition to Shepherd’s Run Solar Project within Taghkanic Creek.

Motion: DC **Seconded:** GD

Vote: Yes: 4 No: ___ Abstention(s): ___ **Resolution:** Accepted Rejected Tabled

Other Business

DC and KC have been looking at the “Owl” system for streaming meetings. DC advised he has been in contact with someone who will come to meeting and give the system a “trial” run to see how it would work in our setting. DC explained what an “Owl” system is to those in attendance. DC said if the system works as needed for the Board it might also be used by other committees (Planning and ZBA) as well.

Comprehensive Plan - SH, Steven King and one other member of the public to meet and go over the current Plan. This committee will make recommendations for updates.

LL asked about sweeper – do we have money to replace? KW and SH both advised we have money for motor and blower repair but not replacement.

Public Comments

Susan Bain – lives on Roxbury Road. Concerned about traffic. Speed limit is 30 but many don’t observe. She is trying to be proactive – looking for more enforcement. KW advised State Police were requested to specifically patrol in the past and he will bring it up again – maybe in the area by Cashen’s. KW explained that he can make suggestions but Route 217 is a State Highway and not something within our Town/Board control. He will try to address this as best as he can. KW advised that truck traffic is mainly a spring issue.

Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session: SH

Seconded: DC

Vote: Yes: 4 No: Abstention(s):

Resolution: Accepted Rejected Tabled

Time entered into Executive Session: 6:23 p.m.

Motion to come out of Executive Session: SH

Seconded by: DC

Vote: Yes: 4 No: Abstention(s):

Resolution: Accepted Rejected Tabled

Time out of Executive Session: 7:45 p.m.

Pay Bills

General A - \$ 22,418.48
General B - \$ 2,623.76
Highway DB - \$39,909.14
Water Dept. - \$ 8,343.35
Highway DA – *None*
Escrow Accts/Bills – *None*

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by SH, seconded by DC , meeting adjourned by Supervisor Weigelt at 7:47p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilman Duntz: _____

Councilman Colwell: _____

Town Clerk: _____