

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 12, 2016

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia Country, New York, was held at the Town Hall, #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting opened at 8:00 p.m., immediately following a public hearing on the alteration of the boundaries of the Churchtown and A.B. Shaw Fire Companies. Supervisor Weigelt opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

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

Absent:

Brian Keeler

Motion by Councilwoman Lee to accept minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of April 14, 2016 and Workshop minutes of April 25, 2016. Carried.

Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont – Department has been ditching Roxbury Road. Changing driveway pipe on Snyderstown Road and grading gravel roads. They have been working on the Millbrook Road Bridge and repaired a water break in the pump house.

Park has been opened for another season.

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

Committee Reports

No reports received in Town Office this month.

Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Taconic Hills Central School Dist. – Budget Notice

Information on Historic Roadside Marker Dedication Commemorating the Shaw Bridge

Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress – The World of Infrastructure – Friday, May 20, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Anthony’s Pier 9 – New Windsor

NYS Association of Towns – Safeguarding the Public Water Supply – How to prepare for and respond to Public Water contamination concerns – Friday – June 10, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – Noon – Hilton Gardens Inn, 1389 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206

Columbia Land Conservancy – Re: North Bay Condensed Master Plan

Selective Insurance – Thanking Town for continued service

NYS Department of Public Service – Re: Clean Energy Standard Program (CES) Requesting comments and questions by June 06, 2016

Columbia County Farm Bureau – Re: Solar Farms

Mary Acker – e-mail regarding permanent removal of bridge at Stone Mill Rd.

Claverack Free Library – News update

E-mail – Re: Peddlers Law

E-mails – Regarding Churchtown Fire/A.B. Shaw Fire Districts

Supervisor’s Report

County is working on sewer line project near the industrial tract. Three businesses interested in locating there. The County , Towns of Greenport, Ghent and Claverack are all basically involved.

Closing for Pine Haven should be taking place in June. They have also applied for an assisted living facility on the property, adjacent to the Pine Haven building.

Millbrook Bridge project is nearing completion.

Dedication for the Shaw Bridge is set for Saturday, May 28, 2016, 3:30 p.m. at the bridge.

Town Board Reports

Councilwoman Lee- Has continued to work on the Lighting District. Will bring all her information to the workshop. Explained the problem to give some insight to the other members of the Board. Supervisor **Weigelt** thanked her for her time on this project.

Has been working on the Building Committee and visited some buildings in other Towns for ideas.

Visited the Court while it was in session to see what was going on.

Councilwoman Cashen – Spent time working on resolution for Inland Waterway Designation in Claverack with Senator Marchione and Assemblywoman Barrett.

Worked with Deputy Clerk on the Summer Youth Program. May 20th is deadline for applications for those interested in becoming counselors in the program.

Attended public meeting on Rte. 9 bridge closure and detour over Stone Mill bridge with **Supervisor Weigelt and Councilman Keeler**. Closing is set for Monday, May 25th.

Followed up with Mid-Hudson Cablevision representative to get status of expansion area work. 6.2 miles of update is supposed to be completed by this fall.

Councilman Hook – Sat in on Court night.

No further reports

On behalf of the Town Board and himself, **Supervisor Weigelt** thanked **Town Judge Michael Brandon** for all the extra time and work he has done since the retirement of Judge Charles Hoag.

Attorney for the Town, Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq. swore in **Michael Cozzolino, Esq.** as the new Town Judge, replacing Mr. Hoag.

After reading resolution to designate Inland Waterway in the Town of Claverack, motion by **Councilwoman Cashen**, seconded by **Councilwoman Lee** to approve same. Carried.

Motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by **Councilwoman Cashen** to go out for bid for transportation for the Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program. Carried.

Motion by **Councilwoman Cashen**, seconded by **Councilman Hook** to accept Town Office telephone replacement bid by S & F Technologies. Carried.

Motion by **Councilwoman Lee**, seconded by **Councilman Hook**, to accept Draft January – April 2016, Draft January – March 2016 and Draft April 2016 Financial statements. Carried.

Motion by **Councilwoman Lee**, seconded by **Councilman Hook** for resolution for insurance adjustment. Carried.

After request from Philmont Library Board of Trustees to waive fees for use of the Town Park on Saturday, June 11, 2016 for a farewell party for Karen Garafalo, Director of the Philmont Library, (which is a 5-Star library), who has had many years of outstanding service to Philmont and surrounding areas motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by **Councilwoman Cashen** to approve same. Carried

Meeting opened to the public:

Michael Brandon – Reported on foreclosure proceedings lately in the Town. He has had at least 4 properties in disrepair and abandoned. Also, rise in domestic disputes and a lot of criminal activity.

It was also reported that there is a need to go over the Comprehensive Plan again.

Jim Van Deusen- Questioned what is going on with the Ginsberg project? **Supervisor Weigelt** responded that he doesn't have any knowledge from the County level.

Mr. Van Deusen also asked the status of the AED and is the Town going to get them? Yes, someone is looking into the purchase of them and a report will be coming.

Ian Nitscke- Thanked **Councilwoman Cashen** for working on the Inland Waterway project. Will be doing both Capital Region Economic Development Council and Consolidated Funding Grant applications.

No further questions or comments.

It was noted that in the Register Star it was noted that Greenport Water Department will be flushing lines in their Town.

General A bills, totaling \$11,323.46, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$2,425.34, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$25,610.59, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$6,459.54, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Capital H amount of \$6,355.32 audited and ordered paid from the account.

Escrow bills, totaling \$1,302.25, were audited and ordered paid from the accounts.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by **Councilwoman Lee**, meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Councilwoman Cashen: _____

Councilman Hook: _____

Councilwoman Lee: _____

Town Clerk: _____