

CLERMONT TOWN BOARD

NOVEMBER 5, 2007

The Clermont Town Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Those board members in attendance were Deputy Supervisor Harry Harned, Councilwoman Lent, Councilman Staats and Councilman Nolan. Others present were Billy Cole, Ray Tousey, Bruce Unson, George Davis, Larry Saulpaugh, Nan Leonard, Robert Desmond, Charles Larsen, Raymond Staats, Dianne O'Neal, Elise Staats, Rebecca Sethi, Dennis Palazzo, Dagmar Payne, Peter Fingar, Judy Neary, Paul Doherty, Richard Roth of the Independent, Carol Livellara and Elizabeth Mahar.

Deputy Supervisor Harned opened the meeting with the salute to the flag. The minutes were reviewed and Councilman Nolan noted a correction. In the second paragraph, second line to change the quotation marks, which delineate the correction of the September minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October meeting with correction by Councilman Staats, seconded by Councilman Nolan. All in favor. So carried. Budget reports for October were received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Town Clerk's report – General Fund - \$1327.84 and Trust & Agency - \$1785.00
Motion to approve report made by Councilwoman Lent, seconded by Councilman Staats. All in favor. So carried.
- A letter was received from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6398 that they will present the Town a flag at a ceremony on Sunday, November 11th at 2:30 P.M. Councilman Nolan, Deputy Harned and Town Clerk Mary Shannon will attend.
- Received a check from the Columbia County Treasurer for 3rd Qtr. Sales tax in the amount of \$66260.76.
- Received a check from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation for the Brownfields in the amount of \$99,000.00.
- Received a check from NYS for windows at Community House. The grant is from Assemblyman Peter Lopez for \$1000.00
- Letter from Senator Schumer regarding Museum and Library services grants. Councilman Nolan noted to keep track of these available grants for Community House work next year.
- Councilwoman Lent has received word from Louise Kalin that the Hudson River Heritage would like to use the Community House on Sunday, December 9 for their meeting. She recommended waiving the usual fee for this organization. A motion was made by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilwoman Lent to waive the fee. All in favor. So carried.
- Received a letter from James Funk on Moore Road regarding trash pickup, which he has been doing on his own. Harry has spoken to Mr. Funk and what he would like is trash bags. He would also like the toilet removed from the stream-bed. There was discussion on how to provide a service, whether to supply bags or have the county or town pickup.

- Received a check from NYS Office of Real Property Tax Service for \$595.97 representing \$1.12 for each star application filed from the town.
- Town of Saugerties – Notice of public hearing to incorporate amended provisions of the existing zoning law with the zoning law of 1989 to be held on 11/13 and 12/6.
- Public information session and hearing on November 8 at 7:00 P.M. at Cornell Cooperative Extension on Route 6 on the Columbia County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. A copy of the draft proposal is attached. Charles Larsen will be attending.
- Dept. of Agriculture and Markets – Guidelines to apply to the State for assistance payments to develop local agricultural and farmland protection plans.
- Dept. of Environmental Conservation on Wastewater panel for Local and Elected Representatives on November 27 and 28 in White Plains.
- Notified by Town Clerk that several board members terms are expiring. Board of Assessment Review held by Ripley Hathaway, Planning Board – Robert Quierolo and Zoning Board of Appeals – Bruce Unson. There is a planning seminar being held in Stone Ridge on December 3 from 7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. for any Planning or Zoning Board members who have not attained the required credit for this year. A list will be provided at next months meeting.
- Certificates of Attendance were received for members attending seminars and conferences. They were Mary Helen Shannon, Dianne O'Neal, Robert Desmond and Bruce Unson, who attended a conference in Saratoga Springs. Charles Larsen, Bruce Unson, Robert Quierolo, Aldo Dusman and Laurence Saulpaugh who attended other various seminars.
- Columbia County Department of Human Services regarding National Survivors of Suicide Day on Saturday, November 17 at the Human Services Building.
- Emergency Management Dept. & Homeland Security Task Force informing of a meeting with Dr. Ramani, Director of Infectious Diseases at CMH with the public and school officials on MRSA issue at Columbia Greene Community College on November 14 at 2:45 P.M.
- Keep Farming Committee – Hosting a Farm Social on November 17, 2007 at Palatine Park at 6:30 P.M. with local foods and beverages. The surveys will be discussed. Roland Vosburgh of the County Planning department will be the guest speaker. The Glynwood Center will make the presentation.
- NYS Comptroller - Teleconference on Cyber Security on 11/15/ 07 6:30 – 8:45 PM.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lent, seconded by Councilman Nolan to move into executive session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss a legal issue.

A motion was made to come out of executive session by Councilwoman Lent, seconded by Councilman Staats at 7:45 P.M.

The public hearing on the 2008 preliminary budget was held prior to this meeting. A motion was made to approve the 2008 budget by Councilman Staats, seconded by Councilwoman Lent. A roll call vote was as follows:

Nolan – aye, Staats – aye, Lent – aye, Harned – aye. All in favor. So carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- CT Male update – December or January – most likely January. Dagmar Payne asked if the adjoining landowners will be notified. The adjoining landowners will be notified of any hearing on the subject.
- In the recent issue of Talk of the Town there was a section on video taping of meetings. This has been discussed at prior meetings and money has been budgeted for equipment.
- Community House windows - Councilwoman Lent reported that all windows are able to be opened from the bottom. Some can be repaired, some will have to be replaced. We will have to get prices for sashes and have state come down and take a look.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Deputy Supervisor Harned reported that Superintendent Jim Potts has asked to purchase a used frontend loader from Germantown for \$15000.00. It is a 1994 Caterpillar with 7000 hours, 2 ½ yard bucket for loading sand. He has asked for a resolution to transfer from the General fund, the monies received from the state for the multimodal to the Highway Machinery fund D5130.2 in the amount of \$13,860.00. Deputy Harned introduced Resolution #10-07 to transfer monies from the General Fund to the Highway Machinery Fund D5130.2. The motion was made by Councilman Staats, seconded by Councilman Nolan to adopt the resolution with the following changes: Note the purpose of the transfer – for 1994 Front end loader to be purchased from Germantown and note the date of deposit of the multimodal funds into the General Fund. All in favor. So carried.
- Deputy Harned introduced Resolution #11-07 to transfer funds from the General Fund received from FEMA for the bridge work from the April flood in the amount of \$9233.87 to the Highway Capital Outlay D5112.2. A motion was made by Councilman Staats, seconded by Councilman Nolan to adopt the resolution with the following changes: Note the purpose of the transfer – for Bridge work from April flood and note that it was funds received from FEMA and the date of the deposit on the resolution. All in favor. So carried.
- Res. #9-07 was introduced to correct the General Fund abstract for October 1, 2007 to include Voucher #304 in the amount of \$916.66 for accounting services. The total of the General Fund abstract for October 1, 2007 is corrected to \$4056.09. A motion was made to adopt resolution #9-07 by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilwoman Lent. All in favor. So Carried.
- Res. #12-07 was introduced to enjoin with other towns in Columbia County in the Columbia County Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan Program. After discussion, this resolution was tabled until next month pending more information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Deed restrictions on Community House- Our attorney Andy Howard will check into this.

- Zoning Chairman Charles Larsen reported that two of his members will be attending a seminar in December.

A motion was made by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats to approve General Fund abstract #11 in the amount of \$6006.64. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats to approve Trust and Agency abstract #10 in the amount of \$974.85. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Nolan, seconded by Councilman Staats to approve Highway abstract #11 in the amount of \$30546.80. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Councilwoman Lent, seconded by Councilman Nolan at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon, RMC
Town Clerk