



CLAVERRACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026

Attendees

Gary Davis - Vice President, Paula Ptaszek - Treasurer, Noelle Toland - Secretary, Bob LaPorta - Trustee, Thea Schoep - Trustee, Jeane LaPorta, Richard Bazelow

Vice President Gary Davis called the meeting to order.

Election Results

The results of the recent election were announced.

Officers

Gary Davis will continue serving as Vice President.

Paula Ptaszek will continue serving as Treasurer.

Noelle Toland was elected Secretary.

The office of President remains open.

Trustees

Bob LaPorta was elected Trustee for a three-year term.

Thea Schoep was elected Trustee for a two-year term.

Chris Tiné was elected Trustee for a one-year term.

The staggered trustee terms will help ensure continuity and prevent all trustee positions from expiring simultaneously.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

A correction was made to the spelling of **Old Klaverack Brewery**. Upon motion and second, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Claverack 250 Parade Report

Members discussed the success of Claverack's participation in the Hudson 250 Flag Day Parade.

Special appreciation was expressed to all volunteers and participants, particularly Jeane LaPorta for coordinating parade logistics. A written wrap-up report listing participants and contributors will be attached to the meeting record.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paula Ptaszek reported a bank balance of **\$996.26**.

An additional **\$55.00** in membership funds had been received and deposited but was not yet reflected on the current bank statement.

IRS Filing

Discussion continued regarding required IRS filings and maintaining the Society's nonprofit status.

Paula Ptaszek reported that the Society's IRS filing would be completed during the week following the June 17, 2026 meeting.

Bank Account Signatories

The Board discussed updating authorized signatories for the Society's Bank of Greene County account.

It was agreed that Treasurer Paula Ptaszek and Vice President Gary Davis will serve as authorized signatories on the account.

The Secretary was directed to ensure that election results and officer information are clearly documented in the minutes to support the bank's documentation requirements.

Grant Activity

No new grant activity was reported.

Bylaws Review

Members discussed the ongoing review and revision of the Society's bylaws and constitution. A bylaws working session was scheduled for:

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held in person at the Claverack Free Library

The session will focus on reviewing proposed revisions and resolving outstanding questions regarding the bylaws and constitution.

Regular Meeting Schedule

Members agreed to establish a regular monthly meeting schedule. Beginning immediately, regular meetings will be held on the:

Third Monday of each month

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held at the Claverack Free Library with Zoom access available.

Members noted that establishing a consistent meeting schedule would make it easier to communicate meeting dates through Society publications, social media, and public outreach.

Website Update

It was reported that current meeting minutes have been posted to the Society website.

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Members discussed planning for the September 25th Trivia Night fundraiser at **Old Klaverack Brewery**.

Discussion included:

- Prize ideas for round winners.

- Brewery merchandise such as growlers, howlers, mugs, or other branded items.

- Raffle baskets featuring local products.

- Society promotional items and stickers.

- Membership recruitment opportunities.

- Fundraising arrangements with the brewery.

- Returning the topic to a future agenda as planning continues.

Adjournment

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Toland

Secretary

Claverack Historical Society