

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 3, 2013

Time: 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO FLAG

Supervisor Croce opened the meeting with a salute to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

The following Town Board Members were present:

Supervisor Croce
Councilman Putnam
Councilwoman Morano
Councilman DePew

Councilman Farrelly was absent.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 19, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 19, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had three additions to the evening's agenda:

1. Sale of 2007 Dodge Charger:

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board had originally accepted offers to sell the 2007 Dodge Charger police vehicle, but the Police Chief then notified the Town Board that the car could possibly be used as a trade in and we have a dealer that stated that the car may have a wholesale value of eight to ten thousand dollars and a retail value of twelve to thirteen thousand dollars. Also the Highway Superintendent stated that the book value was around eleven thousand dollars and someone he has spoken to suggested we shouldn't take anything less than six thousand dollars. The offers we received were well under the six thousand dollar amount and information from Lieut. Smith indicates that the company we purchase our police cars from would not give us a good trade-in value. The question is whether we want to re-advertise the sale, adding that there will be a six thousand dollar minimum or

there is an auction company that we could look into to sell the vehicle for us. He stated that he just received the information on the auction company today and has not had a chance to look into how they work.

Councilman DePew stated that he would not be against putting the ad in the newspaper again stating a minimum of six thousand dollars.

Supervisor Croce asked if letters had been sent to those people who had submitted offers stating that the offers were not accepted.

The Town Clerk stated that she did send letters to them explaining that the Town Board was not accepting any of the offers and were looking into using the car as a possible trade-in.

Councilman Putnam stated that he also was in favor of putting the ad back in the newspaper and stating a minimum amount.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to re-advertise and go out to bid to take offers on the 2007 Dodge Charger vehicle, to include that there would be a minimum offer of \$6,000.00 and that the Town Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all offers and to re-advertise for new offers.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

2. Letter of Commendation for Officer Dolan:

Supervisor Croce read a letter from the Chief of Police, Joe Ryan, explaining that he was issuing a Letter of Commendation to Officer Dolan for his actions in saving the life of an 18 year old girl who was unresponsive when he arrived on the scene. The letter explained that Officer Dolan immediately started CPR until the girl was able to breathe on her own. When the ambulance arrived she was transported to the hospital and is doing well. His quick response and actions at the scene undoubtedly saved her life.

Supervisor Croce stated "Kudos "to Officer Dolan. This Commendation will be put in his file.

3. UCRRA Agreement:

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received phone calls from Mr. Tim Rose, from the UCRRA, asking if the Town was going to renew the contract. He stated that he needs to know so that they can prepare their budget accordingly.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had tried to call the company that showed an interest in taking over the Transfer Station, but he left three messages and they have not returned the call. He stated that he does not know of any other options out there and even if we did go with someone else running the operation, we have had trouble with that type of situation in the past. He stated that he felt we should sign this agreement and we can look into other options during the year.

The other Town Board members stated that they were in agreement to sign the contract.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion that the Town Board signs the extension contract with the UCRRA. Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Supervisor Croce asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

There were no comments or questions.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – MOWING OF HAY FIELD

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town received one bid for mowing the hay field on the corner of Patura Road and Rt. 32. The bid was from Mr. Jody DePew and he was offering to pay \$20.00 for a one time cutting and harvesting the hay.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to award the bid for mowing the hay field to Mr. Jody DePew for \$20.00.

Councilwoman Morano seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilwoman Morano	Yes
Councilman DePew	Abstained

SECTION 2 – RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted to up-date everyone on the plans for the fireworks event next weekend. The band and fireworks company have been selected and the signs went up today. The date is July 13th with a rain date of July 14th. We will have non-profit organizations selling food and this is their major fundraiser of the year, so come out and have some food and support these organizations that do so much for our Town.

SECTION 3 – APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ASSESSOR

Supervisor Croce read a letter from the State Office of Real Property stating that, in most cases, an appointed assessor, which is what the Town of Plattekill has, is appointed to a six year term. That term runs from October 1st to September 30th and ends this year. The State Office of Real Property and our Assessor, Michael Dunham, are waiting for us to make a decision on the re-appointment.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to reappoint Mr. Michael Dunham as Assessor for the Town of Plattekill for a 6 year term starting on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2019.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 4 – CLEANING OF TOWN HALL CARPET

Supervisor Croce stated that Councilman Farrelly is of the opinion that we should get the carpets cleaned in the Town Hall. He contacted three different companies and met with each one to obtain a price quote.

Supervisor Croce stated that the problem is, where are we going to get the funds to pay for this cleaning? He stated that he wanted to speak with Mr. Wager to see if there were funds to cover this in Buildings and Grounds.

There was discussion that one person gave a price quote of \$450.00 and another gave a price quote of \$1,310.00. The Town Board was not sure why there would be such a big difference. Are they using the same cleaning supplies or moving furniture or did one think there was more to clean than the other?

Supervisor Croce stated that Councilman Farrelly did meet with all three company representatives and they measured where they would be cleaning. He stated that he was not sure if furniture was being moved or not. They were also told that they would have to do this cleaning on Saturday afternoon to allow for the rugs to dry by Monday.

Councilman Putnam asked if there were any references given?

Supervisor Croce stated that he would let Councilman Farrelly know that we would like to have references and he will also speak to Mr. Wager to see if there is any money in the budget line for Buildings and Grounds.

SECTION 5 – RECREATION

Mr. William Farrell, the Town Recreation Director, was present to make a presentation in regards to the Town Softball League. The Town has 10 teams who play against each other and this year they took the best players and held an "All Star Game". They also picked a Most Valuable Player.

Mr. Farrell awarded the Most Valuable Player trophy to Mr. Robert Gomez. He had 7 at bat, 6 hits, 3 home runs, a grand slam and 12 RBI's all in that one game. He plays on the "Animals" Softball team with Jamie Nedwetzky as their Captain. We have been having great games and there is a lot of competition going on.

Mr. Farrell introduced Mr. Frank Scotto, who was the driving force in getting the Softball League going and recruiting new players. Along with our Highway Dept., Mr. Scotto is always there helping to maintain the field and manage the League. We owe him a big thank you for all he does.

Supervisor Croce stated that Frank goes way above and beyond the call of duty in taking care of our field. He is always there and we certainly owe him a big thank you. He does an outstanding job. We appreciate very much all that he does for the community.

Mr. Scotto stated that he enjoys playing the game and making sure everything is going smoothly. He hopes to see the League continue to grow.

Mr. Farrell stated that people can come out and watch the games on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00AM.

SECTION 6 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 7/3/2013, which include the General Fund amount of \$45,567.05, the Highway Fund amount of \$14,306.23 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$2,788.15 for a total amount of \$62,661.43 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 7 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.