

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 18, 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
Councilman Farrelly
Councilman DePew

Councilwoman Morano was absent.

MINUTES

There were no minutes approved this evening.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one addition to the evening's agenda.

1. Tyler Scott – Eagle Scout Project:

Supervisor Croce read a letter from Tyler Scott, who is a Boy Scout, trying to set up his Eagle Scout project. He will be turning 18 years old in April of 2014 so he has to get his project approved and done by then. His proposed project would be to replace the wooden "Library Building" Sign that is currently located on the front lawn of the Library and Senior Center building. He wanted to replace the wooden board sign with a sheet metal sign that would be powder coated to ensure a long lasting finish. He also wanted to replace the numbers on top of the sign and put in paver stones in an oval shape with some flowers around the base of the sign. He has plans for doing some fundraising to support this project.

Supervisor Croce stated that there was also a letter from the Plattekill Library Director, John Georghiou, stating that he was in favor of the project.

Supervisor Croce asked Mr. Scott to come to the front of the room and show the Town Board his plan for replacing the sign.

The Town Board discussed that this project should also be proposed to the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Robert Wager, since he was the head of the Buildings and Grounds Dept.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would write a letter from the Town Board, giving approval for this project as soon as he has an approval from Mr. Wager.

Mrs. Morse asked if the sign would also say the "Senior Center" was at this location?

Mr. Scott stated yes, he would make the new sign the same as the current one.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Sign project at the Library building with the condition that the Highway Superintendent also gives his approval.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Supervisor Croce asked if there were any comments or questions from the Public?

Mrs. Sis Morse stated that she had drafted a membership list and at the last meeting she had had all the members in attendance sign and then print their name. She stated that she has 14 signatures and will be getting the rest of the signatures in a week or so. This way the Town will have a complete list of all the members of the Veteran's Committee.

Supervisor Croce stated that he remembered speaking at the last Town Board Meeting about making up a volunteer application for all the members and any new members coming in.

Mrs. Morse stated that most of these members on the list have been members for more than five years.

Supervisor Croce stated that it was still a good idea to have everyone's name and address and phone number on file.

Mrs. Morse stated that she would also get everyone who is going to work on or at the Veterans Memorial location to sign a waiver.

Mr. Nasir, a resident of Glen Rock Circle, stated that the Town had put up 35 miles per hour signs on the road that he lives on and he felt that this was too fast for people to travel.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would have to speak to the Highway Superintendent to see what could be done. He then questioned that the Highway Dept. would have put up the signs since this road had not been dedicated to the Town as yet. He suggested that the developer may have put the signs up as one of the requirements for having the road dedicated in the future.

Councilman DePew stated that he also would think that this was something the developer would have done. These are still private roads, so the Town would not be doing any work on them.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would speak with the Highway Superintendent and explain to him the concern of posting the roads at 35mph. However, the lowest speed limit for Town roads is currently set at 35mph and that is probably why the roads were marked at this amount. He stated that he would speak with Mr. Wager to see if this speed could be reduced and how it would be done.

Mr. Nasir stated that he would give the Supervisor's office a call and leave his phone number so that a call could be returned to him.

There were no further comments or questions from the Town Board.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

REPORTS:

SECTION 1 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT -AUGUST 2013 –MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman DePew read the Building Dept. August 2013 Monthly Report:

He read that there were 30 Field Inspections, no Stop Work Orders, 1 Court Case scheduled for Sept. 9, 2013, 7 Violations issued, no Violations Closed, no Complaints, no Structure Fires, 18 Building Permits issued, 7 Certificates of Occupancy issued, 8 Certificates of Compliance issued, 4 Municipal Searches done, no Site Plan Reviews, 2 Fire Safety Inspections done and 4 In Office Meetings held. These numbers do not include phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits, zoning & planning issues and FOIL Requests.

Supervisor Croce stated that it was good to see there were 18 building permits issued. He stated that these were not all for building new buildings, but it is still a good sign that people are doing projects to improve their homes.

SECTION 2 – POLICE DEPARTMENT – AUGUST 2013 – MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce stated that Chief Ryan was not able to attend this evening's meeting and he would read the monthly report:

The Supervisor read that there were 408 documented calls for service for the month of August 2013. The total number of Traffic Tickets issued was 139 and there were 10 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Dept. with 2 persons reporting injuries.

The Supervisor did not read the Arrest Blotter section of the report as it was very lengthy. The full report is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read that the Police vehicles were all in good condition and no problems were reported.

Supervisor Croce finished reading the report stating that the Police Department had purchased a bronze plaque to honor our past Supervisor, Bruce Loertscher, and it has now been mounted next to the door of the Police Station. He encouraged anyone who had not seen the plaque to stop in at the Station to read it. The plaque looks great and shows the support that Supervisor Loertscher always gave to the Town of Plattekill Police Dept.

SECTION 3 – DOG CONTROL – AUGUST 2013 – MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman Farrelly read the August 2013 Dog Control monthly report. He read that there were 14 calls with the majority of kennel calls being related to adoption inquires. There were 5 calls from the police dispatch office. There are 2 open cases and 2 dogs were either impounded or seized. There were no dogs redeemed and there are currently 3 dogs in the kennel. There is 1 potential Dangerous Dog Hearing that is still under investigation.

Supervisor Croce stated that he knew we had 3 dogs in the kennel, because he was recently at the kennel. We had 2 dogs that were found with tags. The owners were called and were able to pick the dogs up within the hour. He stated that he put one of the dogs in the kennel, and that is when he saw that we currently have 2 little dogs and 1 Rottweiler.

SECTION 4 – OWN FORCE SOLAR PRESENTATION

Supervisor Croce stated that the representative from OWN Force Solar could not be at the meeting this evening. The presentation will be rescheduled.

SECTION 5 – ULSTER COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a letter from the Ulster County Emergency Communications and Emergency Management Department asking if the Town of Plattekill was interested in having a representative from the Town sit on the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. He stated that the letter was letting the Town know that this plan had to be updated every five years to comply with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 which was a program to maintain eligibility to be able to apply for certain types of federal disaster project funding through FEMA. Meetings were going to start on October 3rd and if we want to be a part of this process, we would need to send a representative to this meeting.

The Town Board all seemed to agree that it would be a good idea for the Town to send someone to these meetings; however they were not sure who would want to go.

Councilman DePew pointed out that on the second page of the letter, they were suggesting that ideal candidates might be a representative who participated in the initial plan development process, our Floodplain Administrator, someone from our emergency management office, someone from the public works department or someone who is familiar with the hazards in our community. He stated that he thought the Building Inspector and the Highway Superintendent had been members of the Towns Emergency Management Plan and that these may be people who would want to attend this project.

Supervisor Croce stated that he agreed with Councilman DePew and stated that he would speak with Mr. Wager, the Planning Board Chairperson, the Building Inspector and even Police Chief Ryan.

SECTION 6 – BUSINESS DISTRICT – SPEED REDUCTION

Supervisor Croce stated that he looked into how to ask for a speed reduction for the business area here in Modena. He stated that the Town Board would have to make a resolution specifically indicating the exact parameters of where we want the speed reduced. Then the resolution is filed with the State DOT and they will take a look at the situation and make a determination.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Clerk had also given him copies of a “request for speed reduction” form that was used many years ago on another road in Town.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board should take some time and try to figure out what sections of the road we would like to see reduced. He was even thinking that we might want to include Rt. 44-55 in front of the Town Hall and maybe down past the Modena Fire Dept.

There was discussion as to whether the reduction should start down by Patura Road and the Town Park or maybe start by the Dollar General Store or somewhere else.

Councilman DePew suggested that the Town Board take the next two weeks to think about where they might want to see this reduction start and end. Then we can discuss this at the next Town Board meeting and hopefully vote on it at that time.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would also check with the Police Chief to see if he has any suggestions.

SECTION 7 – REQUEST FROM BOYS SCOUTS

Supervisor Croce read a memo from Boy Scout Troop # 195 asking for permission to use the Town Park for camping on Sept. 27-29, 2013. They would be doing camping and general scout work.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to allow the Boy Scout Troop #195 to use the Park facility for camping and other general scout work on Sept. 27-29, 2013.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Councilman Farrelly asked if they used the bathrooms at the Pavilion when they are camping at the Park?

Supervisor Croce stated no, they are Scouts, camping.

SECTION 8 – SALE OF TOWN POLICE VEHICLES

Councilman DePew asked if anything had been done with the two police vehicles that are up for sale?

Supervisor Croce stated that an ad had been put in the newspaper stating that we were taking offers on them until Sept. 30th.

The Town Clerk stated that she had not received any offers as yet.

Councilman DePew suggested that we should put the two cars up by the roadway and put a copy of the legal notice that was put in the newspaper and a “For Sale” sign on them.

The Town Board agreed that this would be a good idea.

SECTION 9 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 9/18/2013 which includes the General Fund amount of \$34,672.78, the Highway Fund amount of \$181,978.24, the Capital Projects amount of \$152.33 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$632.50 for a total amount of \$217,435.85 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Plattekill Day Reminder:

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to remind everyone that this Saturday, the 21st, is Plattekill Day. We have a new director this year and she has been working hard on getting new activities and lots of vendors. There is even a chance that you might be able to dunk the Supervisor if you are there in the afternoon. So stop by the Thomas Felten Park and see what Plattekill has to offer.

Spray Foam Roof Project:

Supervisor Croce stated that he also wanted to remind everyone that the Town Board had approved an expenditure of up to \$100,000.00 to spray-foam the roof on the Town Hall and Highway Dept. The project should be starting on Sept. 30th and Mr. Dougherty has been working on preparing the roofs. We are trying to get the project done during the good weather.

SECTION 10 - ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.