

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 6, 2014

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
Councilwoman Delgado
Councilman DePew

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 16, 2014 regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 16, 2014 regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had two additions to the evening's agenda. One addition is to award the Highway Bids, which he would add to the Old Business section of the meeting and the second addition was a Logging Permit that he would add to the New Business section.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Brandon Pominville, a resident of Carroll Lane, was present to speak to the Town Board about a problem with speeding on Carroll Lane. He stated that he had brought this problem to the Town Board's attention about two years ago. The problem had gotten a little better at that time due to more police patrols and the police speaking with one of the source problem makers. He stated that now things are getting worse again. He stated that there are more homes that have been built and there is more traffic and there are more children playing and walking on the street. He stated that even some of

the delivery vehicles have been a problem. He stated that he wanted to request the 25 mph speed limit again as even cars going the posted 35 mph is still too fast for this road. He stated that there are a lot of kids walking and riding bicycles and it is just not safe.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had spoken with Mr. Pominville in the past several days and suggested that he come to a Town Board Meeting to share his concerns. He stated that he called the Cornell Schools, where training of Highway Superintendents is done and the Association of Towns to try to obtain some information on how to get the speed limit reduced. He stated that he received an e-mail from the Association of Towns and they are saying that State law says the speed limit can only go to 25 mph unless it is in a school zone, then it can go to 15 mph.

Supervisor Croce explained that the last time Mr. Pominville came in about this situation, the Town discussed putting the police sign that indicates how fast a vehicle is traveling on the road so that people would know how fast they were going. Then after a week or so, the police stepped up patrols to watch for people speeding.

Mr. Pominville stated again that things did get better; however the speeds have been creeping up again. He stated that the 35 mph that is posted is still too fast and he would think that the police would not be stopping someone doing 38 mph. This means they are now creeping up near 40 mph and that is definitely too fast.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board can request that the DOT to do a traffic study and they make the decision as to whether the speed limit is reduced or not. He stated that the Town Board would have to adopt a resolution and send it, with the appropriate paperwork, to the DOT asking them to reduce it. Supervisor Croce stated that in his discussion with a representative from the DOT, he was told that there have been studies that lowering a speed limit does not guarantee people will go slower. There also needs to be enforcement.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt Mr. Pominville's request was reasonable; however he wanted to suggest that he also contact the Police Dept. to ask for their help.

Mrs. Morse suggested that maybe they could put up a sign that said "Children at Play".

Mr. Pominville stated that those signs have already been put up.

At this time, Lt. Smith from the Plattekill Police Dept. arrived. Supervisor Croce quickly explained the conversation that just occurred and asked if he had any suggestions.

Lt. Smith stated that he had had a conversation already with the Supervisor on this matter. He would suggest again putting up the speed indication sign and then he would give a directive to the officers to do more patrols on this street. If people know the police are watching, they may slow down.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board would try to have a resolution by the next Town Board Meeting so that he can submit the paperwork to the DOT for their consideration.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that Mr. Pominville had suggested delivery vehicles were speeding. She stated that if they were UPS or FedEx, he should call the company and let them know. They are very good about getting to their drivers and getting them to slow down.

Lt. Smith stated again that he would ask the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Wager, to get the sign placed on the road, that he would get a directive out to the officers to step up patrols in that area and

he explained to Mr. Pominville that he should not hesitate to call the Police Station when he sees a situation.

Mr. Wager, who was sitting in the audience, stated that the sign would be there tomorrow morning.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board will follow up on what they have to do to get the DOT to review the situation.

Supervisor Croce thanked Mr. Pominville for coming in this evening.

There were no further comments or questions from the audience.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – TRANSFER STATION & E-WASTE

Transfer Station:

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has been discussing the situation with the Town Transfer Station and the UCRRA. He stated that the pull fees have now been increased again. They were at \$87.00 and now they are up to \$93.00. He stated that the UCRRA wanted the Town's to enter into a 10 year agreement, but the Supervisor's did not want to sign on for that long without being allowed to look at other options. The UCRRA agreed to give the Towns a 1 year agreement, which for us ends next spring.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Towns have been trying to come up with other options. Can several Towns get together and work out a plan that will keep costs down? What can we do? We still have to take any garbage generated in Ulster County to the UCRRA.

Councilman DePew asked if anyone has challenged this law?

Supervisor Croce stated no, not that he knew of. He stated that we have looked into having a County Landfill so that the County would not have to send everything to Syracuse, but a site was not found. He stated that he was just trying to keep everyone informed as to what is going on and what the Supervisor's Association is trying to do to come up with some solutions.

E-WASTE:

Supervisor Croce stated that the company that has been taking our electronic waste (TV's, Computer Monitors, etc.) has informed us that they will be doing two more pulls and then will be dropping us on picking up our electronic waste. It is rather complicated; there is a State Law and other issues, so they are dropping four Towns in Ulster County that they currently service.

Councilman DePew asked if we could get the old company we had, back again or are there any other companies we can contact?

Supervisor Croce stated that he was in the process of doing this. He met with two representatives from a new company and has given them some information about what we recycle. There is an issue with the older monitors, called CRTs, and these units are hard to get rid of. The records show that 60 to

70% of what we take in are these CRTs. Will we have to pay to get rid of these, we do not know. These representatives were going to go back and crunch some numbers and get back to us.

Supervisor Croce stated that he also spoke to the Supervisor of the Town of Marbletown and he has a company he uses out of California. He stated that the company is great, so we are trying to contact them also. Another option is that we stop taking electronic waste, but he stated that he does not want to do this. So he is working on this and will keep the Town Board informed as new information is available.

SECTION 2 – HIGHWAY BIDS – NEW & OLD UNIONVILLE ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Wager has been working diligently on these bid projects. We went out to bid the first time and did not award the bids. We went out to bid a second time and this time we fared much better.

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent asking that each bid letter from the Highway Engineer, Mr. Andrew Willingham, be read as they suggest who should be awarded each project bid and requesting that notification occur in a timely manner as there are time constraints for getting the projects completed.

Mr. Wager stated that once the bids are awarded by the Town Board, Mr. Willingham and he would contact the construction companies to schedule the projects. They would like to have one project done before the second one is started so that traffic can be diverted effectively.

1) Old Unionville Road Culvert Replacement Project:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from Mr. Willingham, in regards to the Old Unionville Road Culvert Replacement Project, recommending that the bid be awarded to Roehrs Construction Inc. at a total cost of \$67,700.00. There were four other bids for this project; P.E. Colucci Excavating, Inc. at \$74,300.00, Kingston Equipment Rental, Inc./Baker Brothers at \$89,960.00, Jorrey Excavating, Inc. at \$111,950.00 and H. Osterhoudt Excavating, Inc. at \$114,837.00.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to award the bid for the Old Unionville Road Culvert Replacement Project to Roehrs Construction at a cost of \$67,700.00.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

2) New Unionville Road Culvert Replacement Project:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from Mr. Willingham, in regards to the New Unionville Road Culvert Replacement Project, recommending that the bid be awarded to P. E. Colucci Excavating, Inc. at a total cost of \$66,300.00. There were four other bids for this project; Kingston Equipment Rental, Inc./Baker Brothers at \$87,900.00, Roehrs Construction, Inc. at \$94,500.00, H. Osterhoudt Excavating, Inc. at \$96,664.00 and Jorrey Excavating, Inc. at \$120,800.00.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to award the bid for the New Unionville Road Culvert Replacement Project to P. E. Colucci Excavating, Inc. at a cost of \$66,300.00.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board now has to approve the funding to pay for these two projects. He stated that the funds would be coming from the Highway Unassigned Fund Budget Line (DA#0917) and would be going into the Bridges Contractual Budget Line (DA#5120.4).

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to amend the 2014 Highway Fund:

RESOLUTION 2014

Transfer of Highway Funds

The following resolution was introduced on a motion made by Supervisor Croce:

WHEREAS, The Highway Superintendent has requested the transfer of Highway Department Unassigned Funds, and

WHEREAS, the approval of this transfer will increase the Budget Appropriations for 2014 and is necessary to cover the cost of two Culvert Construction Projects (Old Unionville Rd. & New Unionville Rd.), which were approved by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill at a regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting held on May 21, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill received Bids for these two Culvert Projects and Bids were opened and duly read aloud at 1:00 PM on August 4, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has awarded the two Culvert Construction Project Bids at a regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting held on August 6, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the year 2014 Highway Fund Budget line DA5120.4 – Bridges Contractual Expense by an increase of \$134,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding shall be supported by a transfer from DA0917 - Highway Unappropriated Fund Balance of \$134,000.00.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the Vote:	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Croce	X			
Councilman Putnam	X			
Councilman Farrelly	X			
Councilwoman Delgado	X			
Councilman DePew	X			

Date: August 6, 2014

* Supervisor Croce then made a motion to transfer:

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NOTICE OF APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Transfer From:

Department: _____ **Division:** _____

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Line Item Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DA0917	Highway Unassigned Fund Balance	\$134,000.00
Total		\$134,000.00

Transfer To:

Department: _____ **Division:** _____

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Line Item Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DA5120.4	Bridges Contractual Expense	\$134,000.00
Total		\$134,000.00

Reason For Transfer: This Transfer is necessary to cover the cost of two Culvert Construction Projects; one for Old Unionville Road and one for New Unionville Road.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Copy to Dept.

Changed in Budget _____

Recommended By:

Entered in Ledger _____

Approved:

Journal Voucher No. _____

Authorization By:

Distribution: Supervisor, Town Board, Town Clerk, Bookkeeper, File

Date: August 6, 2014.

There was a short discussion that the projects needed to be completed by the end of October.

Mr. Wager stated that his major goal for having the projects done by this time is to get the roads re-paved before winter.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Highway Superintendent and his staff have been putting in a lot of time and energy on this project and it is good to see it finally getting done. The residents in these areas will be very appreciative.

SECTION 3 – KLEIN LOGGING PROJECT – GLEN ROCK CIRCLE

Supervisor Croce explained that Mr. Klein, a local logger, was present this evening to answer any questions and receive approval for a logging project off of Glen Rock Circle in the Stone Oaks Subdivision. This makes this application a little different because he will not be coming out on a Town Road. There are several lots that will be logged where new homes are to be built. He stated that Mr. Klein has done other logging projects in Plattkill and is familiar with what needs to be done. He has

already sent certified letters to everyone within 500 feet of the area to be logged, he has the agent form showing he has permission to log, he has a map of the area showing the loading area and where he will be logging and has an approval letter from the DEC.

Mr. Klein added that he would be doing a select cutting on approximately 48 acres. There will not be any cutting in any wetlands so there will not be an issue of bringing mud out on the roads.

Supervisor Croce stated that all the documentation is in order.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion that the Town grant Dale Klein & Sons Logging, approval of their application for a Commercial Forestry Permit at Glen Rock Estates.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 4 – JUSTICE COURT GRANT

Supervisor Croce stated that he received a request from the Plattekill Court asking for the Town Board to adopt a resolution for a grant to purchase 2 Scansnap scanners, a Sentry Fire Safe, a Commercial Grade Copier, a Verifone Credit Card Machine and a SEI Courtroom Program Scanning Upgrade. He stated that the Town Board has to adopt this resolution as part of the grant application.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JUSTICE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattekill Justice Court has duly prepared an application to receive a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) and the application requires both the passage of an authorizing resolution by the Town Board and the Town Supervisor’s signature on the application itself, and

WHEREAS, the JACP grant application specifically sets forth the items that a court can request. The Plattekill Court selected the following: 1) 2 Fujitsu Scansnap ix500 Scanners, 2) a Sentry Fire-Safe, 3) a Commercial Grade Copier, 4) a Verifone Omni 3730LE Credit Card Machine and 5) an SEI Courtroom Program Scanning Upgrade, and

WHEREAS, the Justices have provided the Town Board with a grant application, and

WHEREAS, the Grant, if received, will provide at no cost to the taxpayer, an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York hereby supports and authorizes the Justice Court Grant Application.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote:	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Croce	X			
Councilwoman Delgado	X			
Councilman DePew	X			
Councilman Farrelly	X			
Councilman Putnam	X			

SECTION 5 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel and the Assessor position.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Out: 7:58 PM

Back: 8:31 PM

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Executive Session and reopen the regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted everyone to know that the Town Board has hired a new police officer for the Plattekill Police Dept.

SECTION 6 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 8/5/2014, which includes the General Fund amount of \$27,100.39, the Highway Fund amount of \$31,899.04, the Trust and Agency amount of \$13,410.31 for a total amount of \$72,409.74 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 7 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.