

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 2, 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
Councilwoman Delgado
Councilman DePew

Councilman Farrelly was absent.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 4, 2014 and June 18, 2014 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 4, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 18, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one possible addition. He stated that he had paperwork for the Orchard Heights Subdivision, but he was not sure if a representative for this project would be coming to the meeting tonight. He stated that they could discuss this project at the end of the meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she wanted to talk about the Circus. She stated that she felt it was a success and she would like to see it come back again next year.

Supervisor Croce stated that he also thought that it was a success and he has been looking into getting a larger Circus, maybe the Cole Brothers Circus, to come next year.

The rest of the Town Board members were in agreement that the Circus was fun and would like to see either the same Circus or another one come to Town next year.

Councilman DePew jokingly stated that maybe the Cole Brothers Circus would have elephants. Why didn't this Circus have an elephant?

Ms. Valerie Smith stated that she did some research on the internet about this Circus and found that the Circus that was here had lost its license/permit to have an elephant. She stated that she keeps track of elephants and that there is an elephant sanctuary in Tennessee where elephants are taken care of.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt it was good that someone was keeping an eye on them to make sure that they are taken care of.

Supervisor Croce stated that next spring this Circus may contact us again or we can give them a call. He stated that he was pleased with how many attended, but he would probably ask the fire department police to help direct traffic. He stated that when they put up the tent, they put it closer to the center of the field and that shortened the area for parking. People were then parking in the parking lot across the street and someone directing traffic would have been a help for people crossing the road. He stated that he did walk the field after they left and they cleaned up very well; he only found one piece of paper and one plastic bottle. So we can think about having them or another group come in next year.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Bill Farrell, the Town Recreation Director, stated that everyone he spoke to thought the Circus was great. He stated that he spoke to someone who worked at the Circus and he stated that they could fit about 1,200 people and that they would consider coming back again next year.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she heard suggestions not to have it on the same weekend as graduation day for the schools.

Ms. Smith stated that her Aunt and she liked it too. It was a fun event. She stated that they also attended the Senior Trip that went to the Delaware Water Gap and they had a wonderful time.

Mr. Farrell thanked her for her comments.

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – PARK – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. David Burtchaell was present this evening to give the Town Board an overview of his finished Eagle Scout project that was done at the Town Park.

Mr. Burtchaell explained that his project was to clear the brush, undergrowth and some of the trees from the area just east of the stone wall and to the small pond on the Park property. He explained that he had coordinated some help from area landscaping companies for taking down the trees and the rest was done by hand. All the undergrowth has been put in a large pile and the Modena Fire Dept. will be burning it for a practice drill. He stated that he has removed the large stumps, large rocks and all the

trash that had accumulated over time. He explained that the area is now an open, clean area which can be easily seen from the parking lot. He stated that he has also watered, seeded and hayed the area. He stated that he hoped this project meets the Town's approval and he stated that he has received a lot of positive feedback from others. He stated that he wanted to thank the Town Board for allowing him to do this project and also Mr. Farrell, the Recreation Director, for supporting him.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board thanks him for doing this project. He stated that he went above and beyond what the original project plans were and it looks wonderful.

Mr. Scott, the Scout Master, stated that there were some beautiful birch trees and they cut the brush around them so they will stand out and they look really good.

The Town Board thanked Mr. Burtchaell again and Supervisor Croce awarded a Certificate of Recognition plaque to him for a job well done.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to accept David Burtchaell's Eagle Scout Project at the Thomas Felten Community Park.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Scott stated that Mr. Burtchaell would need a letter from the Town stating that the project has been completed and done satisfactorily.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would get the letter done tomorrow and contact them to pick it up.

SECTION 2 – CULVERT BIDS

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Wager was here this evening to discuss the Culvert Project Bids that were opened on June 18th, 2014.

Councilman DePew read the bids that were opened for the New Unionville Road Culvert Project and then the bids for the Old Unionville Road Culvert Project.

Mr. Wager explained that only two companies submitted bids at the bid opening on June 18, 2014 and besides the bids being higher than what was expected, it appears that one of the bid amounts was reversed and should have been bid on the other bid package. He stated that when they had the bid meeting, more companies were at the meeting than put in bids. So he contacted the Attorney, John Cappella, and he has said that the Town can decide not to accept these bids and go out to bid again. He stated that this time, the Town will purchase the large (16' wide X 30' to 40' long) culverts and the bids will be for doing the work to put them in. He stated that we still have the DEC permits which will be in effect for a number of months. We could re-bid this and get it done by the end of October. He stated that there may be an issue with school buses for a short period of time, but they should be able to get around the detour.

Mr. Wager stated that he did not have time to obtain a resolution for this evening to purchase the culvert pipes and he would try to have it by the next meeting. Mr. Willingham will get in touch with the Town Clerk to get new legal notices in the newspaper for both projects and we can open the bids on August 4th, 2014.

Councilman DePew asked Mr. Wager if there would be any liability issues with the Town purchasing the pipes that the company was then installing.

Mr. Wager stated that this should not be a problem.

* Councilman DePew made a motion that the Town Board does not accept any of the bids opened on June 18, 2014 for the Old Unionville Road Culvert Project and the New Unionville Road Culvert Project and that the Town go out to re-bid these two Projects.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Wager stated that he would contact Mr. Willingham and get all the information to the Town Clerk by next week. We will have the bid opening on August 4th and also have another bidder's meeting to answer any questions.

Supervisor Croce asked what would happen if the Town purchases these pipes and when we go back out to bid, we do not like those bids either?

Mr. Wager stated that the pipes were going in either way. Hopefully at least one bid will be good and if not the Highway Dept. will just have to get it done.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow the Highway Superintendent, Robert Wager, to move forward with purchasing the culvert pipes needed for the New Unionville Road Culvert Project and the Old Unionville Road Culvert Project.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 3 – INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – MML HOMES

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town of Lloyd and the Town of Plattekill have been working on an inter-municipal agreement for road maintenance on two roads that are partly in the Town of Plattekill and partly in the Town of Lloyd. With this agreement, one road will be maintained by each of the Towns. Supervisor Croce read the Inter-municipal Agreement Resolution.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to adopt the resolution for an Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town of Lloyd and the Town of Plattekill whereby the Town of Lloyd will perform winter-time maintenance on all of Crow Hill Road including the portion which is in the Town of Plattekill and the Town of Plattekill will perform winter-time maintenance on the road in the Crescent Avenue Realty, LLC Subdivision including the portion which is in the Town of Lloyd, upon completion and dedication of said road. Each Town will be responsible for plowing, sanding, salting and sweeping of the other Town's roadway, while each Town will still be responsible for drainage maintenance and pavement repair in their respective Towns.

A copy of the complete Inter-municipal Agreement Resolution is attached to these minutes.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 4 – RED, WHITE AND BLUE FIREWORKS EVENT

Supervisor Croce read the price quotes received from three different bands for performing at the July 12, 2014 Fireworks Event. One band was Touch of Rhythm and they would include the Dillan Doyle

Band for 4 hours at \$750.00. The second band was Blue Funk at a cost of \$600.00 for 4 hours. The third band was Decent Exposure at \$750.00 for 4 hours.

Councilman DePew asked if all three bands were able to make the possible rain date of July 13th?

Mr. Farrell stated yes.

There was some discussion that the Blue Funk Band had played at the Park last year and that they had included the Dillan Doyle Band too. Everyone was in agreement that they wanted to have the Dillan Doyle Band play because the band is local and very good.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to hire the Band "Touch of Rhythm and the Dillan Doyle Band to play for four (4) hours at the Red, White and Blue Celebration at a cost of \$750.00.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Wager asked about the baseball league playing baseball on Sunday after the fireworks. He stated that over the past three years he has gone down to the Park early on Sunday morning to remove the stage because the baseball league comes in and takes it down usually causing damage that the Town then has to pay to fix. He stated that besides breaking the stage, they have also been painting the trees that were put in as an Eagle Scout project, that were just replaced, at a cost to the Town. He stated that when they paint the foul lines, they paint the grass and then go up the trunk of the tree. They have been asked to stop doing this.

Mr. Wager stated that he did not feel it was his job to go up there and take down the stage. They should not be playing on Sunday as the stage is there and clean-up from the day before is still going on. If the baseball league is going to use the field, then someone should pay the Highway employees to get there early and take the stage down before it is broken again.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not want to see anything happen to the stage.

Councilman DePew stated that we would have to have Highway employees come in and take it down.

Mr. Wager stated that it could probably be taken down with two guys and it will probably take an hour and a half.

Supervisor Croce stated that we just have to figure out where we are going to get the money to pay them.

Mr. Farrell stated that he felt there should be money in the Recreation budget line to pay for this.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Farrell came back to the Town Board and stated that he had just gotten off the phone with the band Touch of Rhythm. It seems that they had a problem and would not be able to play on Saturday night at the Fireworks.

The Town Board discussed the bands again and were in agreement to try to have different bands play each year to give everyone a chance.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to hire the band Decent Exposure for four (4) hours for the Red, White and Blue Celebration on July 12, 2014 (rain date July 13th, 2014) at a cost of \$750.00.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

There was discussion that it might be possible to speak with this band and see if they will allow the Dillan Doyle Band to play a set sometime during the evening.

Mr. Farrell stated that he would look into this.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 5 – ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board would like to take a little more time in making this decision on a new Assessor. He stated that he is still gathering more information and the Town Board should be able to make a better decision by the next Town Board meeting. He stated that Mr. Dunham has stated he will be available if we should need him, so we will not be making this appointment this evening.

SECTION 6 – ULSTER GREENE ARC GROUP HOME

Supervisor Croce introduced Nancy Priest, Chief Development Officer and Tom June, Director of Administration Services for the Ulster Greene ARC. They were here to speak with the Town Board about a home that they were in the process of purchasing in Clintondale and possibly another home on Schoonmaker Drive.

Ms. Priest stated that the home they are considering is at 471 Crescent Avenue and there is a house and a garage on the property. She stated that they look at getting a home that is generally on one level, but the people who will be living there do not have any ambulatory issues. She stated that they receive approvals and funding from the State, the NYS ARC and from donations.

Ms. Priest explained that there would be 5 residents living in this home and it is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The people function at a moderate capacity with no physical or medical or legal issues. They will be working a day job and there will be transportation provided by 2 vehicles. Overnights there will be at the least one staff person; however there will more than likely be two. She explained that this would be their home and unless there were medical issues that arise, these residents would be staying in this home for most of their lives.

Ms. Priest stated that they are also looking at another home on Schoonmaker Drive. Again it is a ranch style home with everything on one level.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that these homes are taken off the tax roll once the residents move in.

Ms. Priest stated yes, however they do try to be a part of the community and they do bring in jobs for staff. She stated that they are also trying to start a business where some of the residents will be working. They are going to open a “\$1.00 Store” in New Paltz next to Shoprite. This will be a trial situation and the residents will be stocking shelves and doing other routine jobs.

Councilman Putnam stated that he knows there are some residents who work at the Thruway Hot Shops and they could possibly do janitorial work for the Town too.

Supervisor Croce thanked Ms. Priest and Mr. June for coming in this evening and giving everyone an idea of what is happening.

Ms. Priest stated that if anyone had any questions, they should not hesitate to contact her.

SECTION 7 – ORCHARD HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

Supervisor Croce stated that there was no one here this evening to represent the Orchard Heights Subdivision project so he was not sure if the Town Board should proceed with this matter.

Supervisor Croce asked the rest of the Town Board if they had any objections to him signing the agreement when he has confirmation that all the issues have been taken care of.

Councilman DePew asked if the developer was supposed to be coming this evening?

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not sure. He stated that he did know that the Planning Board had received a letter saying that they hoped the Town Board would act on this agreement. He stated that it is the Town Board that has to take this escrow money. He asked the Town Board if they wanted him to proceed with this agreement?

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to authorize Supervisor Croce to proceed with the Easement Agreement and Performance Agreement with the Orchard Heights Project contingent on receiving all the monies due to the Town.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 7/2/2014 which includes the General Fund amount of \$51,176.08, the Highway Fund amount of \$16,909.20 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$500.00 for a total amount of \$68,585.28 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.