

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 17, 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 September 3, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 3, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

There were no additions this evening.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no questions or comments.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:05PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE- AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT

Due to computer problems, the August report could not be printed.

Supervisor Croce stated that they will double-up on the reports for next month.

SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL – AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT

Councilwoman Delgado read the August 2014 Dog Control Monthly Report. The report stated that there were 20 total calls with 6 calls coming from the Plattekill Police and UC Sherriff Dept. There are currently 2 open cases, 2 dogs impounded or seized, 1 dog redeemed to the owner, 2 dogs are currently in the kennel and there is 1 dangerous dog hearing in the Plattekill Court.

Councilwoman Delgado continued reading that he wanted to remind everyone that the Girls Scouts were holding an event at the Town Park on Sept. 28, 2014 at 1:00PM with the proceeds benefiting the Plattekill Dog Shelter. He also wanted to thank Hannafords for their continued support by donating damaged bags of dog food.

Councilwoman Delgado finished the report stating that the NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets did their annual inspection of the kennel on August 15th where they found everything to be clean and in order.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. McKee does a good job. He stated that he spoke with him about the dangerous dog situation and it has been quite involved. Hopefully it will be taken care of soon.

SECTION 3 – BUILDING DEPT. – AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman DePew read the August 2014 Building Dept. Monthly Report. He read that there were 28 Field Inspections, 15 Violations issued, 7 Violations closed, 1 complaint, 24 Building Permits issued, 2 Certificates of Compliance issued, 8 Municipal Searches done, 16 Fire Safety Inspections done and 2 Office Meetings held. There were 2 Court cases settled with the owners complying with the Building Dept. and 1 case postponed as owner is going for site plan. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and Zoning & Subdivision issues.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to give a little background on what was happening with Dollar General and the mowing situation. The Building Dept. did issue a violation to Dollar General and they were just about to go to Court when they finally cleaned up the front area of the building and mowed so the Stormwater system would work properly. It now looks much better and we are hopeful that they will keep it that way.

Supervisor Croce stated that he also wanted to let the Town Board know that the Building Dept. has purchased 2 tablets for less than what was budgeted and they should be starting to scan in and convert to the new system beginning Oct. 1st.

SECTION 4 – RECREATION DEPT. – AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman Farrelly read the August 2014 Recreation Dept. Monthly Report. He read that the Fall Soccer Skills & Drills program began on Sept. 9th and there are 25 children between the ages of 5 to 11 years old. The children will practice a variety of drills on how to play the game and the session will run for 6 weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Councilman Farrelly read that there was also a Basketball Skills & Drills program at the New Hurley Church Gym for 16 to 19 year olds on Wednesdays from 6 to 9PM. There is, on average, 18 to 25 teens per session. They will be looking to form a league for teens to play 1 to 2 times per week this fall.

Councilman Farrelly read that Mr. Farrell will have a “Kids Zone” this year at Plattekill Day. There will be games and crafts for kids and the Summer Camp staff will have a table set up to promote next year’s camp as well as all our ongoing activities. Local businesses and the Rotary have donated to make this a fun day for the kids.

Councilman Farrelly read that Family Day At Rocking Horse Ranch will be on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 and that there are still tickets available. Tickets will be sold at the Plattekill Day booth.

Councilman Farrelly finished reading the report stating that the Halloween Spooky Trails At Hurds Farm Event will be held on Sunday, October 26th. This event has grown into the biggest “kids event” with 532 people attending last year. Kids and their parents come dressed in costumes and enjoy hunting for “Which Eggs” and candy.

Supervisor Croce questioned why the Basketball program was being done at the New Hurley Church Gym and not the Plattekill Elementary School or Methodist Church Hall, as it has been done in the past.

The Town Clerk stated that she thought this current program, for the older teens, has been going on throughout the summer and it is the younger children who do basketball at the school. She stated that the school is not open to use during the summer, and she thought the school basketball program did not start up again until November.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would question Mr. Farrell on this, because he was not sure if we were paying something to use the New Hurley Church Gym.

SECTION 5 – CARROLL LANE UPDATE ON REQUEST TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to give everyone an update on the request to lower the speed limit on Carroll Lane. He stated that the Town Board has sent in a request to the State and that a return letter was received.

Supervisor Croce read the letter which stated that the State had received the request and they would do a review, however the letter stated, just to make everyone aware, that they “do not establish 25 mph regulatory, linear speed limits”.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board will have to wait to see what decision the State makes on this request.

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town Board had to wait until 7:30 PM for our County Legislator, Kevin Roberts, to arrive for the last item on the evening’s agenda. He stated that Mr. Roberts had called ahead and stated that he would not be at the meeting until this time.

Supervisor Croce stated that, as long as we had about ten minutes, he wanted to remind everyone that the Girl Scouts are holding an event at the Park on Sept. 28th to raise money for the Town Dog Shelter. Any support that can be given for this event is greatly appreciated.

Councilwoman Delgado asked how the set up for Plattekill Day was going.

Supervisor Croce stated that everything is shaping up well. There is a wide variety of cuisine; with many vendors, for everyone's palette. The weather is saying it is supposed to be a beautiful day. Hopefully everyone will come and have a great time.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mrs. Byrnes had an issue with the train we usually have at the event to take people from one side of the field to the other. He will not be able to make it this year. But now she has found someone else who will be bringing a train, so everything is falling into place.

SECTION 6 - VOUCHERS

Councilman DePew suggested that the Town Board approve the vouchers, since there was still time to wait for Mr. Roberts.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 9/17/2014 which includes the General Fund amount of \$20,785.43, the Highway Fund amount of \$67,838.35 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$865.00 for a total amount of \$89,488.78 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 – PRIDE OF ULSTER AWARD

Supervisor Croce introduced Mr. Kevin Roberts, one of our Town's County Legislators, and read a letter that he had sent to Mr. Roberts in regards to a person in our Town that needed to be recognized for the work that he has been doing.

Supervisor Croce read the letter he sent to Mr. Roberts which explained that Mr. Kyle Merritt, who is 15 years old and has Asperger's Syndrome, which is the high functioning side of the Autism scale, has been collecting clean clothes, shoes, boots and coats for infants, children, teens, adults and the elderly since he moved to Ulster County in 2007. He then washes them and sorts them according to size, gender and the season that they would be most useful for. He then donates them to any place that can help to distribute them for free or a low fee. He has donated to local thrift stores, schools, churches, shelters and other facilities such as Moran's Rest Home, the Pregnancy Center and Family of New Paltz. Kyle is also a Boy Scout with Troop #79 which is chartered through the Plattekill Volunteer Fire Dept. and he has been living his Boy Scout oath by "doing a good deed each day" and serving "God and his Country". Kyle has a genuine concern for others and goes to great lengths to make sure he can help to brighten someone's day.

Mr. Roberts asked Kyle to come to the front of the room and he read the Pride of Ulster County Award to him before presenting him with the plaque. He congratulated him on a job well done and Kyle indicated that he would be continuing his project in making sure everyone has clothes and shoes and a jacket to keep them warm.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt Kyle has and is continuing to perform a great service to the community and since we didn't have a Town Award to give him, he contacted Mr. Roberts to see if a County Award could be arranged. It is an honor for our Town to have someone like Kyle in our community to show us what can be done if we put our mind and heart into it.

The Town Board congratulated Kyle on a job well done and for giving so much of his time to this project.

SECTION 8 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.