

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 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

There were no minutes approved this evening.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR JUSTICE ROBERT MURPHY

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to make a change to the agenda this evening and have the Swearing In Ceremony for Judge Murphy at the beginning of the meeting. He stated that Judge Maciocia was present to do the ceremony and he would like to invite her to begin.

Judge Maciocia administered the Oath of Office to Judge Murphy for his next four year term to begin on January 1, 2015. Pictures were taken and everyone congratulated him.

Judge Maciocia said a few words about the process of administering the Oath of Office and Judge Murphy thanked everyone for their support in electing him to this position.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one addition to the evening's agenda; he has received a memo from the Highway Dept. about our garbage pick-up contract. He stated that he would like to discuss this during the New Business section of the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Esther Coppola asked the Town Board to speak louder so that everyone in the back of the room could hear. She stated that it was great to see so many people attending this meeting as usually there are only a handful of people sitting in the audience. Residents need to be involved and it is good to see that so many came out this evening. She stated that she wanted to address the Town Board on two issues with the first one being "Fracking in the Town of Plattekill". She stated that she brought this

problem to the Town Board's attention approximately 2 years ago and she has yet to receive a response. She stated that her comments did not include Mrs. Delgado as she was not on the Town Board at that time.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she just heard this evening that the State Governor, Mr. Cuomo, just made a decision that there will be no Fracking in New York State. She stated that he received a report on Fracking that he had been waiting for and has now made the decision not to allow it to be done in New York State.

Councilman DePew stated that the Town Board was also waiting for that same report. It was supposed to be available in another few weeks. It must have been released early.

Mrs. Coppola stated that the Ulster County Legislature has also ruled that chemicals left over from Fracking will not be used on our roads.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she sat on the Planning Board for more than 30 years and we have more than ten thousand residents and more than three thousand parcels in our Town and all with private water and sewer. We need to protect our fragile resources and make sure that our private water and sewer are protected.

Mrs. Coppola stated that this brings her to the point that we need water and sewer in the Town of Plattekill and she feels that the Town Board should be looking to appropriate land for this purpose. She stated that they should also be looking at commercial areas and we need to update our Master Plan and subdivision regulations. She stated that she felt the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board should all get together and look at these issues and decide where our Town is going for the future.

Mrs. Coppola stated that the second issue she wanted to speak about was that our Town is split between school districts, hamlets and we have the Thruway that splits us in half. We are also split when it comes to our County Legislators. We are so split in this Town that it is hard to find unity. But, we do have unity this evening in all these people who are here tonight to speak about the pipeline. This pipeline is very dangerous. They are trying to use the Thruway property, however they also want to use some private property and she hoped that everyone here knew that they do not have to allow these people on their properties. She stated that her fear is if this does happen; who will be maintaining it, who will be watching it? What will happen in the case of an emergency? What about our Fire Departments? Will they need special equipment that the tax payers will have to pay for? Will they need extra training? What is the Town's plan? All these things are very important. It is great to have all these people here this evening. We employ the Town Board and they should be working for us. They need to hear what the residents want so that they can work to protect our interests. She will now leave it to all the other residents to ask their questions.

There was a short discussion by some people in the audience that they heard the Governor had received the report on Fracking, but they did not think he had made a final decision on whether to allow it in New York State or not.

Several other people stated that they had heard further reports stating that the Governor did make this decision after reviewing the report.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not sure as he did not hear anything about this before the meeting this evening.

Councilman DePew stated that there was no formal decision. He stated that the Town Board was waiting to see a copy of this report too, before making any decision here in Plattekill. He stated that the Governor was waiting for the report from the Commissioner of Health. We do not have anything in writing and the report is not due out for another few weeks.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that he receives e-mail alerts when actions are taken by the Governor and he did receive confirmation that this decision to ban Fracking in NY State had been made.

Mr. Hammond-Gallardo stated that he also heard the decision was made on the six o'clock news this evening.

Supervisor Croce stated that since this decision was just made today, he was sure there will be information forthcoming soon, in written form.

Mrs. Tara Fitzpatrick asked the Town Board whether they had made a decision, based on the information obtained at recent building department classes, on Agri-Businesses?

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board is still looking into this issue and no decision has been made yet. He stated that the Town Board has to be cautious and thorough about making any decisions, as far as what rules or regulations we are going to impose in the Town in regards to Agri-Business.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick asked if there would be public hearings?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, of course. If we are making a law or amending a current one, we have to have a public hearing.

Mrs. Figueroa, asked the Supervisor whether he had invited someone from the pipeline company to attend this evening's meeting?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he had spoken with another representative from the Pilgrim Pipeline Company and asked to have someone come in this evening, however the representative stated to him that they were only in the preliminary stages of this project and he did not feel that there was enough information that he could give us at this time. He stated that he would be more than willing to come and maybe in January they would be able to have someone here.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was going to go out on a limb at this time and assume that most of the people here this evening are against the pipeline. He stated that he went to a meeting on this issue in New Paltz a few weeks ago and got a lot of information. He stated that he is not buying into Pilgrim, but until he hears from them, he feels there is always two sides to a story and to be fair, he should listen to what they have to say.

Mr. Juan Figueroa stated that there are always two sides to a story and sometimes three sides. The Town Board should be on the side of the residents.

Supervisor Croce stated that that was why the Town Board was looking into all the information before making a decision. We try to make intelligent and informed decisions.

Councilman Farrelly asked, suppose you were on the other side? Wouldn't you want to be heard? Give them an opportunity to come and tell us their side.

Supervisor Croce stated that, of course, if they are coming, it will be on the agenda. We are not trying to hide anything. He stated that he did believe in renewable energy, but until we get to where we have easy access, we still have to rely on what we currently have.

Jennifer Metzger, a councilperson from the Town of Rosendale, was in the audience and stated that she could understand that the Town Board wants to see all the information before making a decision. But she wanted the Town Board to know that the Town Board of Rosendale had requested that they come to a Town Board meeting and they said that they would be there, but never showed up. She stated that she did not see any reason that the Plattekill Town Board could not wait until the end of January to make a decision, but if you get the feeling that this company is just stringing you along, that is the same thing they did to Rosendale.

Supervisor Croce thanked her for her comments and as was stated at the last meeting when we spoke about this issue, the Town Board is aware of them saying that they would come to a meeting, but then saying that they do not have enough information to give us.

Mrs. Katherine Beinkafner, a member of the Town of Plattekill Planning Board, stated that there were two different kinds of Fracking. There is Vertical Fracking and Horizontal Fracking. The only one that the Governor is banning is Horizontal Fracking, which is the worst of the two. She stated that as far as the pipeline, she feels a pipeline is not hard to keep track of and monitor. She stated that she does not feel it is as dangerous as everyone seems to think that it is, but there are other reasons/issues that could make it a problem. She stated that if they did do it on the Thruway property, then it may be OK because the State will keep a close eye on it and they will probably charge a per gallon cost to run the oil up and down the line. This would be good revenue for the State. She stated that she also did not feel that it would be good on private property for all the reasons already mentioned.

A resident stated that she has googled the pipeline and there is a lot of information on the internet on this project. She stated that there is a possibility that property owners could lose up to 50% of their property value if the pipeline goes through it. She stated that she is a cancer survivor and we already have a lot of toxins in the Hudson Valley. We don't need more. She urged everyone to go on line and read about this company and this project.

Sandra Catan, a Town of Newburgh resident, stated that she would suggest the Town Board give this company a time frame that they will wait for them to show up at a meeting. If they keep calling and saying they are coming and then they don't show up, there needs to be a time when the Town Board is done waiting for them. A decision should be made in a timely manner.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has made this company very, very aware of what we have heard from our residents. He stated that the company representative keeps explaining that they are in the very preliminary stages and don't even have the path of the pipeline yet.

A Town of New Paltz resident asked the Supervisor to explain what they would be actually doing with making a resolution about the pipeline.

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town Board would adopt a resolution stating that the residents of Plattekill and the Town Board are not in favor of this pipeline. The resolution could then be sent to our County and State representatives to show that the residents do not want this pipeline to be

constructed. Hopefully, if many Towns adopt the same type of resolution, our governmental representatives will follow our request. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees.

Jennifer Metzger stated that if they do get to put the pipeline in on the Thruway, it would be a lot simpler for them; only one owner. But, the Thruway does not have a policy to allow this type of construction. There is a ban on anything along roads owned by the NY State DOT, except for telecommunication lines. They would have to be granted an exception and that is not likely.

There was more discussion on how long the Town Board would wait for someone from the pipeline company to attend a Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would think they would not wait much past the end of January.

Mrs. Judith Mayle stated that she was disappointed in herself as this is the first time that she was hearing anything about this issue. She stated that Plattekill is unique in that we have 4 major clean-up areas in our Town. We have the superfund landfill in Clintondale and three other clean-up areas all involving underground oil. She stated that she felt the Town Board should be wary of anymore situations where there could be a potential for more oil leaks. This involves the entire value of our community. We are just seeing good things happening here and the Town Board should draw a line in the sand and take a stand for keeping these types of projects out of our Town.

Mrs. Ridgeway spoke about how concerned she was for our water supply. She stated that in Clintondale there is the Black Creek and in Plattekill there is the Quassaick Creek. Both of these watersheds lie within 500 feet of the Thruway. Our water would be in danger if there were to be leaks in this pipeline and that would certainly impact our lives and health.

Mrs. Ridgeway stated that she was also concerned about our responders. They are not equipped if there is an emergency situation. She stated that there are many alerts about how volatile oil can be and that we need to focus on renewable energy. She stated that she did not see how this pipeline could be anything but a problem in the future.

The New Paltz resident stated that all of this oil is going to be taken out of New York State. Any potential financial gain is not worth near what we could experience in a disaster situation.

Lynn Roddy asked if there was a regulatory agency to oversee this pipeline operation?

Jennifer Metzger stated that there is no regulatory agency for oil in New York State. There is one for natural gas. The Federal Regulatory Commission doesn't have a clear control over this either. This is the first crude oil pipeline in NY State; so there is a grey area as to whether they can have controls or not. She stated that they cannot have eminent domain over anyone's property either unless they partner with the government. She stated that she applauds the Town Board for wanting to hear both sides of the story, but feels that they should draw a line in the sand as to how long they will wait to hear from them.

Supervisor Croce stated that he agreed.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he could see giving the representative a deadline. He can be here either on Jan. 7th or 21st, 2015. If he does not show up, then the Town Board can take action.

A resident asked if there was a possibility that they could go through with this project even if the Town Board and residents all say that they don't want it?

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not sure. We can oppose it and send letters opposing it, but he was not sure how heavy our opinion would count.

Jennifer Metzger stated that we do know the permit process has not been fully started as yet and she felt the earlier the views of everyone is known, the better are chances are for stopping it.

Supervisor Croce stated that he is under the impression that they are not even near the permitting process yet.

Jennifer Metzger stated that they have not been truthful with their information and she would not trust what they are saying. She felt the Town Board should not take a long time in getting their opinion known.

Councilman Putnam stated that even if the residents and Towns along the Thruway do not want this project to proceed, the State could still grant them a right-of-way down the Thruway.

Mrs. Laskowsky stated that from listening to everyone here this evening, it does not seem that this company is very trustworthy. She cautioned the Town Board to be very careful in dealing with them.

Supervisor Croce picked up a large file and showed it to the public. He stated that he has an extensive folder and he wanted to assure everyone that the Town Board was gathering as much information as possible before they make a decision on this issue. He stated that he has attended meetings and has talked with many people to get as much information as possible, good or bad.

There was more discussion that even if the Town Board does a resolution, would our regional and State representatives' listen to us?

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board doesn't try to hide things from our residents. He stated that it is important for the residents to come to meetings or just come to the Town Hall where his door is always open and let us know your concerns. The more we know how our residents feel on a situation, the better it is when a decision has to be made.

Councilman Putnam stated that if people cannot make it to the meetings, the minutes are on the website.

Mrs. Hammond-Gallardo wanted to know if the pipeline company gets to put in this pipeline regardless of what the residents want and something bad happens, can she start a class action suit against them?

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not know the answer to that question.

Mrs. Gilmore asked if it would be feasible to ask the DOT or Thruway Authority to come to a Town Board Meeting?

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not know if they would come. He was not sure what stage the project is in and felt that the Thruway may not even formally know about it as yet. Until they are given a full project plan, he did not think that they would make any comments. He stated that in gathering his information, he has found out that the DOT does not grant waivers easily.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she felt the Town Board should make a decision. She stated that they should take a stand and look at the facts and take a stand on safety for our community. We need you to put a time limit, say till the end of January, and then make a decision.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has already said that we would give them till the second meeting in January 2015.

Ms. Mayle stated that the audience has not heard that you will have a resolution on January 21st. She stated that she felt the Town should start looking at regulating some of these things that could potentially come to Plattekill and be detrimental to our community. It is better to have controls in place when they get here than try to do something quick when we are put on the spot.

Supervisor Croce stated that he will tell them that we want someone here on Jan. 7th so that the Town Board can have all the information to make a decision on Jan. 21st.

Mr. Ridgeway gave the Town Board a copy of a resolution that they could use on January 21st.

Supervisor Croce stated that he already had several resolutions already to use in his folder.

Someone asked what information the Town Board thought that this pipeline company would have to help them in making their decision?

Councilman DePew stated that the Town Board doesn't know the answer to that question. They have not heard from anyone in the company as yet.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not know much at all about Bakken Crude Oil or the pipelines or any other form of transportation used for oil, before this issue came to light. He stated that he now knows about the barges that carry oil down the Hudson and the railroad cars that also take oil down through the Hudson Valley. Is the pipeline better than going on barges and train cars? At first he thought that transporting oil in the pipelines would be safer than going down the Hudson River, but now he understands that the pipeline will be in addition to those forms of transportation. Information is good and we need to make sure that we see all the sides of the argument before making our decision.

Mrs. Vertulo stated that the Town Board members are residents too. This is not going to benefit us at all, it could hurt us and it is everybody's problem.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, we are all in the same boat.

Jennifer Metzger stated that she looked into the safety data on pipelines and found that between 2003 and 2013, pipeline operators reported 1,180 pipeline incidences somewhere in the country and 44 million gallons of oil were spilled. This is a concern as the Regulatory Commission only found 5% of these leaks, and they were looking for them. Most of them were found by first responders to a problem. When there is a derailment everyone knows about it because it is an emergency, but a leak can go un-noticed for a long time before someone happens to find it. There are not a lot of inspectors and most incidents are due to human error or malfunctions.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that he knows the Town Board wants to hear what the pipeline company has to say, but as we have heard, they do not show up to Town Board meetings. He read the resolution that he gave each Town Board member and asked the Town Board to adopt it.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion that on the night of January 21, 2015 the Town Board will have a resolution in hand to make a decision in regards to the Pilgrim Pipeline Project.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce thanked everyone for coming in this evening to discuss the Pilgrim Pipeline Project. He stated that he appreciates their enthusiasm and passion and stated that the Town Board will make a decision on this issue on January 21, 2015.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of this meeting at 8:29 PM.
Councilman Farrelly seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT

Councilwoman Delgado read the Recreation Dept. monthly report which was a list of programs that are currently running. She read that there is a Skills and Drills Indoor Soccer program on Monday nights at the Plattekill Elementary School with approximately 30 children in attendance, a Skills and Drills Basketball program on Tuesday nights at the Plattekill Elementary School with approximately 30 children in attendance, an Open Court Basketball program for teens on Wednesday and Friday nights at the Plattekill Elementary School with approximately 40 children in attendance, a Zumba Class on Monday nights at the Modena Methodist Church and another Zumba Class on Sunday mornings at the Senior Center, a Boot Camp Exercise Class on Monday nights at the Modena Methodist Church, a Mild Yoga Class at the Plattekill Town Hall on Saturday mornings and he will be setting up Sleigh Riding at the Felten Park when conditions are amiable.

Councilwoman Delgado read that the last senior bus trip was to Pennsylvania for a Christmas show and dinner was excellent. There were 44 people who attended and everyone had a great time.

Councilwoman Delgado read that the Christmas Tree Lighting was held on Dec. 6th with the Rotary supplying hot cocoa, the Modena Fire Dept. singing Christmas carols and Santa arriving on a Plattekill Fire Dept. truck. The report stated that Mr. Farrell had wished that the event had been rescheduled as it was raining and cold and we did not get our usual amount of children to enjoy the event.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to respond to Mr. Farrell's request to reschedule the event. He stated that his decision to hold the event that evening was not made easily, and it was his decision to make. He stated that he monitored the weather all day long and when the original date was set, we did not include a rain date. He stated that the weather forecast for Sunday was calling for wind and temperatures in the teens and he felt that it would be too cold and windy at the Park. He stated that the Modena Fire Dept. Chorus, that he is a member of, did not have their usual keyboard player as he was at another event and that is why there were no speakers for the music. When they practiced at 4:00 PM that day, it was hardly raining. There was also the problem, at such a late time, with getting information out to people that it would be canceled and rescheduled and he felt people would be showing up anyway. He stated that he had many factors to take into account in making this decision and he felt that he had sound reasons for not canceling the event.

Councilman DePew stated that he agreed with the Supervisor and would not classify the event as a disaster as Mr. Farrell has suggested. He stated that he spoke to people who attended and they stated that they felt it was admirable that we held the event, they were happy to attend and are looking to attend again next year. Obviously, more people would have liked to get out, but the weather this time of year is unpredictable.

Supervisor Croce stated that he saw a headline in the Southern Ulster Times newspaper that stated "we warmed people's hearts by being out there".

Councilman Putnam stated that he was also there that evening and this was the first time we have ever had rain. It has been really cold and we have had snow, but you never know how the weather will be. He stated that having Santa under the pavilion was a good idea and he was there for those children who did make it to the event.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she did not like the tone of Mr. Farrell's comments about the Christmas Tree Lighting event. She stated that she felt it should have been written better. She stated that she understood he was upset; however he could have stated his opinion more tactfully. No matter what, you can't please everyone.

SECTION 2 – POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman Farrelly read the Police Monthly Report for November 2014. He read that there were 299 documented calls for service and 200 tickets issued. There were 18 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Plattekill Police Dept. with 7 persons reporting injuries.

Councilman Farrelly read that the Detective's worked on 4 Burglary cases, 2 Larceny cases, 1 Criminal Mischief case, 1 Criminal Possession of a Weapon case, 1 Marijuana Investigation, 1 Unlawful Surveillance and 1 Fraud case. The Detectives closed 2 Burglary cases, 1 Criminal Possession of Marijuana case and 1 Larceny case.

Councilman Farrelly read that 2 of the cars had a factory recall on the steering shaft; the Durango had the "check engine light" on and 2 cars were temporarily out of service, 1 for a dead battery and the other needed a new starter.

Supervisor Croce stated that anyone needing more information on these reports can obtain a copy at the Town Clerk's Office.

SECTION 3 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Report for November 2014. He read that there were 16 total calls with 8 calls coming from the Plattekill PD or UC Sherriff, there were 2 open cases, 1 dog impounded and/or seized, 0 dogs redeemed, 1 dog transferred or rescued, 0 tickets issued and there is currently 1 dog in the kennel. The report also stated that there was 1 potential dangerous dog hearing investigation and there are no cases in the Plattekill Court.

Supervisor Croce continued reading that Mr. McKee wanted to thank the Girl Scout Troop 60042 for their continued support of our shelter. The girls made dog bed covers for the elevated dog beds that are fixed in place and washable. This will improve the quality of life for the dogs. The covers were made with proceeds from the September pet carnival that was held at the Park. He stated that he would also like to thank Donna Egan, the leader of Troop 60042, for coordinating the event. Because of the community awareness raised by the event, we are still receiving donations of blankets and towels.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to thank our Dog Control Officer, Mr. Andrew McKee, for his diligent work in carrying out his duties.

SECTION 4 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the Building Dept. Monthly Report for November 2014. He read that there were 21 Field Inspections, 3 Violations issued, 0 Violations closed, 4 Complaints taken, 3 Structure Fires, 21 Building Permits issued, 3 Certificate of Occupancy issued, 8 Certificates of Compliance issued, 10 Municipal Searches done, 2 court cases continuing, 0 Site Plans reviewed, 2 Fire Safety Re-Inspections done and 6 Office Meetings held. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and zoning and subdivision issues.

SECTION 5 – ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman DePew read the Assessor Dept. Monthly Report for November 2014. He read that there were 22 transfers, 1 Foreclosure and 14 Arms-length transactions. The median sale price of residential homes was \$217,099.00 for the month of November 2014.

SECTION 6 – PILGRIM PIPELINE

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not think it was necessary to go any farther with this discussion as everyone was able to comment during Public Input. He stated that he would be contacting the company again to let them know we would like a representative to come to the January 7th, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

SECTION 7 – MODENA FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not see a representative from the Modena Fire Dept. in the audience so he explained that the Fire Dept. was considering asking to use Town property to hold their annual car show. He stated that the car show has gotten quite large and they need more room to park the cars.

There was discussion that the Town Board would consider this request once the Fire Dept. had settled on a date. Last year the car show was held around Labor Day in September.

Supervisor Croce stated that there was an issue that the Car Show Committee had not talked about this event with the Modena Fire Commissioners. This may be why there is no one here this evening. He stated that he would obtain more information and get back to the Town Board.

Councilman Depew and Councilwoman Delgado stated that they would be open to allowing the Fire Dept. to use Town property for this event.

SECTION 8 – MUNICIPAL ENERGY PROGRAM

Supervisor Croce explained that he had received information from the Association of Towns on a Municipal Energy Program that looks like we could reduce the cost of our electric.

A resident spoke out about these companies not being regulated and the rates could go up without warning.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she is on an energy program and it has been very good for keeping their bills lower.

Supervisor Croce stated that we can lock into a lower price for a certain amount of time.

The resident stated that the company he works for entered into one of these agreements and it was good at first, but when the oil prices went up last year, it was not so good.

Supervisor Croce stated that he still needs more information on this program, but he wanted to let the Town Board know that he was looking into it.

Mrs. Hammond-Gillardo stated that the Town should be looking into renewable energy sources, like solar. Some Towns have big solar panels that they put up.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has looked into this and we had some people come in to give us an idea of what we could do. They suggested that we put solar panels on our capped landfill, however they would need 300 phase electric circuits to tap into and we do not have this at our landfill site. We are still looking at other options, but at the present time we need to look for ways to save money.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would be receiving more information and he will get back to the Town Board.

SECTION 9 – TOWN BANK ACCOUNTS

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been notified by Key Bank that they will be charging the Town for the accounts that we currently have with their bank. The Town has used Key Bank for over 30 years and currently they do not charge us for any of our accounts. Key Bank is changing the way they do business and the Town will need to look elsewhere to find a bank that will not charge us for our accounts. The charges will be exorbitant and we need to find a commercial bank that we can use. He stated that he has contacted other commercial banks, such as Wells Fargo, Chase and M & T Bank. Most of the other commercial banks are not offering us anything better except for M & T Bank where we already have a few accounts. He stated that he has met with a representative from M & T Bank and he is now waiting to hear back from him what they can offer.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Supervisor from Gardiner called him the other day to find out what we are doing as they are in the same situation. He stated that our representative with Key Bank, Bonnie Bale, was in tears over what they are doing with us. She has been our representative for many years.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted everyone to know what is going on and that he is working on the situation.

Ms. Valerie Smith stated that the Library had the same situation and switched a few months ago to M & T Bank. They have been happy with them so far.

Supervisor Croce stated that the problem here is that we have to go to New Paltz to make deposits and at tax time the Town Clerk makes several trips a day, not to mention the Court and the Bookkeeper. Key Bank was so much more convenient being here in Town. He stated that he would let everyone know what is happening as he continues to look into this situation.

SECTION 10 – ULSTER COUNTY STOP DWI CONTRACT

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received the DWI Contract that the Town has signed for many years with Ulster County to help fund and set up DWI Patrols with our Town Police Dept. He stated that the Chief has agreed to continuing special patrols for DWI and DWAI.

Councilman Farrelly had a question about the #5 paragraph which states that the County receives the revenues collected by the Towns.

Supervisor Croce stated that this is the same contract that we always sign with the County and the Police Dept. does receive a grant from the County for patrols. He stated that the Chief and the Lieutenant have asked the Town Board to enter into this agreement again this year.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the DWI - Task Force Agreement with Ulster County for 2015.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – TOWN FACILITIES - GARBAGE PICK-UP

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent asking what the Town Board would like to do involving a situation with garbage pick-up at the Town Hall, Police Dept. and the Library building. The Highway Superintendent's memo stated that New York State OGS had not awarded a new state bid to any particular company for garbage pick-up and the current bid expires on Dec. 4, 2014. Waste Management had been awarded the bid for this year and we have been using them for our garbage pick-up. They are saying that they will continue to pick up our garbage at the same price until OGS awards a new state bid.

Supervisor Croce explained that it would be up to the Town Board to make a decision whether to keep using Waste Management without a contract and not utilize a price comparison or bidding process or should we look at other companies and do a price comparison. The memo stated that there was no time line given of when OGS will be awarding a new bid and this makes this decision difficult if we are to follow our Town Procurement Policy.

There was discussion that our Procurement Policy requires three price quotes and that all departments are held to this same requirement.

Councilman Putnam suggested that the Town continue with who we currently have and have a discussion with Mr. Wager on how long it may take for OGS to award a new bid. If that is not in the near future, then we should obtain three price quotes and make a decision on our own.

The Town Board was in agreement to have the Supervisor contact Mr. Wager and work out what could be done.

SECTION 12 – TRANSFERS

Highway:

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$14.28 from the Highway Fund Budget Line DA5110.1 General Repair Personnel to Highway Budget Line DA5130.1 Machinery Personnel to cover the cost of mechanics payroll for the Highway vehicles for 2014. A copy of this complete transfer is attached to these minutes.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$1,000.00 from the General Fund Budget Line A7110.2 Parks Equipment to General Fund Budget Line A7110.4 Parks Contractual to cover the remaining December bills for the Town Park. A copy of this complete transfer is attached to these minutes.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Police:

Resolution to Transfer General Funds:

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved the payroll taxes on 2013 Police Payroll differentials paid February 2014, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this tax is required to be paid as per the Internal Revenue Service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the year 2014 General Fund Budget Line Item #A3120.1 Police Personnel by an increase in the amount of \$1,174.51, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by a transfer from the General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,174.51. (A copy of this complete resolution is attached to these minutes.)

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$13,175.00 from the General Fund Budget Line #A9015.8 Police Retirement to General Fund Budget Line #A9010.8 State Retirement to cover additional cost of State Retirement. A copy of this complete transfer is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

General Fund Transfers:

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved the increase of General Fund Budget Line #A7550.4 Celebrations and an increase in revenue line A2705 Gifts & Donations, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this increase is covered from receipt of a donation from Hannaford's Plattekill Day 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County to amend the year 2014 General fund Budget line item #A7550.4 for \$750.00 and #A2705 for \$750.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by the receipt of a check on 11/21/14 for \$750.00 from Hannaford's. (A copy of this complete resolution is attached to these minutes.)

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved the increase of General Fund Budget Line #A7140.4 Playgrounds/Rec. Centers Contractual and Revenue Line #A2001 Park and Rec. Charges, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this increase is covered from receipt of \$1,302.00 from Seniors for a Trolley Gap Trip and \$1,300.00 received from residents for Rocking Horse Ranch Tickets,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill Ulster County to amend the year 2014 General Fund Budget Line item #A7140.4 Playgrounds/Rec. Centers Contractual for the amount of \$2,602.00 and the Revenue Line Item #A2001 Park and Rec. Charges for \$2,602.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by the receipt of various deposits received in 2014 for \$2,602.00.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 13 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 12/17/2014 which includes the General Fund amount of \$224,673.76, the Highway Fund amount of \$94,714.37, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$700.79, the Modena Light District amount of \$1,293.78, the Trust & Agency amount of \$238.75 for a total amount of \$321,621.45 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 14 – ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Croce thanked everyone again for coming this evening. He stated that it was nice to see many people come in and give the Town Board their views and opinions on issues that concern our residents and Community.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce wished everyone “Happy Holidays”.