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TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 3, 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 October 21st, 22nd and 23rd Special Town Board Meetings and the Nov. 5th and 19th, 2014 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 21st, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the Oct. 22nd, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the Oct. 23rd, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the Nov. 5, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the Nov. 19th, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Abstained (he was absent)
Councilwoman Delgado	Yes
Councilman DePew	Yes

ADDITIONS:

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one addition for the evening’s agenda. It was to award the sand bid for the Highway Dept.

1)Award of Sand Bid For Highway Dept. – Ice Control Sand:

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Clerk opened the bids for Ice Control Sand on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014 at 10:00AM. There were four bids received and each one included a signed, non-collusion form. He stated that Tetz & Sons, Inc. bid \$16.00 per yard for sand loaded on Town Trucks at the Contractor site and \$23.00 per yard for delivering it to the Highway Garage. Callanan Industries, Inc. bid \$11.50 per ton to load the sand on Town Trucks at the Contractor’s site and \$15.50 per ton to deliver it to the Highway Garage. Mehlon Trucking, Inc. only bid on sand delivered to the Highway Garage at \$16.00 per yard and Ellenville Sand & Gravel bid \$6.47 per yard to load sand on the Town Trucks at the Contractor’s site and \$13.87 to deliver it to the Highway Garage. (a copy of the bids is attached to these minutes)

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent recommending that the bid for Ice control sand be awarded to Ellenville Sand & Gravel, the lowest bidder.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to award the bid for Ice Control Sand to Ellenville Sand & Gravel with the cost of being loaded with the Contractor’s machinery on Town Trucks at \$6.47 per yard and the cost of being delivered to the Town Highway Garage at \$13.87.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

The Pilgrim Pipeline:

There were several people present this evening to ask the Town Board to adopt a resolution that the Town was not in favor of having an oil pipeline, owned by the Pilgrim Pipeline Co., go through the Town of Plattekill. The proposed pipeline would take crude oil, in one pipe, from Canada down to New Jersey where it would be refined and then shipped back north through another pipe. There would be two lateral pipes that would come off the original pipe that would take oil to someplace in New Windsor and to the Roseton plant in Balmville.

Supervisor Croce explained that he had attended a meeting in New Paltz where it was explained that this was a private company trying to put in this pipe line for their own use. It was not being State or Federally funded. They were trying to make people think that they could take land from homeowners by eminent domain, but they cannot do this. They have lied to people for their own purposes.

Mrs. Nora Hamond-Gallardo, a resident of Pressler Road, stated that she first found out about the pipeline when someone knocked on her front door asking that she sign a form to allow this company to put a pipe line through her property. She stated that she told him no, and to get off her property. She stated that she likes the rural Town of Plattekill and does not want to have a pipeline running through her property. She stated that having this pipeline could interfere with the agriculture in the area. She stated that the man who came to her house stated that all her neighbors had already signed off for the pipeline and that she has found out that this is not so.

Mrs. Hamond-Gallardo stated that she has started a petition and already has eighty signatures. She stated that she wanted the Town Board to sign the resolution so that it will be known that not everyone is in favor of this pipeline.

Mr. Gallardo stated that the company would use a fracking method to put in this pipeline and this is very dangerous to the land and the resources. Fracking is a huge business and they are afraid there could be an explosion that could set off a fire under the electric wires, which is where they want to run the piping. They want to use the Central Hudson right-of-ways. He stated that if there are leaks in the pipe, which there always is, this could contaminate our land and our water. He stated that there is a World Symposium that is happening in Peru on these issues of contamination and Global Warming. We have already had storms like Katrina and others. These types of pipes are just not as safe as they make them out to be.

Another woman who actually lives just over the Town line into Orange County stated that she lives in Newburgh, but she wanted to speak about opposing the construction of this pipeline. She stated that it is not an approved project and the Pilgrim Pipeline Company is trying to squeeze it in. They want to go as near the Thruway as possible so that they only have to deal with one property owner. She stated that the one line taking the oil south to New Jersey will be taking Crude Oil, unrefined oil, down to New Jersey. She stated that this oil is very volatile and can explode if they are not very careful. The return pipe will carry refined oil, which is just as bad.

Supervisor Croce stated that he originally thought that putting in the pipeline underground would be a better way to move the oil. He stated that currently oil is taken down the Hudson River on barges and on train cars, but now he realizes that those types of transportation will continue and this will be more or extra oil that they will be moving. They are not replacing those other forms of transportation.

The Orange County resident stated yes, this oil will be in addition to what will still be taken down on the river and in train cars. She stated that they are also looking to put in lateral pipelines to take the oil towards the east, towards the river. She stated that she did not think the Thruway was going to give permission for them to go along their roadway, but we don't know for sure. She stated that the other problem is that this oil will not do anything for the State or the Hudson Valley. They are just using us to transport the oil for their own benefit. She stated that if the Town has already given permission on anything, there is still time to re-tract any approvals given. She stated that pipelines eventually leak and inspections are few and far between and are done carelessly. This pipeline will reduce the value of your property and those properties around it. Also, if you let them put in the pipeline on your property, then you are giving them approval to come on your property at any time for maintenance.

The Orange County resident continued saying that there are compression stations every 40 miles and these inevitably leak. She was asking that the Town Board consider adopting the resolution against allowing this pipeline to be put in and she was asking that letters and the resolution be sent to the Thruway Authority.

Mr. Alan Crawford stated that he has spoken with these people because they want to go through where his house is. They want to go through the wetlands and through our properties. They will contaminate our wells. None of this is good.

Supervisor Croce stated that he first heard about the pipeline when Mrs. Hamond-Gallardo called him. He stated that he has also attended the meeting that was held in New Paltz. He stated that he wanted to research this more as there is a lot of information out there. He stated that the Board wants to make an educated decision.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that he wanted to address this situation also. He stated that he recently became aware of what was going on with the pipeline company and he has been in the Supervisor's Office discussing it with him. He stated that this could cause a lot of damage to resident's properties and we need to tell these people that we do not want the pipeline.

Mr. Ridgeway explained that they are threatening people and saying that they can just take their property if they don't cooperate with them. He explained that they are a private company and cannot do this. Only governments can use "eminent domain" as a way to take people's properties. He also stated that they use a form of "Fracking" to put in the pipes and this leaves toxic gases and toxins in the ground. He stated that none of the "product" is dedicated to come back to New York State for our use. They just want to use our properties to make money off of our back yards.

Mr. Reynolds, a local newspaper reporter, asked if there were any time line for when the Town Board would consider adopting a resolution?

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not sure of a timeline on this issue. He stated that he did not want anyone to think that he doesn't care, but the Town Board needs time to review all this information.

Mr. Wilfrido Castillo stated that he knew a little about these pipelines from his business. He stated that when the pipelines are above the ground, it is a little easier to look for or notice leaks. He stated that these pipes are going to go underground and it will be more difficult to see a leak. He stated that he knows from experience that these pipes that transport crude oil wear from the inside – out. They say that they put sensors on the lines, but by the time you see a leak, it is already too late.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to assure everyone that the Town Board will make a decision soon, however he could not say how soon. He wanted to assure everyone that they will not drag their feet on this and they will make a decision.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she would like to hear the other side of the story.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to hear the other side too, but he is skeptical because they have said some things that he has found not to be true.

There was discussion that Supervisor Croce had asked a representative to attend a Town Board meeting, but the representative had stated that he was not the person the Town Board would want to

speak with. Another representative would be better, but no one has shown up at the Town Hall or for a meeting.

Supervisor Croce stated that maybe if he told them they were going to adopt a resolution against the pipeline, then maybe someone might show up.

Supervisor Croce thanked everyone for coming in this evening and speaking with the Town Board. He stated that he would hope to have some decision on this resolution by the end of January.

Mr. Cheba asked the Supervisor if he had heard anything from the Building Inspector on his situation with a neighbor claiming Agri-Tourism for a business. He stated that he was told the Building Inspector was attending some classes relating to his situation and that they would render an opinion when they returned. He stated that it has been several weeks now and he wanted to know what decision had been made.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would have to speak with the building inspector to get a briefing on what was discussed at the classes.

Mr. Gilbert, a resident of Palazzo Lane, in Clintondale, asked if he could speak about the issue of Liberty View Farm. He stated that he does not live on Palazzo Lane as yet, but the neighbors have brought him up-to-date on the issues they have been facing.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he has been in contact with a representative in Albany who is with the Department of Ag & Markets. He has stated that for a business to be Agri-Tourism; that business would have to support what is grown there. He stated that it seems to him that for this person to hold weddings on his farm that he would have to be able to document that the farming business supports weddings. Having a dance floor, speakers, catered in food, liquor and other things common for weddings; he does not feel that these things support agriculture. He stated that Mr. Van Roestenberg states that this is an "economic stimulus for the area" but there is no way to track this. People drive here to the wedding and then they leave and go home. He does not see much economic stimulus happening. He appears to do all of this at his neighbor's expense. There is noise, trespassing, littering and much more going on. He stated that he has stayed on his property overnight to listen to what has been going on.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has spent a few nights on Palazzo Lane himself. He stated that he wanted to verify what others were saying.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to stop this discussion for a moment to see if anyone had anything else to ask or tell the Town Board while we were still in Public Input. He stated that he understood there are many people here this evening to make comments about Liberty View Farm which was the next item on the agenda. He stated that he would allow anyone to speak when we are on this agenda item.

There were no other comments or questions from the Public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – LIBERTY VIEW FARM

Supervisor Croce stated that he would allow everyone a chance to speak this evening on the issue of Liberty View Farm. He stated that the agent for Liberty View Farm was also here this evening and he wanted to invite her up to the Town Board table to make her comments first. He stated that there is a representative from the Planning Board here also.

Mrs. Patty Brooks, thanked the Town Board for having her on the agenda and stated that she wanted to clarify why this project was in front of the Town Board this evening. Mrs. Brooks stated that there was a determination made by the Building Inspector stating that “the public gathering event/weddings, which will fall in both zones RS-1 and AG-1.5, do not fall under any use, either Principal or Special Use, therefore the applicant should go for Town Board approval per the Zoning regulations 110-11B” of the Code of the Town of Plattekill.

Mrs. Brooks stated that she has also met with the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer and they went through the code and what they are proposing is that they use the existing use of Outdoor Amusement & Recreation. She read the definition from the Town Code Book. She stated that this way they would not be looking to use the Agri-Tourism use and they would have to do a site plan which would allow for neighbors and others to make comments and regulate what the business can and cannot do. The Planning Board would be able to set parameters with noise, landscaping, hours of operation, buffers, etc. She stated that to this point, there have been no controls on this site and she stated that she has heard many comments about the site and feels that she would not want to put up with some of these issues either. She stated that what they are trying to do is come up with a solution where the applicant can have a viable venue but at the same time, have protections in place that will protect the neighbors.

Councilwoman Delgado asked how many acres were in the farm?

Mrs. Brooks stated that the original farm has 7 acres and they have purchased an additional 9 acres more. She stated that she just wanted to make sure that everyone understands that she is here this evening, speaking to the Town Board, who is only looking at what use is on the property and is it considered “Outdoor Amusement & Recreation”. That is the limitation of this Board this evening. We do want to hear what everyone has to say about this use, however that is something for the Planning Board to consider.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted to let everyone know that every Town Board member has been out to Palazzo Lane and knows the lay of the land and that the rights of every property owner that is here this evening and around this particular property are very important to the Town Board. He stated that he likes to put himself in the place of others and think about how he would feel if he were in this situation. He stated that he would not want this next door to his property and he thinks the Town Board has a good understanding of why they are all here this evening. The question is “Is there a way to work this out so that we can all be comfortable with having Liberty View Farm have some type of controlled operation and you people still being able to live in peace”.

Mr. Palazzo asked how come the property is in someone else’s name? The new property is not in his name either.

Mrs. Brooks explained who owned the property and the owners are the applicants for the site plan. Mr. Van Roestenberg runs and operates Liberty View Farm.

There was some discussion on the use Outdoor Amusement & Recreation and Mrs. Brooks read the definition again from the Town of Plattekill Code.

Someone asked about having the tent set up on the property and Mrs. Brooks stated that according to code, a tent is not a structure.

A resident stated that a Wedding is not Recreation & Amusement.

Supervisor Croce stated that this is the problem with Codes. They are open to interpretation. It may be your opinion that it is not Recreation & Amusement, but it is there opinion that it is, using that definition.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Building Inspector has already determined that there is nothing in the code for these areas that would allow for weddings. That is his determination and he was looking at all the uses that are listed. That use is listed, so he has already determined it is not Recreation & Amusement.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was correct and it will be the Town Board that has to make the ultimate decision on whether we want to allow this use in these Zoning Districts. We have to take into account landowner usage, to some extent, and decide if we should add this use in as a special use or as an agricultural use. We had an issue a few years ago where someone wanted to have a home on their property and they wanted a special use permit. A decision like this could open up the flood gates and the Town Board has to think about this decision strongly and how it will impact the rest of the Town. He stated that he does not believe there will be a decision made tonight. This Board has to move cautiously.

Mr. Palazzo stated that these events are not always a 2-day event, they are 4-day events. He gets awakened at 4:00 AM to people on his property talking, urinating, noise, leaving garbage, leaving wine glasses, drunk and giving him a hard time like they have the right to be there doing what they are doing. He stated that a taxi pulled up in his driveway and let people out. He informed them that this was his house and they were on their cell phones trying to figure out where they should be, in the middle of the night!

He stated that he had to get a variance to things at his house. He gets to put up a greenhouse and a yurt with no questions or review.

Mr. Palazzo stated that he also has another issue with a place up the road from him. There are people living on the third floor. This is against Code. There are 15 to 20 cars, and if you double that, that is a lot of people. We don't have a fire service for this.

Supervisor Croce stated that he knew of the situation that he was referring to.

Mr. Derick Doubrava stated that he was talking about a commercial enterprise here. There are restrictions on the property. You can't have a commercial business. It has been said that he needs this business to survive. He is farming, that is his business. If he had 100 acres and he could put this business out in the middle, he might be able to get away with it, but we do have a noise ordinance and his windows are rattling and he lives a quarter mile away. He stated that he is nervous because it sounds like he may get approval for this business. He stated that he rents this property from the owners, he could rent other land somewhere else where this is allowed. He stated that they are not

looking to put him out of business, he just needs to do it where it is an allowed use. He stated that Mr. Van Roestenberg has not played by the rules and he has done what he wants at this neighbor's expense. He stated that he chose to rent this property and he could rent somewhere else.

Mr. Doubrava continued stating that most of these events are in the evening. Are there going to be lights and/or a paved parking lot? He wanted to know how come one person has the right to infringe on all of their lives? He stated that he would like to enjoy living here and he is skeptical as to how the Town is going to control it. If the Town is going to allow this type of business, allow it where it doesn't bother the neighbors. He stated that he likes Plattekill and would like to enjoy his life here. We keep hearing that people have complained over and over about the noise, yet he is allowed to continue. He stated that he just wants to live here and he doesn't want to have to complain.

Mr. Demaio stated that he has tried to communicate with Mr. Van Roestenberg. He stated that the noise at 11:00 -11:30 PM was very loud one night and his windows were rattling, so he called Mr. Van Roestenberg and spoke to him the first time and the noise continued. Then he called him back and only got a recording to leave a message. He stated that he was not aware that so many other people were being impacted. He stated that as far as this being Outdoor Amusement & Recreation, he doesn't know how you would control the noise. He stated that he was not in favor of weddings in a residential/ag area. He stated that he pre-dates zoning and he does not feel that we should change the rules that are currently in place.

Mr. Schuster stated that he lives on Crescent Avenue and he is experiencing all the things everyone else is experiencing. He stated that these people come here for the event and then they leave. They do not care about what problems they cause.

Councilwoman Delgado asked if Mr. Van Roestenberg has spoken with anyone here this evening?

Mr. Schuster stated that he was not aware of anyone speaking with Mr. Van Roestenberg recently.

Mr. Knudsen stated that he owns a parcel on South Street, west of the Liberty View Farm property. He stated that he has spoken a few times with Mr. Van Roestenberg, but it has done him no good. (He handed a letter to the Town Board which included pictures). He stated that the weddings are illegal, inappropriate and he can stay here and farm or go elsewhere. He stated that the noise and encroachment on his property is unacceptable. He stated that he and the others in this neighborhood have invested in their properties and he is infringing on their quality of life. He stated that Mr. Van Roestenberg has put up a yurt so that the wedding couple can stay overnight. It is a hotel room. It is 28.1 feet from his property line. He rents this yurt as an overnight room. He uses the orchard as a parking lot and parks cars on his orchard property too. The Planning Board asked him if he was doing anything else on the property and he answered no. But he is allowing overnight camping and there are pictures to prove it in his letter. He stated that he spoke to Mr. Van Roestenberg about wanting to build his house on this property and Mr. Van Roestenberg told him not to build his house there. He stated that there are always people trespassing on his property as there is a good view of the mountains at the top of the hill. He is always finding people there and they say that Mr. Van Roestenberg told them it was OK to go there. It is his property. He stated that he has tried to have respect for Mr. Van Roestenberg, but he does not seem to have any respect for the rest of the community. He stated that he too finds garbage, wine glasses, people urinating and couples using the underbrush for other

purposes. He stated that he does not see how any controls that the Town may put on this business can control this behavior. He stated that he and his neighbors live here and farm here. This business just does not belong here.

Mr. Castillo suggested that the neighbors call the police so that there will be documentation that these things are happening.

Most of the residents all stated that they have tried to do this, but by the time the police arrive, the people have moved on. They have asked him to lower the volume of the music, and as soon as the police leave, it is turned back up again. Now, most of the time, the Police don't even come anymore.

Mr. Claudio stated that he felt if the Town allows this business to continue, the Town will be supporting his bad behavior.

Mrs. Westhouser stated that she remembers Plattekill many years ago with all the Villas. There were people, cars and busses that filled and sometimes closed down the streets and would not allow the residents to leave their homes to go out on the weekends. She stated that she likes it here in Plattekill and Palazzo Lane seemed like a good place to live; away from traffic and noise. But now it is like living next to an old Villa. There is noise, people walk around drunk and the busses are bringing in all these people. She stated that she felt the Town of Plattekill has to overcome the stigma of the noise and busses bringing in people. She stated that people are purchasing the land and looking to build expensive homes there and now we have these issues. She stated that Mr. Van Roestenberg has been running this business for four years now without permits and the Town has done nothing. It is a glorified villa.

Several other residents stated that no revenue is coming to the Town from this business and we are the ones paying taxes.

Another person, who stated that he was here this evening for a friend, stated that his friend purchased property on Palazzo Lane to build a home and now, with all of these issues, he cannot build his home.

Mr. Juan Figueroa stated that he wanted to make a statement that the people who owned the villas in the southern portion of Plattekill did play by the rules. He stated that he would appreciate that we do not say this business is like the villas. This is a totally different situation. He has lived in Plattekill for over 40 years and this is not the same situation. He stated that he takes offence that this is being made a similar situation when it is not.

Mr. Castillo stated that they should still call the police and get the complaint documented. The Police are obligated to show up and if it isn't the Town Police then call the State Police or the County Sheriff. Tell them you want to press charges.

Another resident asked about the noise ordinance? What time is the noise supposed to be stopped? Supervisor Croce stated that he was not sure, but he thought it was around 10:00 PM.

Mr. Knudsen stated again that it is an illegal use of the property.

Supervisor Croce stated that at this time, he could not say that it was an illegal use. He stated that he was not a part of the Town Board when the noise law was adopted and he has seen that past issues with noise have been taken care of by using other means than using the noise law. It is very hard to use the noise law to settle a problem.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he has reviewed the codes and there were restrictions on noise. The Town has told us that he is protected by the Ag use and Farming, but the law says there are exceptions. He still has to abide by the law and it is not just the time but the volume also.

Mr. Knudsen stated that the law says he can have farming noise, not noise!

Mr. Palazzo stated that Mr. Van Roestenberg is doing farming and another business. He stated that he has lived here all his life and has never seen this type of farming. He has berries and fruit on his farm; does this make anything he does part of his farming? He stated that he looks at the property where the weddings are held and he has not seen a truck or a sprayer or any brush being cleaned up. He cannot see where there is a farm business there.

Mr. Castillo stated that we have had other noise issues in the past. When we had the motorcycle racetracks we had decibel readings taken and the Building Inspector and the Police were all certified to use the noise meters.

Ms. Valerie Smith stated that we could never get a conviction on the noise meter readings. It is a Zoning issue. She stated that she feels bad for the people because they are going through what she went through with the racetracks. She stated that she hopes the Town Board takes these residents seriously so they do not have to go through what she went through. No one wants to put people out of business, but it is the quality of life and being able to live in your home.

Mr. Knudsen stated that this isn't a personnel issue. If Mr. Van Roestenberg ran into financial despair, he would have jumped in and given him help. We have all tried to get along and he has done what he wanted to do. If he was farming there would not be a problem. It seems that he will be doing these more than two a month and it is coming at his neighbor's expense.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to reassure everyone that the Town Board is taking this situation very seriously. He stated that he can't cure this problem by himself and there are a lot of things that have to be taken into consideration. We have heard your voices and we will take your comments into consideration. He stated that he will look at this situation as if he were a neighbor in this same situation.

There was a question as to when the Town Board would be making a decision on this matter?

Supervisor Croce stated that he and the rest of the Town Board will have to review all the information that is available and try to make an educated decision.

Mrs. Brooks stated that she has also been taking notes all through the comments and she will be meeting with Mr. Van Roestenberg and the owners of the property to let them know what problems have been occurring.

Supervisor Croce stated that the issue would be listed on a future agenda which is posted on the Town Website before every meeting. Residents can check there to see when the Town Board will be making their decision.

A resident stated that he just wanted the Town Board to know that Mr. Van Roestenberg still has a sign up on his lawn and on various websites where he is continuing to take dates for future wedding reservations. He stated that he is aware that Mr. LoCicero has told him his business is illegal; however he is still booking reservations. He stated that Mr. LoCicero did not close him down this past year because Mr. Van Roestenberg had taken deposits from people and he did not want the people to be put

out of where they were going to get married. Will this same thing happen again this year? If he continues to take deposits, will the Building Inspector let the weddings happen?

There was some discussion that the Building Inspector has told Mr. Van Roestenberg that this is an illegal use.

Mrs. Brooks stated that she would get in touch with the Building Inspector and Mr. Van Roestenberg to make sure everyone is aware of the situation.

Mr. Palazzo stated that NYSBOC holds a meeting every month and back in September there was discussion in Albany about the Wineries in New York State starting to do weddings. He stated that he did not know all the specifics, but there were some restrictions put in, in regard to doing weddings.

Supervisor Croce asked him to get either some information or a website address so that he could look further into this issue and forward the information to the Building Inspector. Information is good.

Mr. Palazzo stated that he would get him the information.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to thank everyone for coming in this evening. He stated that he has been aware that there were issues, but the rest of the Town Board needed to hear from you and listen to what you are experiencing.

Councilman Putnam asked the Supervisor to contact Mr. LoCicero, as soon as possible, so that he can get to Mr. Van Roestenberg before he collects deposits for more weddings.

Mr. Gilbert asked if the Supervisor had received a letter from his Attorney about this issue? He stated that it was a certified letter that would have been signed for at the Post Office.

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk if she remembered signing for a letter, to him, from the Attorney?

The Town Clerk stated that she did not sign for a letter that was addressed to the Supervisor in the past two weeks or so.

Mr. Gilbert stated that it would have been Monday or Tuesday of this week.

The Town Clerk stated that she did not sign for this letter. She stated that she did not think we had received it as yet. If she had signed for it, she would have given it to the Supervisor.

(It is noted here that after this evening's meeting, Mr. Gilbert gave the Town Clerk a copy of the letter that was not received in the mail as of this date. All letters received as of this date, on this issue, are attached to these minutes.)

SECTION 2 – ZONING BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Zoning Board of Appeals stating that the Zoning Board had their re-organization meeting on Nov. 13, 2014 and would like to suggest that the Town Board appoint Wilfrido Castillo as the Chairperson and Bruce Jantzi as the Vice-Chairman for the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2015.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to approve as Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals, Wilfrido Castillo and as Vice-Chairman, Bruce Jantzi for the year 2015.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce read a second memo from the Zoning Board of Appeals stating that Mr. Joseph Egan's term on the Zoning Board of Appeals will expire on December 31, 2014 and they would recommend that Mr. Egan be re-appointed for another term.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had also received an e-mail from Mr. Egan stating that he would like to be re-appointed for another term.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Joseph Egan for another 7-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 3 – PLANNING BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Croce read a letter from Mrs. Katherine Beinkafner stating that her term on the Planning Board was to expire at the end of this year and she would like to be re-appointed to the position for another term.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to re-appoint Katherine Beinkafner to the Planning Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Planning Board stating that the terms for our Town's Ulster County Planning Board Representatives would be ending on December 31, 2014. The Town Planning Board would like to recommend that Mr. Thomas Wilkin be reappointed to represent the Town at the Ulster County Planning Board for another 4 year term and to recommend that the Town's Alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board be Mr. Darryl Matthews. The memo also stated that both of these Planning Board members have completed more than the 4 hours of mandated training time and that their attendance for this year is 80% or better.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to appoint Mr. Thomas Wilkin as the Town's Ulster County Planning Board Representative and to appoint Mr. Darryl Matthews as the Alternate with terms beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 4 – CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – DEC. 6, 2014

Supervisor Croce read the announcement that the Town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony would be held this coming Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 6PM at the Thomas Felten Park on Rt. 32 in Modena. The Rotary will be serving hot chocolate and doughnuts, there will be a huge bonfire to keep warm, the Modena Fire Department Choir will be singing Christmas Carols and Santa should be arriving shortly after the Christmas Tree is lit. He stated that everyone is welcome to attend.

SECTION 5 – DATE FOR SETTLEMENT MEETING & REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Town Board decided to hold the Settlement Meeting on December 31, 2014 at 1:00 PM and that the Re-organization Meeting would be held on January 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

SECTION 6 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 12/3/2014, which includes the General Fund amount of \$43,028.53 and the Highway Fund amount of \$15,234.95 for a total amount of \$58,263.48 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.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Time: 9:45 PM