TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2015

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
Councilman DePew

Councilwoman Delgado was absent.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 3rd & 7th, 2014 Regular Town Board Meetings and the Dec. 31st, 2014 Settlement Town Board Meeting.
Councilman Farrelly seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.
* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 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 December 7th, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.
Councilman Farrelly seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.
* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 31, 2014 Settlement Town Board Meeting.
Councilman Putnam seconded.

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

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had two additions; one was for using the soccer field and the other was to announce that the Plattekill Resident Day Event at Rocking Horse Ranch will be March 1, 2015.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Pearl "Sis" Morse asked the Town Board if they would appoint Mr. Spada, from Aloha Home Acres, to the Veteran's Committee. She stated that he was the person who is taking over doing the Veteran's program at Aloha. He has been doing things with the Veteran's Committee and she felt that he should be added to the membership.

* Councilman DePew made a motion, on the recommendation of Mrs. Morse, to appoint Mr. Spada to the membership of the Veteran's Committee.
Councilman Putnam seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Jonathan Ridgeway stated that he and the Supervisor had had a conversation about the Town Board changing the resolution he had submitted for the opposition to the pipeline. He stated that the new draft of the resolution focuses on the concerns of the residents and he feels that it is quite well done.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt there was good dialogue and he was able to get a representative of the company to attend a meeting where he did his best to answer our questions. He stated that he felt the Town Board obtained as much information as possible to make this decision.

Mr. Ridgeway thanked the Town Board for taking this situation seriously.

Mr. Crawford asked if the Supervisor had received responses to the questions that Mr. DeRosa could not answer at the meeting?

Supervisor Croce stated that he sent the questions to Mr. DeRosa last Wednesday and he has not heard back from him yet.

A resident stated that he felt the Town Board did not do the Town service in letting Mr. Farrell go from the Recreation Dept.

Mrs. Tara Fitzpatrick asked if there was any new information on the Agra-Business situation?

Supervisor Croce stated that he had tried to speak with Mr. Somers, but he was unavailable and he is planning on calling him back tomorrow. He stated that he will also try to include the Building Inspector in the conversation. He stated that he hasn't forgotten her.

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 7:15 PM.
Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2014

Supervisor Croce stated that Chief Ryan could not be present this evening and he would be reading the monthly report.

Supervisor Croce read that there were 300 documented calls for service with 159 traffic tickets issued. There were 11 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Plattekill Police with 4 persons reporting injuries.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter as it was lengthy. He read that there were many cases worked by the Detectives including one child molestation case, in conjunction with the City of Poughkeepsie Police and Town of Fallsburg Police, one attempted assault, one animal complaint, one forgery case, one grand larceny case, five petit larceny cases, one unlawful surveillance case and one burglary case. The one child molestation case was closed with an arrest and several of the petit larceny cases were closed with arrests.

Supervisor Croce stated that only one vehicle was out of service at this time due to a motor vehicle accident.

Supervisor Croce finished the report by reading through the awards that were given to several officers at their annual Holiday Party in December 2014.

SECTION 2 – BUILDING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2014

Councilman DePew read the Building Dept. monthly report which stated that there were 29 Field Inspections done, 15 Violations issued, 1 Landlord/Tenant Complaint, 12 Building Permits issued, 2 Certificates of Occupancy issued, 2 Certificates of Compliance issued, 6 Municipal Searches done, 2 court cases pending, 6, Fire Safety Inspections done and 2 Office Meetings held. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and assisting residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and zoning and subdivision issues.

SECTION 3 – ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT- DECEMBER 2014

Supervisor Croce read the Assessor monthly report which stated that there were 10 transfers, 7 armslength transactions, 4 vacant property sales and 6 residential sales. He stated that the sale price for residential homes only was $106,857 for December 2014.

SECTION 4 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2014

Councilman Putnam read the Dog Control monthly report which stated that there were 20 total calls, 6 calls from the Plattekill Police or Ulster County Sherriff, 3 open cases, 5 stray dogs impounded or seized, 3 dogs redeemed and there are currently 2 dogs in the kennel. He read that there were no new cases in Plattekill Court at this time.

Councilman Putnam continued to read that Mr. McKee would like to thank the Girl Scout Troop #60042 for their continued support of the shelter. He stated that he is still receiving donations of blankets and towels due to the community awareness that they have brought to the shelter.

Councilman Putnam read that Mr. Mckee would also like to thank the Ulster County SPCA, which is a private, not-for-profit animal rescue agency in Ulster County that has been taking our unclaimed stray dogs consistently this past year. They have evaluated our adoptable dogs free of charge and on a number of occasions they have investigated potential animal cruelty cases in our Town. The report stated that he wanted to thank Glen Daniels and Adam Saunders, who are humane law investigators in this organization, for their continued support. The report stated that 2 unclaimed stray dogs that were still in our shelter on Jan. 1, 2015 have both been taken in by the UCASPCA on Jan. 8th.

Supervisor Croce stated that he is aware of how helpful the UCASPCA has been and wanted to thank them also for being so helpful. He stated that residents are continuing to drop off donations, for the shelter, here at the Town Hall.

SECTION 5 – RECREATION DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce stated that the Recreation Dept. report is that all programs are continuing and he wanted to thank Councilman Farrelly for his help. The coaches that were controlling the activities are still doing so and things are running smoothly.

SECTION 6 – EAGLE SCOUT AWARD – CHARLES TRAFAGANDER

Supervisor Croce stated that Eagle Scout Charles Trafagander was present this evening to explain his project that was recently completed at the Town Library property.

Mr. Trafangander gave out pictures of the before and after views of his project and explained that he and a work party rebuilt the backstop and poured concrete at the baseball field behind the Library building. He stated that he did some fundraisers to get the funding for the project and also received some donations.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt the project was a good Eagle Scout project and the Town children will be using this field for many years to come. He presented Mr. Trafagander with a plaque from the Town Board and pictures were taken.

Supervisor Croce explained that he would be keeping the plaque until the awards ceremony and he will present it again to Charles at that time.

The entire Town Board thanked him for improving the Town's facility that is used by the recreation department throughout the year.

SECTION 7 – PILGRIM PIPELINE RESOLUTION

Supervisor Croce explained that many people have been to the past several meetings giving information to the Town Board and other residents on the proposed construction of a pipeline in the Thruway right-of-way. He also explained that the Town Board has been doing their own research on this issue too. He stated that the Town Board was asked by residents to do a resolution in opposition of the construction of this pipeline and several draft resolutions were considered.

Supervisor Croce stated that he discussed a draft resolution with the Town Attorney and he would like to propose the adoption of the following resolution:

PILGRIM PIPELINE RESOLUTION – 2015

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company is proposing to build a bi-directional pipeline through the Town of Plattekill in Ulster County, NY that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, any rupture or compromise of the Pipeline, even without an explosion or fire, will require extraordinary cleanup efforts, could force residents from their homes, and place a large number of residents in close proximity to hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, most Town of Plattekill residents depend on ground water for potable water supplies, the integrity and safety of which may be jeopardized by the Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim Pipeline is proposed to be laid in areas containing sensitive aquifers upon which residents depend for drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim Pipeline may threaten important surface water resources, including Quassaic Creek, Black Creek, Lake Sunset, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill finds that the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline potentially threatens the health, safety and welfare of the community; could cause decreased values of homes located along its route and in surrounding neighborhoods; and could negatively impact future development in the Town of Plattekill in Ulster County, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan calls for becoming less energy and fossil fuel intensive while strengthening the regional economy, expanding renewable energy generation exponentially across the Region, and improving the resilience of the energy delivery system; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline to support and expand markets for fossil fuels is directly contrary to these clean energy goals; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill:

1. Calls upon the New York State Thruway Authority to reject use of its right-of-way for the purpose of transporting oil or gas by pipeline; and further calls upon the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to deny an exception to its Accommodation Plan for said purpose; and
2. Urges Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to oppose construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline in New York State; and

Directs the Clerk of the Town of Plattekill to forward copies of this resolution to the NYS Thruway Authority Chair Howard P. Milstein, NYS DOT Commissioner Joan McDonald, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Chris Gibson, Governor Andrew Cuomo, N.Y. Public Service Commission Chairwoman Audrey Zibelman, N.Y. Assembly Member Kevin Cahill, N.Y. Senator John Bonacic and NYS DEC Commission Joseph Martens.

Councilman DePew and Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

(A copy of this complete resolution is attached to these minutes)

<u>SECTION 8 – RAINIERI – CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION - OPEN SPACE AGREEMENT</u>

Supervisor Croce explained that there is a 4-lot Subdivision that is being proposed on the Rainieri property on South Street (across from Lewis Lane). There are 26 acres of this 36 acre subdivision that is being proposed as forever wild with a Conservation and Open Space Easement. He explained that the Town Board would have to approve this Easement as a pre-condition to proceeding with Planning Board approval.

Mr. Schutzman, attorney for the applicant, was present to answer any questions the Town Board may have on the Easement. He stated that he had made some changes, as per the Town's Attorney, Paul Kellar, and he was looking to see if the Town Board agreed with everything to consider adoption.

Mr. Schutzman explained that with this Conservation Easement, the property that will be considered as "forever wild" will be owned by the individual lot owner so that there will not be any liability to the Town, however if the Town saw that there was an emergency situation of some kind, the Town could enter the property to deal with the emergency. Also, if the Town were to have a need to enter the property, not in an emergency situation, the Town should ask for permission from the property owner before entering.

A resident in the audience stated that the Public Hearing that the Planning Board had the previous week, was still open for another week. She questioned that the Town Board should make a decision on this easement before the Public Hearing is closed.

The Town Board agreed that they should wait to adopt this Easement until all the public comments were made.

Mr. Schutzman asked the Town Board if they were happy with the Easement as it was presented this evening? He stated that he understood that the Town Board wanted to wait until after the Public Hearing was closed to adopt the Easement, but wanted to make sure there were no further changes that the Town Board was considering. Changes could be made by the next Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Croce asked the other Town Board members if there were any further changes to the Easement as was dated Dec. 23, 2014?

The Town Board was in agreement with the Easement as it was written, however they did want to wait until the Planning Board Public Hearing was closed before adopting it.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would let the Planning Board know that the Town Board was comfortable with the Conservation Easement and that they were waiting for the Planning Board to close the Public Hearing before adopting it.

SECTION 9 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION INFORMATION

Supervisor Croce read a section of a letter he had received from the Department of Public Service about an energy modernization initiative which will fundamentally transform the way electricity is distributed and used in New York State. On April 25, 2014 the New York State Public Service Commission instituted the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) proceedings, stating its intention to align electric utility practices and the Commission's regulation with technological advances that have created alternate ways to meet electricity demand. It will create the power grid of the future and enable customers to reduce their energy bills.

Supervisor Croce stated that anyone who would like to know more about this should try to attend a meeting being held at the Council Chambers in the Kingston City Hall at 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY. The Information session will start at 6:00PM and the public statement hearing will begin at 7:00PM.

Anyone needing more information can contact the Supervisor 's Office or the Town Clerk's Office for a copy of the information that we currently have.

Section 10 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT POSITION

Supervisor Croce stated that he has given the Town Board a copy of an employee job description for an "Assistant Recreation Director". He asked the Town Board to consider this positon instead of "Recreation Director" because it has different qualifications for that position. This way the assistant recreation director will report to the Town Board.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to advertise for this new positon.

The Town Board agreed to have an "Assistant Recreation Director" position and felt that they wanted to advertise as soon as possible.

The Town Board agreed to advertise for the assistant recreation director in the Southern Ulster Times for the next three weeks and ask that applications be received by February 27th.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to have the Town Clerk put an ad in the Southern Ulster Times, for a total of 3 weeks, to take applications for the position of "Assistant Recreation Director" until the end of the day of February 27, 2015.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

Supervisor Croce stated that the salary would remain at $10,000.00 per year.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – SOCCER CAMP REQUET TO USE SOCCER FIELD

Supervisor Croce explained that he had received a phone call from Mr. Eric Watson who has run a soccer camp at the Thomas Felten Community Park for the past several years. He started doing several weeks and this has been reduced down to one week during the summer. He stated that he usually has approximately 40 kids and would like to rent the Park for the last week in July, the 27th to the 31st. He uses the bathrooms and the pavilion area around lunchtime. He stated that he has his own insurance and gives a copy to the Town naming the Town as additionally insured.

Supervisor Croce stated that he asked about any conflicts with the Plattekill Summer Camp as last year the Camp was in session and using the Park almost every day. He stated that the Camp was away for two days of swimming and away on another day for a Camp Trip, so there were only two days that there could have been an issue, but he worked it out with the Summer Camp that the soccer kids would eat when the camp kids were involved with another activity.

Supervisor Croce stated that the issue he has is how much to charge this person to rent the field and use the pavilion and bathrooms.

There was discussion on what Mr. Watson was charged last year and Supervisor Croce stated that he paid $200.00 to use the field plus a $100.00 deposit for using the pavilion last year. He stated that he

did not think we should use the schedule that we charge people for using the pavilion as the Camp will also be there using it.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has an idea of what he makes and he does make some revenue on this week. He does have some expenses too. He has to pay for a million dollar insurance policy, pay to rent the goals from the soccer league and probably has to hire some people to help him. He asked the Town Board if they wanted to increase the field rental?

Councilman DePew stated that he would charge something like $325.00.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he could see charging $350.00.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to grant Mr. Watson approval, with the increased price of $350.00, for the use of the field and the pavilion.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would contact Mr. Watson and let him know that he can use the field for one week at a cost of $350.00.

SECTION 12 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 1/21/2015, paying vouchers from the year of 2014, which includes: the General Fund amount of $33,307.65, the Highway Fund amount of $3,448.83, the Clintondale Lighting District amount of $683.86 and the Modena Lighting District amount of $1254.25 for a total amount of $38,694.59 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 1/21/2015, paying vouchers for the year of 2015, which includes: the General Fund amount of $10,446.67, the Highway Fund amount of $12,581.90 and the Trust & Agency amount of $2,803.20 for a total amount of $25,831.77 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 13 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.