

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 15, 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
- Councilwoman Delgado
- Councilman DePew

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from March 18 and April 1, 2015 Regular Town Board meetings.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 18, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

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

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had three additions for this evening's agenda; one is a request to use the soccer field, another is a request from the Girl Scouts and the third is a request to purchase some new computers. He stated that he would add these at the end of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Time: 7:07 PM

Back: 7:24 PM

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Executive Session and re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:24 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Mark Schiba stated that his wife, Tara Fitzpatrick, had spoken with the Town Board at the last meeting about the situation with Hurd's Farm. He stated that he wanted to speak to the Town Board about the noise. He stated that there is always noise, not farming noise, coming from the farm activities. He read a section of the Town Code called the "Declaration of findings and policy". This section included wording that stated the Town Board was to prevent unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise and that the Town Board was to preserve, protect and promote public health, safety and peace and quiet within the Town for its residents. The Code stated that every person is entitled to have health and enjoyment of property and that noise is a menace to public health, safety, welfare and the comfort of the people in the town. He stated that they have a bouncy-pad that has a continuous noise of a motor running to keep it inflated, the cow train ride and the large groups of people that they are expecting.

Councilman Farrelly questioned that this extra noise was an assumption on his part?

Mr. Schiba stated yes, he could call it that. Large groups will generate more noise.

Supervisor Croce thanked him for his comments this evening.

Mr. Gilbert, who owns property on Palazzo Lane, stated that he wanted to make a comment on the decision that the Town Board has to make involving Liberty View Farm. He stated that he did not mean to be presumptuous, but he was sure everyone was aware that Liberty View Farm has made an appeal to the Dept. of Ag & Markets. They are asking for weddings to be a permitted use.

Mr. Gilbert stated that maybe the Town Board should wait to see what Ag & Markets decides before making their decision. If Ag & Markets agrees that weddings are allowed, then it is decided and the Town Board can make its decision based on the Ag & Markets decision. If it is approved, he stated that he felt there would be a lot of animosity.

Mr. Gilbert also wanted to bring an issue to the Town Boards attention. He stated that Liberty View Farm was given a notice to appear in Court in 2013 and then there were a number of postponements and then we had to wait for the Building Inspector to make a determination. The Building Inspector finally made his determination in October of 2014 and in that determination letter they were told to go to the Town Board. His question is whether they should be allowed to continue the use while the Town

Board if figuring all this out? He stated that he felt they should not be allowed to continue the use as the determination by the Building Inspector was that it is not a permitted use.

Supervisor Croce stated that he appreciated Mr. Gilbert's input, but he was not sure that the Town Board should wait for Ag & Markets. He stated that he did meet with Mr. Somers, from Ag & Markets, and it was his opinion that the Town Board should not wait for Ag & Markets to make their decision. He stated that the Building Inspector has stated that it is not a permitted use and it is the Town Board who now must make this decision. He explained that the decision is not just about Liberty View Farm. The decision will affect the entire Town.

Supervisor Croce stated that as far as Liberty View Farm is concerned, we did send a letter, on the advice of council, to everyone at Liberty View Farm, advising them that it is our opinion that, because of the letter of determination, it would not be allowed to have events until all of this is figured out. If they do have events, then the Town or anyone else, could seek injunctive relief. He stated that the Town Attorney had informed him that this issue would then go to the State Supreme Court where it would be a costly and lengthy process. He stated that he has given the Attorney's a date for when to have all arguments in to the Town so that the Town Board can proceed. He stated that another situation is that the escrow account for Liberty View Farm is just about depleted and they have been notified that the Town cannot do anything until they replenish their escrow.

Supervisor Croce stated that we all have talked about this at length and he feels the Town Board has a very good understanding of both sides. He stated that he felt the Town Board's charge is still the same, we have to either agree or disagree with their contention that it is allowed as a special use under outdoor amusement and recreation. If we agree that it is an allowed use, then we would have to decide what restrictions the Town could reasonably put in place concerning that operation. He stated that he does understand this is confusing and there was recently another change, because the last letter he got from Brooks & Brooks, who is one of their representatives, is that they now feel the Town Board doesn't have to do anything. He stated that they are trying to figure it out.

Supervisor Croce stated that, in the letter, it was noted that the last thing the Town wants to see is someone schedule a wedding and then find out they are not able to have it there.

Supervisor Croce stated that even if the Town were to file for injunctive relief, he did not know if this would allow them to continue to hold events or not. It is very complicated. We do have to bring this to some kind of decision and he wanted to make sure everyone understood that this is not just something concerning Liberty View Farm. There are other situations going on in Town too. He stated that the Town is working with the Association of Towns to try to hold a training session where we will have someone from Cornell University that may come to meet with Town Officials on Agri-Tourism. This will be information that we all can use to help make a good decision.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he did not think Ag & Markets would make a decision on this any time soon.

Supervisor Croce stated, as he did before, that he met with Mr. Somer and his Attorney and they visited the site. They wanted to obtain whatever information they could to get a better idea of the situation.

Mr. Derek Doubrava, who lives near Liberty View Farm, questioned that there were outstanding building permit violations on the Bed & Breakfast business and on some accessory structures. He stated that he thought the Town Code stated that all the old business had to be cleared up before a new business could be done.

Supervisor Croce stated that he believed the Building Inspector had gone out there and told Mr. Von Roestenberg that he should come in and file a site plan if he wanted any chance to continue with what he was doing. He stated that he did not see any reason why the Building Inspector would not go there and inspect these things.

Mr. Doubrava stated that his point was that these things have seemed to slip by and we are just talking about the wedding events.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would have to speak with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she did not think Mr. LoCicero would do something like that.

Mr. Doubrava stated that he was not accusing the building inspector of anything. He would not do that. He just wondered if there were other things going on too.

Councilman Putnam stated that Mr. LoCicero probably has an answer to that question. We just don't know it.

Mrs. Diane Demaio stated that she has lived 30 years at 300 South Street and this whole situation is very discouraging. She stated that there are a lot of farms around, but she has never had to put up with all this crap. The music is often so loud that her windows rattle. She has to keep her windows closed and she can still hear the music. She stated that she could not believe that he can get away with all this. She stated that she has complained to him and he said they were going to turn the music down, but it is all a scam. The music stays as loud as ever. She is tired of all the BS. It is very disrespectful. It is a residential area. She knows that sometimes the Town's hands are tied, but something has to be done.

Supervisor Croce thanked her for her comments. He continued saying that the Town Code is not a perfect document. It is open to interpretation, to some degree. How much noise is too much? How much light is too much? He stated that he has often said, the Planning Board has the toughest job in Town Government. It is impossible for the Town Code to cover every single situation. We have heard both sides and both sides make sense depending on what side you are on and how you are looking at the situation.

Councilman Farrelly stated that Mr. Von Roestenberg stood right here and told us that the noise does not go past 10:00 PM.

Mrs. Demaio stated that he is lying. The noise and music goes on well beyond 10:00 PM and she is sick of it.

Mr. Doubrava stated that the noise ordinance is very specific however. It states times of day and noise levels at the property line. He stated that we have all heard the argument about it being recreation. This is a commercial business. We are not talking about a loud party or someone's daughter getting married in the backyard. That is something we all look forward to. We are talking about making a lot of money and it goes on and on and he is not considerate of his neighbors. He stated that if it was

a one-time thing, none of them would be here complaining, but there is no end to it; it is a commercial business.

Supervisor Croce thanked them for their comments.

Mrs. Maryann Housch and her daughter Adriana were present to request permission for the 4-H Animal Squad to offer their services to plant flowers and care for the gardens around the Plattkill Library building.

Adriana stated that they would be partnering with Animals and Beyond, another 4-H group, and the local Girl Scout troops to accomplish the gardening tasks over the summer. They would be holding a fundraiser to finance this project. She stated that they wanted to give back to the community for allowing them to use of the Senior Center.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was also contacted by Donna Egan from one of the Girl Scout troops who wants to do the flower beds in front of the Town Hall and around the Library building.

Mrs. Housch stated that she did know Mrs. Egan and would be working with her on this project.

Supervisor Croce stated that when we have an organization doing something on Town property, we ask for a certificate of insurance, for one million dollars, naming the Town as an additional insured. He stated that we have them from the Girl Scouts, but not the 4-H.

Mrs. Housch stated that they would obtain the insurance certificate.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion, contingent on obtaining proof of insurance from the 4-H, to allow them and the Girl Scouts to offer their services to plant and care for the gardens around the Library building this summer.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

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 7:55 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2015

Supervisor Croce read the Police Dept. monthly report for March 2015. He read that there were 301 documented calls for service and 124 traffic tickets issued. There were 11 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Plattkill Police with 2 people reporting injuries.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would not be reading the Arrest Blotter because it is quite lengthy and if anyone should want to read it you can obtain a copy at the Town Clerk's Office. He continued to read the Detective Report which indicated that 2 Petit Larceny cases, 2 Grand Larceny cases, 1 Assault case, 1 identity case, 3 Burglary cases, 2 Missing Person cases, 1 Harassment case and 1 Fraud case were being worked. The Detectives also closed 1Petit Larceny case, 2 Missing Person cases, 1 Burglary case, 1 Grand Larceny case and 1 Harassment case.

Supervisor Croce continued to read that the cars were all in good working order thanks to the good job our Highway Dept. does to keep all our vehicles running properly.

Supervisor Croce read that the Chief would be attending the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference in Syracuse from April 30th to May 1st, 2015.

Supervisor Croce finished reading the report stating that the 3rd Annual Bruce Loertscher Memorial Scholarship Pig Roast was scheduled for Sunday, June 7th at 1:00 PM at the Thomas Felten Park. The tickets are \$20.00 and are available from any of the Police Officers or the Town Clerk's Office. He stated that this was a very worthwhile event as it is to honor our past Supervisor who died while in office. The Plattekill PBA sponsors the event to give scholarships to graduating students going on to college to study either agriculture or criminal justice. He suggested that everyone try to support this event.

SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2015

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control monthly report from March 2015. He read that there were 20 calls including 14 calls to service from the Plattekill PD, State Police or Ulster County Sherriff's Dept. He read that there were 9 active complaints which are now closed or resolved, 3 open cases that have been addressed but are still ongoing, 2 stray dogs impounded, 1 dog returned to its owner, 4 appearance tickets issued and 1 dog currently in the Kennel.

SECTION 3 – ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2015

Councilwoman Delgado read the Assessor's Office monthly report for March 2015. She read that there were 16 transfers, 2 foreclosures, 5 armslength transactions and 1 vacant, 15 residential, 1 commercial and 1 mobile home transactions. The median sale price of residential homes only was \$118,050.

SECTION 4 – BUILDING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2015

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has been trying to get a better feel and understanding of what activities and violations the Building Dept. has been dealing with and the Building Dept. has been trying to give the Town Board a better report. The new software does reports, but the Building Dept. clerk is not sure how to get the information we are requesting in one report. He stated that he spoke to the clerk and she did most of this report by hand. He suggested that if anyone had any questions, they should be directed to the Building Dept. He stated that it would be hard to read this report as we do not seem to have any totals.

Councilman DePew stated that maybe we could get a cover page with this report that better explains what was done. He stated that this report seems somewhat confusing.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he sees violations listed, but does not see anything for Liberty View Farm.

Supervisor Croce stated that he doesn't think the Building Dept. has issued any violations to Liberty View Farm; just the letter of determination.

Councilman Farrelly stated that there was just discussion that the Bed & Breakfast business at Liberty View Farm was in violation.

Councilman DePew stated that there are violations in the report, but we don't know what they are for.

There was discussion that the last page had a total of the violations, but it was just a total.

Supervisor Croce stated that if there were questions, they should contact the Building Dept.

SECTION 5 – PLATTEKILL FIRE DISTRICT

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. James Hoppenstedt was present to speak with the Town Board about the property that is jointly owned by the Town and the Plattekill Fire District.

Mr. Hoppenstedt gave the Town Board a copy of the tax map showing the location of the property that both the Town and the Fire District own. Attached to the map was another paper with an enlarged picture of the property showing the location of the facilities that the Plattekill Fire District would like to build. Also indicated on the plot map was the location of the radio tower that they would like to install on the west side of the property. He stated that the dry flat area, where they would like to build the new training facility would have access off of Rainbow Drive.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that the spot indicated for the radio tower is at the highest spot on the west side of the property according to a topo map. He stated that now that the snow is melted and it is starting to dry out, they would like to get in there and start clearing for the site. He stated that he has a tower that Newark airport does not want that he can go and get, but he has to start the paperwork through the FCC before he can start to install it. He would like to get started on all of this, but he would need some kind of approval from the Town to do these things or have the Town sell them the property.

Councilman DePew asked about having access to the property on the west side of the Thruway where the radio tower would be located. He asked if there was a deeded right-of-way to access the property?

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated no, but there is a wood road that they have permission to use from the owner on the end of Hoppenstedt Road, by the Thruway. The owner has stated that if we put in the roadway, he will give us a right-of-way.

Councilman DePew questioned him as to whether he has started any of this work yet? Have you entered into any type of agreement on obtaining the right-of-way?

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated no, he did not want to spend any money on doing anything until he knows the Town is behind him. He stated that he really doesn't have any money in the budget for this project because he doesn't really have the line item for it. He stated that the Fire District is holding an election to obtain permission to start a Capital Reserve Fund budget line to put money away for financing projects. The election is scheduled for April 28, 2015. After getting approval for this budget line, they will be able to put money aside to finance the project.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that he would like the Town to sell their half of the property to the Fire District so that they can try for grants. The Fire District is a municipality as is the Town and you can't have two different municipalities on the same property. He stated that he knows it was one point three million dollars to build the Orange County Training Facility and Walker Valley built theirs for five hundred thousand by doing a lot of the work themselves.

Supervisor Croce asked if Mr. Hoppenstedt was aware that Ulster County was looking at doing a training area?

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that he did know that they were looking to do one but they don't know where they are going to put it.

Supervisor Croce stated that he heard Stone Ridge.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that that would still be a long way to go to do training. When they go to Orange County to train they have to go out of the District. One thing that they do have in their favor is that the Plattekill Fire District is in two counties so they would be able to go for grants in Orange and Ulster Counties.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that he was looking for the Town to sell the property to the Fire District so they could get started on this project. He was looking for the Town to make a motion to sell the property tonight so they could move forward.

Supervisor Croce asked if Mr. Hoppenstedt was going to give them more specifications on the tower and the site?

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that he hasn't gotten in there yet due to the mud and snow. He stated that they realized the stick tower would not work for what they wanted to do. He stated that they have to have an emergency tower and Cronomer Valley has stated that they want to work with them and go 50/50 on the cost because they have dead zones in their area too. There are places in Plattekill where we have to use personal cell phones because our radios do not work.

Supervisor Croce stated that the tower location looks very close to the Thruway. He asked if he had contacted the Thruway to see if they had any objections to putting a one hundred foot tower that close to the road?

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that he had spoken to many different agencies in the area and they have stated that a tower would not affect anything on the Thruway.

Supervisor Croce asked if he had spoken to the Ulster County 911 service – Fire Control?

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated yes he had spoken to them and they felt it would be good because of the dead spots in Plattekill. He stated that this tower would help the emergency services for this Town. He was asking for the Town to sell their half of the property to the Fire District so that he could proceed.

Supervisor Croce stated that it is not that simple. He stated that he would like to see the Fire District Attorney speak with the Town Attorney. It appears to be something easy to do, but in fact it is not.

There was a discussion that the Town may have to get an appraisal done to see if the property value had increased.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that the property has been just sitting there and most of it is wetlands. He stated that the wetlands may have increased over the past few years and the property may not even be worth what was originally paid. He stated that as long as the Town Board has given him approval to contact their Attorney, he will have the District's Attorney contact Mr. Kellar.

Councilman DePew stated that he would like to see a written proposal from the Fire District stating what they want to do. It could just be a letter on how the District wants to proceed.

Supervisor Croce stated that the problem is that they don't want to spend any money if we can't sell them the property.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that this has been going on for over 15 years. No one wants to spend the money to try to make this happen.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wants to do what is right for the Town of Plattekill residents. We have to look out for their interest.

Councilman DePew stated that he understood what has been going on, but we need to memorialize this and make it concrete by putting it in writing. He stated that he felt something written would be a step in the right direction.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that he would have the Fire District Attorney contact Mr. Kellar.

SECTION 6 – RUGBY FOOTBALL

Supervisor Croce explained to the Town Board that he had been contacted by the Rugby people who have been using the Town Park for practices and a few games for the past few years. They wanted approval to use the Park property last week and since there wasn't a Town Board Meeting and they did supply him with insurance, he authorized them to use the Park as they have done in the past. He stated that he asked for a representative to come to tonight's meeting, but he was unable to make it. Someone will be coming to the next meeting.

Supervisor Croce stated that they did discuss paying the Town for the use of the field, however since the Town does not have any paperwork from previous years, we do not know how much they paid. He stated that he spoke to the treasurer for the Rugby team and they thought it was five hundred dollars.

Supervisor Croce stated that they do want to play and use the field for practices for the next three Thursdays.

Councilman Putnam asked if we knew what portion of the field they used last year?

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not know. We don't have any records in our files. That will change this year.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would put them on the next meeting agenda.

SECTION 7 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO REFUND BUILDING PERMIT FEE

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Building Dept. requesting that a fee collected for a building permit be returned because the work is not going to be done. The memo had a copy of the letter from the Contractor and a copy of the receipt for \$1,744.50 that was paid to the Town.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to return the building permit fee of \$1,744.50 to Paradise Energy Solutions, as per the Building Dept.'s request.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – HUDSON VALLEY FLYERS

Mr. Fred Schindler, president of the Hudson Valley Flyers Club, was present to explain that the Club had gone to the Building Dept. and then the Planning Board for two separate issues. The Planning Board has now directed them to come to the Town Board.

Mr. Schindler explained that the first issue was that the Flyers Club had purchased an adjoining piece of property to cut down the trees to offer better safety in landing and taking off, for the runway. This was for a safety issue. And then along with this they wanted to put in 8 new hangers. The Building Dept. told them that they would have to go to the Planning Board to amend their original site plan. So they applied to the Planning Board and now the Planning Board is saying that the Zoning Codes have been changed since they obtained their original site plan and they are not allowed anymore. So they told them to come to the Town Board.

Mr. Schindler stated that the second issue is that there was a maximum horsepower for the airplanes that was decided when they first received their approvals for the Club. The problem is that some of the newer planes have a much higher horsepower and they would like to have the maximum amount raised. The original maximum was 185 HP.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she remembered them coming in to get the original site plan. She stated that it was Fred Fowler and some of his friends who were in World War II who wanted to have the club and be able to fly their planes.

Mr. Schindler stated yes, and there are still some 90 year old guys still coming and flying their planes. We also have some new people coming in and they want a hanger too.

Supervisor Croce questioned that the problem is the new hangers?

Mr. Schindler stated yes, but we also want to cut some trees down for safety.

Mr. Miller, who is also a member of the Flyers Club, stated that they did get the original site plan because they were a club, like the Rod & Gun Clubs in Town.

Mr. Tom Wilkin, a member of the Planning Board, stated yes it is the extra hangers. And Mrs. Mayle brought up that they were a special use, like a rod and gun club, and not commercial. When the Zoning Law was changed in 2005, information was deleted and the definition was changed and now they do not fit under the Zoning District.

Councilman Putnam asked if the new lot could be kept as a separate lot?

Mr. Wilkin stated no, it could not be kept separate as it does not have road frontage.

Councilwoman Delgado asked if there was some way to "Grandfather" them in? They would be pre-existing, non-conforming.

Mr. Wilkin stated that they could stay there because they are preexisting non-conforming, but if they want to add anything new, they would have to go by the current code.

Mr. Schindler stated that he was sure that Fred agreed to whatever he had to, to get the Club started and the runway put in. Now we are having difficulties. He stated that one person has a helicopter and someone else wants to purchase a plane with two engines. These newer planes have better engines and they have more horsepower. They would also like to make the allowable horsepower higher than the 185 that was originally decided on.

Supervisor Croce stated that they would have to review the old minutes and see why that amount of horsepower was defined. Maybe it was to keep the plane size at a minimum. Otherwise someone may try to land a jet or some other larger plane.

Mr. Wilkin stated that "Recreation" does not talk about motorized vehicles. Maybe the Town Board can make an addition to the Code as was done with the Car Wash several years ago.

Mr. Miller stated that they were there before the Code was changed and they are allowed to exist, but they are looking for direction as to how to get back in the Code.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt the Planning Board should have sent the Town Board a letter or memo or something indicating the problem and what they were suggesting, the Town do or not do. He stated that he would like to table this for this evening and get some information and direction from the Planning Board. He stated that he would speak with the Planning Board Chairperson.

Mr. Schindler stated that they wanted to put in more hangers to get more income. He stated that they did not want to become a public airport as this would mean there would be more rules and regulations that they would have to follow.

Supervisor Croce thanked them for coming in this evening and stated that he would look into the situation and get back in touch with Mr. Schindler.

SECTION 9 – ADVERTISE FOR SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

Supervisor Croce stated that he spoke with Ms. Doland, the Assistant Recreation Director, and she would like to put an ad in the newspaper to start taking applications for the position of Summer Camp Counselor.

Councilwoman Delgado asked how many counselors the Town would be hiring?

Supervisor Croce stated that it depended on how many children signed up for Camp. The ages of the children also matters as there would have to be more supervision for younger children. He stated that Councilman Farrelly would be doing the interviews with Ms. Doland.

Councilman Putnam asked if the Town Board had put an ad in the newspaper for the Camp Director?

Supervisor Croce stated that usually the Assistant Recreation Director would make that suggestion to the Town Board.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to advertise for Summer Camp Counselors with applications taken until the end of the day on May 15, 2015.

Councilman DePew seconded.

Supervisor Croce stated that Ms. Doland has already put the dates for camp and several dates for sign up on the Town's website. He stated that she also felt that one day should be spent at the Plattekill Elementary School and she has put in a request to the school.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – BOY SCOUT REQUEST TO CAMP-OUT

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a request from Boy Scout Troop #195 to camp-out at the Thomas Felten Memorial Park to clean-up the camping area and do other Boy Scout activities. He stated that they do this every year. He stated that he spoke with Mr. Wager and he did not have any problems with this either.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to allow the Boy Scout Troop #195 to camp-out April 18 and/or April 26th, 2015.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – SOCCER FIELD REQUEST – ERIC WEINSTEIN

Supervisor Croce read a letter from Eric Weinstein, from the Soccer Plus Academy, asking for permission to use the soccer field at the Town Park.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did speak with Mr. Weinstein and told him that there were two other soccer leagues that use the field and they had first choice on what days they needed to use it. He stated that he also told him the Town would need proof of insurance naming the Town as also insured, the Town uses the Park for the Fireworks Event and for Plattekill Day and that the other groups may expect them to pay a stipend to go towards maintenance of the field.

Supervisor Croce explained that a child of one of the Town employees plays soccer with this group and that is how this request came about.

The Town Board discussed the situation and felt the group could use the field, however the Town did not have any way of knowing when it would be available.

Councilman Farrelly suggested that the Town Board should tell this group to obtain a letter from the other two groups saying that it is alright with them for this group to use the field.

* Councilman Depew made a motion that the only way the Town would entertain this request is if the Town receives a letter from the other two organizations saying that it is approved by them and that it fits in with their schedules and programs for the year.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

Supervisor Croce stated then it is his understanding that Mr. Weinstein has to contact these other two organizations and obtain letters from them stating that this is something that they agree with. And then he can give the two letters to the Town showing he has their approval.

Councilwoman Delgado stated yes.

On the vote: all ayes.

Councilman DePew stated that he would also like to see an address for this organization.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would call Mr. Weinstein and let him know what the Town Board has decided.

SECTION 12 – NEW COMPUTERS FOR SOME TOWN HALL EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Croce stated that Dawn Maresca, the Clerk to the Building Dept. and Assessor, and Sue Bolde, Clerk to the Zoning and Planning Boards, have been having major problems with their computers. He stated that Mrs. Maresca's computer does not have enough capacity to run the new Building Dept. software and has problems running the County RPS system. Mrs. Bolde's computer is having major problems due to a virus that slows hers down to a crawl. Our IT people have been coming in and Band-Aiding the situation, but the computers really need to be replaced.

The Town Clerk stated that the Deputy Town Clerk's computer is not working well either. There are drivers that the IT people do not know what they are for and therefore do not want to take them out for fear of making things worse. It is also always running in "test" mode which makes it open to viruses and other issues.

Councilman DePew asked if the voucher from NeEffex, that he just signed, was for this problem?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, they have been trying to keep them running, but it is costing us money to do so.

Supervisor Croce stated that his secretary, Tiffany, has been trying to find new computers on the State Bid. She looked up what we paid for the last computers that the Town purchased and we had gotten two computers for the Highway Dept. at \$749.00 each. In the past we have taken the funds out of the Capital Reserve Fund for buildings.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that our IT people should change to better malware and put up a better fire wall.

Supervisor Croce stated that we did just recently switch to a newer program, but these things happen. He stated that his secretary did find some computers on the State Bid, but the IT people stated that they were not good enough to run the programs here. He asked the Town Board if they wanted him to get her to keep looking for other price quotes on larger computers?

The Town Board was unanimous that his secretary should continue to look for new computers for the employees. They cannot be expected to do their jobs without the proper equipment.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion that when the Supervisor obtains price quotes for new towers that are the correct size, that the Supervisor is authorized to purchase them.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Councilwoman Delgado stated again that she felt our IT people should look into getting a new fire wall with better protection.

This lead into more discussion on how a virus could have gotten into the system.

Supervisor Croce stated that sometimes these things happen and it is not anyone's fault. He stated that he recently got a virus that was sending e-mails out to people.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she understood what he was saying as she was one of his recent e-mail recipients!

SECTION 13 – TRANSFERS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had a transfer and a budget amendment resolution for the Police Department budget line.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$30,018.66 from the General Fund Budget Line item #A0917 General Unassigned Fund Balance to General Fund Budget Line item #A0200 General Fund Cash Account to cover the cost of police vehicle lease payments. A copy of the complete transfer is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

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

RESOLUTION 2015
Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved A3120.200 Police Equipment of \$30,018.66, and

WHEREAS, the increase will be used to pay lease payments on police vehicles,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the year 2015 General Fund Budget Line A3120.200 Police Equipment in the amount of \$30,018.66, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding will be supported by a transfer from the General Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund. This is supported by the receipt of monies in the amount of \$30,018.66 already received in 2014. (A complete resolution is attached to these minutes.)

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 14 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 4/15/2015 which includes the General Fund amount of \$32,820.30, the Highway Fund amount of \$8,411.71, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$724.26, the Modena Light District amount of \$1,346.00 and the Trust and Agency amount of \$1,957.50 for a total amount of \$45,259.86 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 15 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.