

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 5, 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

PUBLIC HEARING – CABLEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to re-open the Public Hearing on the renewal of the Cablevision Franchise Agreement.  
Councilman Farrelly seconded.  
On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board would accept comments and questions on the renewal agreement for Cablevision; however he first wanted to let everyone know that he tried to contact Time Warner to see if they would consider coming into the Town of Plattekill as residents had requested at the previous Town Board meeting. He stated that he contacted Supervisor Valk from the Town of Shawangunk who gave him the phone number for the Public Service Commission. He called the number and spoke to a woman who put him in contact with a representative from Time Warner who was going on vacation. He stated that he made two more calls and left messages, but did not receive a call back. He stated that he is taking the lack of response to indicate that they do not have an interest in coming into Plattekill.

Councilman Putnam questioned the Cablevision representative, John Dullaghan, who was present at the meeting, about having a senior package for seniors on a fixed income.

Mr. Dullaghan stated that the original Senior Package is no longer offered.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that the Town of Plattekill has a large senior population. There is a senior housing area called Aloha Homes that has 300 homes and there are lots of others. Why isn't there a Senior Package?

Mr. Dullaghan stated that there are 6 packages offered and this was done to try to make it uniform across the board. He stated that sometimes there is a promotion offered, but that would only be for a short period of time.

Councilman DePew stated that he was disappointed in the poor coverage that Plattekill receives on the local news program. He stated that we do not get any school coverage and he would like to ask if anything could be done about this. He stated that they report about many issues in the Dutchess County area and Plattekill is a large community. Our Town should get the same coverage as other Towns.

Supervisor Croce stated that this is an important issue. Most of the local news is centered on what happens in the Poughkeepsie area. Someone was in and he spoke to them about this problem, but nothing has been done; nothing has happened.

Councilman DePew stressed that the Town of Plattekill has four different school districts and it would be a big advantage to them if they would cover their activities. More people would watch the local news. We have well over ten thousand people in our Town.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick asked if there was a map showing how many people use Cablevision or just a number of how many people subscribe to this company?

Mr. Dullaghan stated that he did not have those figures, but could get back to her with that information.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that she also had a question as to whether the Library could continue to get free internet if they move out of the municipal building that they are currently in.

Mr. Dullaghan stated that the Library currently gets free cablevision not free internet. These are two different things. There is only one building that receives free internet.

Supervisor Croce read a portion of the new franchise agreement where it stated the buildings that would continue to receive free cablevision. He stated that there is only one building that receives free internet and that is the Town Hall.

Mrs. Coppola questioned that if the Town had three separate buildings, then only one building would get free internet?

Mr. Dullaghan stated yes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to get free internet service for the security system at the Park, but there is only one free internet connection and that is currently the Town Hall. He stated that he wanted to keep this at the Town Hall facility.

Councilman DePew stated that he was not sure how to ask his question, but he is aware that there are "hot spots" designated for people to be able to connect to the internet for free. He wondered if the Town Park could get a designation as a "hot spot"? This would be very useful for the Town if we, and residents, could get on the internet at the Park.

Mr. Dullaghan stated that he understood what he was asking and he would have to look into this. He stated that he would check with his technicians and let the Town know if this was possible.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she felt the Town should have more than one free internet service and she wanted to know why the Town Board had to decide on a 10-year or 15-year contract before there could be a public hearing? She stated that she did not understand why he did not come to the first public hearing at the last meeting. How can they discuss and negotiate an agreement that is already decided?

Mr. Dullaghan stated that the length of the agreement was needed so he could determine how much the Town would receive in a technology grant. He stated that he negotiates with the Town Board, not the public. He stated that he was present to try to answer questions that the public might have about the contract.

Supervisor Croce explained that they needed an agreement so that there were particulars in the agreement for discussion.

Mrs. Coppola stated that her point was that then the public has no input on whether it is a 10-year or a 15-year agreement. She asked if there was a breakdown of how the Town will get the grant money?

Mr. Dullaghan stated that the Town would receive \$10,000.00 at the beginning of the contract, \$9,000.00 after 5 years and then the final \$10,000.00 after another 5 years.

Mr. Schiba asked why the money was not given in one lump sum?

Mr. Dullaghan stated that this breakdown was based on subscribers and usage.

Mrs. Guerrieri asked why the public could not get on the internet with their phone or tablet in the Town Hall?

Councilman DePew explained that the building is metal and most people cannot get service inside. This has been a problem in the past. He stated that the other reason is that this is a Town Hall and our internet is not open for security reasons. He stated that he knows there were people who have picked up the internet outside in the parking lot, so there may be a spot to do that out there.

The Town Board discussed whether they should go for the 10-year or the 15-year agreement. They discussed that the agreement for the additional 5-years would double the grant money offered on the 10-year agreement. There appeared to be three members who wanted the 15-year agreement and Councilwoman Delgado wanted the 10-year. Councilman DePew was undecided as yet.

There was more discussion that the money was paid out in three checks and not in one lump sum.

Mr. Dullaghan stated that if the Town Board chose to change to the 10-year agreement, he would have to figure out the payout of the lesser amount of grant money.

There was more discussion on the advancement of technology and whether the Cablevision Company would advance their technology or keep us at the current technology based on when the agreement is signed. There was also discussion that the Town could use the technology grant to purchase new updated computers, a new server and/or recording equipment with these funds.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt the Cablevision Company would want to keep up with advancing technology and would automatically improve our technology as it changes.

Mr. Dullaghan reminded everyone that we were talking about the Cablevision portion only. This contract does not include internet or phone technology.

Councilman DePew asked about the franchise fee that the Town also collects per year?

Supervisor Croce explained that the FCC sets the rate of the franchise fee and if they were to change it, we would receive the new scheduled fee.

There was a short discussion that the 7% franchise fee mentioned at the last Town Board meeting was wrong. The fee set by the FCC is currently 5%. That is the current FCC fee and it is reflected in the new contract as 5%.

Councilman DePew stated that he did not feel the Town Board should go for the carrot. He felt the additional 5-years, just to get the increase in the grant, was not worth it; 15-years is a long time.

Supervisor Croce stated again that he felt this company was in this to make a profit and as technology changes; they will also make changes to stay with new technology.

Mrs. Coppola asked if the Town Board had spoken to anyone who was up on developing technology? Had anyone spoken with neighboring Towns to see what they were doing? Does this Town Board know what they are talking about?

Supervisor Croce stated that he could assure her that he has read the contract several times. He stated that he was going to ask our Town Attorney to look the contract over, but it is a standard contract and it is a very cookie cutter type of contract.

Mrs. Coppola asked if anyone on the Town Board has spoken with other Towns to see if they went for the 10-year or the 15-year contract?

Councilman DePew stated that he feels totally confident with networking between each Town Board member and with other Town's Town Board members. He stated that they have not superficially looked at this contract. He stated that they have done a lot of research and have spoken to other Town Board members. There is a wealth of knowledge out there.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she lives with an IT person. She stated that she agrees and knows things are changing and there is nothing we can do about it. She stated that this is a standard agreement and it is virtually the same as the last one. She was a councilperson back when that one was adopted. She stated that her opinion is that she doesn't want to do a long term contract that will affect a future Town Board, but the 15-year agreement will give the Town a lot more money.

There was some discussion on the old contract, that it was a 10-year contract and that they also received grant money for that contract at that time.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he reviewed the contract with his daughter who has experience in these types of matters. He stated that he doesn't feel there is much they can do about technology. It will evolve and we have to go with it.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt this Town Board has the same concerns as everyone in the audience.

Mr. Carballo stated that basically the difference is in the 10-year or 15-year term and how much of a grant we will get. We don't have much choice in anything else.

Supervisor Croce stated that he is aware people are thinking that this is a monopoly, but it is not. We can go with Direct TV or other companies if we choose. He stated that it is also stated in the contract that if we receive poor services that they can be put on notice and they have to fix the situation in a certain amount of time.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she has the three in one plan for her phone, internet and cablevision. It is \$172.00 a month and this is a lot for a senior to pay on a fixed income.

Mr. Dullaghan stated that there are other packages, not as expensive, and she should call him to discuss what can be done.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she has discussed this many times with the company and nothing was offered to her at a lower cost. She stated that she would call him.

Supervisor Croce asked if there were any further comments or questions from the public?

There were no further comments or questions.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the renewal of the Cablevision Franchise Agreement at 8:30 PM.  
Councilman DePew seconded.  
On the vote: all ayes.

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

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PLATTEKILL TO RENEW A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH  
CABLEVISION OF WAPPAINGERS FALLS, INC. TO OPERATE A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE TOWN OF PLATTEKILL

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Plattekill (the “Town”) is a “franchising authority” in accordance with Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, (the “Communications Act”), and is authorized to grant one or more nonexclusive cable television franchises pursuant to Article 11 of the New York Public Service Law, as amended, and Title 16, Chapter VIII, Parts 890.60 through 899, of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, as amended (collectively the “Cable Laws”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town executed a franchise renewal agreement on June 22, 2004 with Cablevision of Wappingers Falls, Inc. (“Franchisee”), which was thereafter confirmed and made effective by the New York State Public Service Commission (“Commission”) on August 3, 2005 for a term of ten (10) years (Case No. 04-V-0923), and

**WHEREAS**, Franchisee has submitted a proposed Franchise Renewal Agreement to operate a cable system within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town and Franchisee have mutually agreed to the terms of a Franchise Renewal Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has determined that the Franchisee is and has been in compliance with all terms/provisions of its existing franchise and applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has determined that Franchisee has the requisite legal, technical and financial capabilities to operate a cable system within the Town and that Franchisee’s proposal for renewal of the franchise meets the cable related needs of the Community; and

**WHEREAS**, a duly noticed Public Hearing, affording an opportunity for all those interested parties within the Town to be heard on the proposed Franchise Renewal Agreement, was held before the Town on July 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM and then held open until August 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board determines that it is in the best interest of the public to award a Franchise Renewal Agreement to the Franchisee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a Franchise Renewal Agreement with Cablevision of Wappingers Falls, Inc. and to execute any other documents necessary to effectuate the granting of the franchise renewal on behalf of the Town of Plattekill.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Croce	X			
Councilman Putnam	X			
Councilman Farrelly	X			
Councilwoman Delgado	X			
Councilman DePew	X			

REGULAR TOWN BOARD AGENDA

MINUTES

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 15, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 15, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting noting that the percentage amount quoted for the FCC franchise fee should have been 5% instead of 7% as was stated that evening.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had several additions for this evening's agenda:

1. Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted everyone to know that he has been working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan which is a plan that the Town puts together to identify particular areas of Town that may become a hazard to the community in an emergency situation. He stated that the plan would probably be most helpful to the Highway Dept. as it would specify areas that might be more likely to flood or damage a road. He stated that it would be similar to the problems we had with the super storm "Sandy" that damaged several of our roads. He stated that he is working with Cindy Hilbert to get this done and it will be a help if we want to put in for FEMA funds again.

2. Summer Camp – Assistant Director:

Supervisor Croce stated that the last day of Summer Camp was last Friday and they had a talent show that he attended. He stated that Camp was well attended and well organized this year and he had several parents comment on the great job Stephanie Doland did as the Camp Director. He stated that he also had several parents request that the Camp be extended out to six weeks instead of the current 5 weeks. When we do the budget for next year, we will have to figure out what it would cost to do this. He stated that he also wanted to congratulate Christine Benken, our Assistant Camp Director and the Counselors who did a wonderful job in keeping everyone busy and active. They all did a great job.

Supervisor Croce stated that Stephanie has asked for a computer to use here at the Town Hall and Mr. Dougherty has found some wiring so that we can put a computer at her desk. He was suggesting that they take the computer from the Historian's Office as she has stated that she is not using it. He stated that Ms. Doland will be in at a future meeting and we can discuss this at that time.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Dwight Dougherty stated that he had attended a meeting at the Library and he wanted to ask the Town Board if they intended to close the doors on the Library where they are currently located, in the Town's building. He stated that he heard someone say that since the Library did not have a lease with the Town, that the Town could just shut the doors and not allow them back in. He stated that it was disturbing to him to hear that the Town Board might do this and it was said in a public forum.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that the Town Board does not want to close the Library. She stated that she goes there every week with her granddaughter.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was at the same meeting and he believed she stated that they were on a "day to day existence".

Mr. Dougherty stated that he felt it was unfair for this person to make a comment like that.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been on the Town Board since 2010 and he does not remember the Library ever asking for a lease from the Town Board.

Mr. Farrell, who is a Library Trustee, stated that he was at the same meeting and he felt everyone was over reacting on this comment. She just stated that the Library was on a day to day existence because we do not have a lease in place. The comment was taken out of context.

Supervisor Croce stated that everyone is entitled to their own interpretation.

There was discussion that the Supervisor has called, and also asked in person, to see the list of donations received by the Library, to fund the new building project, but he has never received an answer.

Mr. Joseph Egan, stated that he was at the meeting too and the Town Board does have the authority to close their own building. He stated that it is possible for the Town to close the doors for an appropriate reason.

There was some discussion that the only reason the Town Board would close the building was if there were some sort of safety issue and the Building Inspector would have to make that kind of determination.

Mr. Egan stated that there was someone who had asked the Town Board for how much money was in the Town General Fund Account and the Town Board could not answer that question.

Councilman Farrelly explained that they did not have that information on hand at the meeting where the question was asked, however the information is always available to the public if they stop in at the Town Hall to ask, and the Town Board had the information available at the following four Town Board meetings but that person did not come back.

Councilman DePew asked why the Library has not tried to fix the building they are currently in, instead of looking to relocate to a new building?

Mr. Egan stated that the Town owns the building.

Councilman DePew asked him if the Library had ever asked the Town Board to allow them to renovate the building or for a new lease?

Mr. Egan stated that he did not know of any previous discussions. Maybe the Town Board would give the Library the building.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board does not own the building. It is owned by the residents. This Town Board would not give away a building.

Mr. Egan stated that then maybe the Town could sell them this building so the entire building could be used for the Library.

Supervisor Croce stated that as of 2010, this Town Board has not been approached by the Library for a lease or to purchase the building.

Mr. Farrell stated that now that this has been brought up, it is in the Town Board's hands to make a decision.

Councilman DePew stated that it was not correct to say that this is now in the Town Board's hands. The Library would have to make a formal request.

Mrs. Rose Guerrieri stated that she thought the Library meeting was to discuss the purchase of another building and it was said that the current Library building would not be large enough to accommodate what the Library wanted to do.

Mrs. Tara Fitzpatrick, asked why the agenda stated that the Town Board would be advertising for an Assessor?

Supervisor Croce stated that our Assessor was dismissed.

Mr. Farrell asked how many children were enrolled in Summer Camp?

Supervisor Croce stated that he believed there were 82 children enrolled.

Mr. Egan stated that he wanted to speak about the Library again. He stated that he wanted to say that he hoped people would not let animosity get in the way and they should not listen to rumors and they should do their homework.

Mr. Farrell stated that it was implied that the Library was purchasing contaminated property and the Library will not purchase the property until it is clean. If it needs to be cleaned and it is too costly, then we will not purchase it.

Mrs. Coppola questioned whether the two gentlemen who were speaking about the Library were presenting themselves this evening as Library representatives or are they just citizens wanting to talk about the Library? Many people come and it should be known what they are talking about. Are they speaking as representatives or just citizens of the community? She asked if this decision, for the Library to purchase property, would go up for a vote? Don't the residents get to vote on this?

Councilman DePew stated that he felt she had a fair question. He wanted to apologize to the public as this is really the public input section of the meeting.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she also wanted to know, is the Library separate from the Town ?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, just like the Fire Departments. The Town collects the taxes for them, but they have their own budgets, public hearings and meetings.

Mrs. Coppola stated that the Town Board appoints a liaison to the Library; why don't they appoint a liaison to the Fire Districts? Is this legal?

Councilman DePew stated that we had a liaison to the Library when it was the Reading Center and we have just kept one since then. He stated that he has always just gone to the meetings to know what is going on.

Mr. Egan stated that he just wanted to make it clear, he was speaking as a resident of the Town and he was just making suggestions.

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 9:09 PM. Councilwoman Delgado seconded. On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 1 – HUDSON VALLEY FLYERS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had discussed the Hudson Valley Flyer's situation with the Planning Board Chairperson and had obtained some information that he shared with the Town Board.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that it looked like a section of the Code was taken out and we have to put it back in.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not see that it had to be put back in. We could put it back in or we could add "private airport". He read a section of the letter from the Planning Board.

Supervisor Croce then asked Mr. Schindler, who is currently the President of the Hudson Valley Flyers and was present for this discussion, what would happen if they did not put this back in the Code?

Mr. Schindler stated that they would not be able to use the new land that was just purchased. They would have to do a new site plan adding the three acres with 6 or 7 new hanger sites. He stated that they moved two stone walls, took out brush and have about a half-acre for a utility/storage building. He stated that she is saying they can't just do the new section; they have to do the whole property. He stated that they will have to do a new site plan.

Supervisor Croce stated that first he mentioned 6 or 7 new hangers and then you said only a utility building.

Mr. Schindler explained that 8 hangers would take up approximately one half acre and then the rest of the property would be for run off on the end of the runway. They want to put in a few hangers to help recoup some of the money that was put out.

There was some discussion with Mr. Schindler that the Planning Board was looking at the Town Code to try to see how they could fit in since the Zoning Codes were changed in 2005 and they no longer fit in the RR1.5 Zoning District.

Mr. Schindler stated that the problem is that they are considered pre-existing, non-conforming, so they can't do anything.

Councilman DePew stated that he feels that since a lot line revision was allowed and that this is on a case by case basis, that the intent was to use the additional property. The intent was there and they should go to the Planning Board and if they are considered pre-existing, non-conforming, then they should go to the Zoning Board to get a variance.

Mr. Schindler stated yes, that makes sense. However, the Planning Board discussed the situation and agreed that the Flyers Club does not exist under the Code. Maybe the Town Board would send the Planning Board a letter to see what they say.

Mr. Schindler stated that if they put the airpark/private airport back in the RR1.5, then anyone could put in another airpark/private airport in that District. He suggested that if they do decide to do this, then they should also put that one couldn't be built with a certain mile radius. This would be for safety and would also limit where another one could be built.

There was discussion on how this "club" has always followed all the Town rules, the FAA rules and the Thruway rules to make sure there were no problems.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would write a letter to the Planning Board and explain that they would like to have them say they are pre-existing, non-conforming and that they can then go to the Zoning Board to get a variance.

## SECTION 2 – TOWN & FIRE DEPT. – JOINTLY OWNED LAND

Supervisor Croce explained that Mr. Jim Hoppenstedt was here this evening to discuss the matter of adding a reverter-clause to the agreement for selling the Town's half of the property to the Fire District. He stated that adding the reverter-clause seems to be a deal breaker.

Supervisor Croce explained that by adding the reverter-clause, if the property is not used for fire district purposes within a certain amount of time (could be 25 years), if it doesn't happen then the property reverts back to joint ownership and the Town would pay the Fire District back their \$18,000.00. He stated that the Fire District is saying they will not be able to obtain grants with this clause attached. Our Town Attorney disagrees and stated that they would own the property and should be able to obtain grants.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that with this clause, if the Fire District only gets one of these things accomplished, then the property reverts back to the Town. We can't promise a whole list of things that we want to do will get done.

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town Board is charged with looking out for all the residents of the Town of Plattekill. He stated that the Town Board is not in opposition of what the Fire District wants to do as long as it is used for the Fire District. If the use ends up not being for Fire District purposes, then the Town could purchase their half back.

Mr. Hoppenstedt stated that he is tired of the \$75.00 e-mails going back and forth and when the Town asked for money to pay their Attorney, the District paid, and when the Town wanted an escrow account set up, they paid. Money has been moved around for the past two years and Cronomer Valley has agreed to pay half to help us out and now, when we thought this was all done, you want to put in this clause.

Councilman Putnam stated that the contract already says that they can't sell the property to a third party.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she did not think the reverter-clause would keep them from obtaining grants.

There was a discussion on adding the reverter-clause and how it appears on many properties that are donated to Towns. When the Towns no longer have a use for the property, it reverts back to the original owner.

Councilman Putnam stated that according to the contract, they cannot re-sell the property.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to remove the reverting clause from the contract of sale.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

Councilwoman Delgado asked if they wanted to have stronger language in the contract?

Councilman DePew stated that he would like to see that the Town has first refusal if the property is going to be re-sold.

Councilwoman Delgado stated yes.

Supervisor Croce stated that now the two Attorneys are going to have to make these changes and the argument is that there will be more money spent on e-mails.

Councilman DePew amended his original motion:

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to remove the reverting clause and to add in that the Town has the right of first refusal, if the Fire District were to sell the property, at the purchase price of \$18,000.00 plus the improvements.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	No
Councilman Putnam	Abstained (he is a member of the Plattekill Fire Dept.)
Councilman Farrelly	Yes
Councilwoman Delgado	Yes
Councilman DePew	Yes

Supervisor Croce stated that he would call the Town's Attorney tomorrow.

SECTION 3 – PLATTEKILL DAY MEMO – HIRING A BAND

Supervisor Croce read a memo from Linda Byrnes, the Chairperson for Plattekill Day. He read that there were several bands available and he had also received a verbal message from Sue Coy-Doyle that if the Town Board wanted to hire the Dillan Doyle Band that the cost would be \$300.00 for 2 hours. The other Bands were the Break-away Band at \$300.00 for two and a half hours, Tea For Two and a children's band for a half hour (total 2 hours) at \$350.00, Rico Suave at \$300.00 for two hours, Neon Moon at \$300.00 for two and a half hours and the Mustangs at \$450.00 for two hours.

The Town Board discussed the different bands and decided that they did not want to hire the same band that they had at the Fireworks Event.

\* Councilman Farrelly made a motion to hire Neon Moon for the band at Plattekill Day.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 4 – ADVERTISE FOR TOWN SOLE ASSESSOR POSITION

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to allow the Town Clerk to advertise for the position of Part-time Sole Assessor for the Town of Plattekill.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had spoken with Ulster County and it was suggested to him that the Town should hire an "Acting Assessor" until a new Assessor is hired. He stated that there are things that need to be done while they take time to hire a new Assessor.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has already received one inquiry on the position through an e-mail and it has been suggested that we post the position on the Assessor Website.

The Town Board discussed putting the position in several other newspapers, such as the Times Herald Record and the Daily Freeman.

Councilwoman Delgado also suggested putting it on Hudsonvalleyhelpwanted .com as this is a free service.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would contact other Towns to see if any of them would like to do a shared services Assessor position.

#### SECTION 5 – ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY – CONTRACT UPDATE

Supervisor Croce stated that he has given a letter from the UCRRA to the Town Board members. He stated that he contacted the UCRRA and there are eight Towns, at this time, that have not signed up for garbage removal. He stated that the Town of Ulster has decided to purchase their own truck and their own boxes. This leaves the Towns like Plattekill, Shawangunk and Marlboro, who are farther away from the Resource Recovery Agency, to have to pay more for their services.

Supervisor Croce stated that the UCRRA is a private company, but there has been a resolution that has been tabled for now, by the County Legislature, but it would give the UCRRA the option to decide not to service our, or other, transfer stations.

Supervisor Croce stated that it has been a battle and they still truck the waste all the way to a place near Syracuse. They are looking for a regional landfill and we still have a law that says all waste has to go to the UCRRA. He stated that it looked like we will have to raise our rates if we stay involved in this. All the costs are going up.

#### SECTION 6 – VOUCHERS

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 8/5/2015, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$50,480.41, the Highway Fund amount of \$449,081.68, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$644.58, the Modena Light District amount of \$1,154.06 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$1,740.00 for a total amount of \$503,100.73 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 at 10:37 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.