

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 18, 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  
Councilwoman Delgado  
Councilman DePew

Councilman Farrelly was absent.

MINUTES

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 4, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 4, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had three additions for this evening's agenda.

1. Boy Scout Algonquin District Spring Camporee:

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received a request from Boy Scout Troop #195 to use the Town Park on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the Boy Scouts of America Algonquin District Spring Camporee. The Camporee will start at 5:00 PM on Friday evening and finish at 12:00 noon on Sunday. The theme of the camporee will be "Emergency Preparedness". They are planning on having local Fire Departments, the Police Departments and Ambulance units participate with demonstrations and displays. There will be approximately 150 Boy Scouts and some parents and leaders. He stated that the request indicates that the impact to the Park would be minimal as Boy Scouts have a tradition of leaving the areas they use in better shape than when they first arrive. They will be responsible for setting up, cleaning up and removing all their trash and waste. They will supply their own water and

port-a-potties as not to tax the Town Facility. They were asking if the Town could supply them with an aerial view map so they can make a layout of the event to present it to the Town Board?

The Town Clerk stated that she had an aerial view map that she could make copies of, in her office.

Mr. Dominic Ferrante, Jr., a Chairperson for the Camporee, was present and he explained that they were going to have the Sheriff Dept., the Dept. of Homeland Security, first aid services and a helicopter to land at the Park. There will be a lot to learn and share.

Councilman DePew asked if this would be open to the public?

Mr. Ferrante stated yes, the public can come to watch if they choose. He stated that they would also be supplying the Town with proof of insurance from the Boy Scouts of America and they should have the time to do a small service project if the Town needs something done.

Councilman Putnam suggested that they park cars in the field across from the Park so that the cars will not be in the way and there is much more room for cars in that location.

There was discussion by the Town Board about having the field across the street from the Park mowed so that it can be used for parking and it was decided that they could speak with the Highway Superintendent about getting it mowed if there is an issue. It was also suggested that a campfire could be set up in this field so that the grass area in the Park would not be disturbed.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to make this all happen by allowing Boy Scout Troop #195 to hold the Boy Scouts of America Algonquin District Spring Camporee at the Thomas Felten Park on May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

2.U.R.G.E.N.T Resolution:

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has agreed that we want to stay a part of the County URGENT Task Force and we need to adopt a resolution to file with the County.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
ULSTER REGIONAL GANG ENFORCEMENT NARCOTICS TEAM  
November 18, 2015

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, various Town and Village police departments in the County of Ulster together with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office and the Ulster County District Attorney's Office, as Member Agencies, seek to operate and act collectively as a task force team pursuant to Federal policies and guidelines, such task force known as the Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (hereinafter referred to as "URGENT"), and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of URGENT is to achieve maximum coordination and cooperation, through utilizing the combined resources of Member Agencies, to primarily investigate gang members and affiliates involved in criminal enterprises, as well as investigate narcotic related offenses and the possession and sale of illegal firearms in Ulster County, and

**WHEREAS**, membership in the URGENT task force will benefit the Town of Plattekill in that it will provide a specialized unit to combat gang violence and narcotic trafficking within the Town and the County of Ulster, and

**WHEREAS**, THE Town Board has reviewed the inter-municipal Cooperative Agreement (Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team) proposed by the Ulster County District Attorney and the Ulster County Sheriff, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Chief of the Town of Plattekill has also reviewed the annexed inter-municipal Cooperative Agreement and has recommended that the Town Board approve the agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill hereby approves the annexed agreement and membership in the task force, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Police Chief of the Town of Plattekill is authorized to execute the annexed agreement on behalf of the Town.

Councilman DePew seconded.

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

Adopted on November 18, 2015

Supervisor Croce stated that this program is very good for our Town; it is a very worthwhile endeavor and we do get some of the seizure money also.

3. Transfer:

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received a request from the Highway Dept. to transfer some funds for payroll purposes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$2,211.63 from the General Fund budget line #A8160.1 Refuse & Garbage Services Personnel to the General Fund budget line #A1620.1 Building Services Personnel to cover the cost of additional payroll expenses. (A complete copy of this transfer is attached to these minutes.)

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she wanted to thank the Supervisor and Mr. Kevin Roberts, our County Legislator, for meeting with her and the State Department of Transportation (DOT) about several intersections in Town. She stated that several months ago, she was in a car accident at the intersection of Rt. 44-55 and Plattekill Ardonia Road due to a lack of site distance at that intersection and there are other intersections in Town with the same problem. She stated that she contacted Mr. Roberts to see

what could be done at this intersection and he started the ball rolling, by contacting the DOT, to see if this intersection could be fixed so as to avoid more accidents.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that the DOT will be meeting with their engineer to see what can be done to make this intersection and also the intersections of Hull Ave. and South Ohioville Road with Rt. 44-55 safer. Again she wanted to say thank you to Mr. Roberts for all his time in putting this meeting together so that this project can move forward.

Supervisor Croce stated that the DOT cautioned us that these things take time. They will have to contact their engineers and they will likely review past histories at these intersections, but it is being worked on to make them safer for everyone.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Figueroa stated that she wanted to thank the Town Board for getting the junk cleaned up at the end of Sunny Acres Road.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not know it had gotten cleaned up yet, so this is good to hear.

Councilman DePew stated that there were still some other areas that needed to be addressed, like the area near the County Garage on Fosler Road. We are still working on this.

There was a short discussion on boats and that they are usually registered. The Town may be able to find the owner of the boat through that registry.

Supervisor Croce stated that it is still the property owner's responsibility to take care of his property.

Mr. Jonathan Ridgeway stated that he had two items. First, he wanted to congratulate the Town Board on their re-election. And second, he wanted everyone to know that the Pilgrim Pipeline has put out a press release that they are looking to obtain a Thruway Permit and documents have been filed. He stated that the Thruway now has thirty days to get back to them. He stated that the Pilgrim Pipeline Company has sent a letter to the DEC asking them to allow the Thruway to be the lead agency on this project and he feels that the Thruway is not equipped to be the lead agency.

Mr. Ridgeway stated that the Town should also be receiving a letter, because the Thruway goes through our Town, and he was requesting that the Supervisor answer this letter objecting to the Thruway and stating that we want the DEC to be lead agency. He stated that the Thruway was not equipped to do an environmental review and the DEC is. He stated that there was only a few weeks until this decision has to be made and he was looking at the Town making a decision this evening.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received two letters, but has not had a chance to review them as yet. He stated that he wanted to make copies for the Town Board and will put this item on the agenda for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that the Town Board did listen to the residents before and we did pass a resolution that we did not want the pipeline. He asked Mr. Ridgeway, we want the DEC to be the lead agency?

Mr. Ridgeway stated yes, they will be much better equipped to do an environmental review.

Mrs. Tara Fitzpatrick stated that she felt the Town Board should get more information in the Building Dept. Monthly Report so that the audience can hear more about what type of violations and permits are

issued. This way the audience can get more of an idea of what is going on in the community. She stated that she, as part of the public audience, wants to know what is happening in Town, like a narrative. She stated that the Supervisor usually only reads the number of permits or violations issued in the month.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that the Town Board does receive more information. She stated that this month's report was 13 pages.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that she was saying the Supervisor should read more to the public; maybe names and addresses so they can see what parts of Town these violations are occurring in.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not comfortable reading the names and addresses. He stated that he does not read the arrest blotter in the Police Report for the same reason. If anyone is interested in more detail, the reports are always available from the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town has two building inspectors and both of them are part time employees and between the two of them, they can only do 30 hours total, per week. He explained that our Building Inspector 1 is a full time fire fighter and our Building Inspector 2 is retired and does a lot of fire inspections and some of the other inspections. They do a lot of work on a limited schedule.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that she also just wanted to let everyone know that there will be a very informative show on CNN where they are highlighting sexual assault areas. The program is called "The Hunting Ground". She stated that everyone should see this program.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that most people don't know that colleges have to give a report of sexual assaults on their campus when asked. This is something that they are required to do.

Supervisor Croce stated that this is a sad commentary on our society.

There were no further comments or questions from the audience.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to close the Public Input section at 7:40 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2015

Supervisor Croce read the Police Department Monthly Report of October 2015. He read that there were 272 documented calls for service and a total of 172 traffic tickets issued. There were 14 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Plattekill Police Dept. with 2 persons reporting injury.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter noting that the complete report was available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective Report showing cases worked, 2 Grand Larceny, 1 Criminal Tampering, 1 Fraud, 1 Identity Theft, 1 Aggravated Harassment, 3 Burglary, 1 Dissemination of Sexual Material to a Minor and 1 Larceny. The cases closed included 3 Grand Larceny, 1 Criminal Tampering, 1 Petit Larceny, 1 Criminal Mischief and 3 Burglaries. He also read that most of the cars were in good shape with some minor repairs done throughout the month.

Supervisor Croce read that the annual Town of Plattekill PBA Christmas Party was scheduled for Dec. 12, 2015 at the New Paltz Elk's Club on Rt. 32 in New Paltz. The cost is \$30.00 and if anyone would like tickets, they can contact Det. Riley or Det. Zapata by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### SECTION 2 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2015

Councilwoman Delgado read the Building Department Monthly Report for October 2015. She read that there were 23 Permits issued, 6 Violations issued, 0 Violations closed, 60 Inspections done (including complaints, building, violations, fire safety, C of O's & C of C's), 8 Complaints taken, 11 Municipal Searches done and 14 C of C's and C of O's issued. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and Zoning & subdivision issues.

Supervisor Croce stated that there were also 1 ½ pages of permits issued, 3 pages of violations and 7 pages with complaints. Anyone wanting to see the entire report can ask for one at the Town Clerk's Office.

#### SECTION 3 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORTS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2015

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Reports from Sept. and Oct. 2015. He read the September Report stating that there were 24 calls including 4 calls to service from the Plattekill Police, State Police or Ulster County Sherriff's Office. He read that he responded to 4 active complaints and/or cases that are now closed, there are currently 2 open cases, 1 dog was impounded, 0 appearance tickets issued, there are 0 dogs in the kennel and there were 2 dog bites reported. The report stated that there were no dangerous dog cases in the Plattekill Justice Court at this time. The report stated that the Dog Kennel had a successful Ag. & Markets inspection and we were given a "satisfactory" status on all items considered.

Supervisor Croce then read the October 2015 Monthly Report. This report stated that there were 11 calls this month with 3 calls to service from the Plattekill Police, State Police or Ulster County Sherriff's Office. He read that there were 2 active complaints and/or cases which are now closed or resolved, 2 open cases, 2 stray dogs impounded, 4 appearance tickets issued, 0 dogs in the kennel and 1 dog bite was reported. The report stated that the dog involved in the dog bite was removed voluntarily by the dog's owner after investigation uncovered that there had been 6 unreported dog bites in the past 2 years. There are no dangerous dog cases in the Plattekill Justice Court.

#### SECTION 4 – ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2015

Councilman DePew read the Assessor Department Monthly Report for October 2015. He read that there were 14 transfers, 3 foreclosures, 6 arms length transactions, 1 vacant property and 5 residential properties. He read that the sale price of residential homes only was \$160,917.00.

#### SECTION 5 – RECREATION DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Councilwoman Delgado read the Recreation Department Monthly Report. She read that the Indoor Sports programs each started with at least 15 registered players. These programs are Kids Soccer, Kids

Basketball and Teen Basketball. Registration is still open during November. She read that these programs are expected to run until March.

Councilwoman Delgado read that the Halloween Event at Hurds Farm was a huge success. There were 216 kids that participated and the event was split into two separate age groups. Hurds was very generous and gave everyone a wristband to enjoy the activities during the afternoon. The report stated that she would like to extend a great big Thank You!! To Hurds Family Farm.

Councilwoman Delgado finished by reading information on Summer Camp. The report stated that a newsletter for Summer Camp was in the works to give summer camp parents all the information for camp, well in advance, so they will know what to expect. The report stated that there will be separate rates for 5 weeks and 6 weeks and they will include all the expected field trip costs. An additional informational flyer will also be sent home with Plattekill Elementary School students.

SECTION 6 – ADOPTION OF 2016 TOWN BUDGET

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

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
2016 – TOWN BUDGET ADOPTION  
RESOLUTION

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Budget Officer, Supervisor Croce, received the 2016 Budget Requests from all Town Departments and compiled the 2016 Tentative Budget, which was then presented to the Town Clerk on September 30, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Clerk presented the 2016 Tentative Budget to the Town Board Members at a regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting on September 30, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board met with all Town Departments to review and make adjustments to their 2016 Budget Requests and the Preliminary Budget was drafted and reviewed by the Budget Officer with any changes or modifications made at that time, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board held a Public Hearing on November 4, 2015, at 7:00 PM, on the 2016 Preliminary Budget which notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in the Southern Ulster Times, the Town Newspaper, and comments and questions were received on the Preliminary Budget,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York hereby adopts the 2016 Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget for the Town of Plattekill for the Year 2016 without any further changes or modifications.

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			

Adopted: November 18, 2015

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to thank the Town Board and Department Heads for all their help and patience with another successful budget. He stated that this is a long process and everyone worked hard to get it done.

#### SECTION 7 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE REFUNDS

Supervisor Croce stated that he spoke with the Building Department personnel and they are in agreement that we should not be refunding Building Permit Fees. Work has to be done to issue these permits. The Building Dept. has now added a box in the top right corner of the Building Permit Application that states “Building Fees are non-refundable”.

The Town Board agreed this was acceptable so everyone will know, when filling out the application, that the fees will not be refunded.

#### SECTION 8 – LED STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENT

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received a request from Central Hudson asking for the Town to sign on to a contract where they will replace the current street lights with LED Street Lights at no cost to the Town, during regular maintenance.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been attending meetings where there has been discussion on converting to LED Lights and as far as he knew, there would be a cost to purchasing the new LED Street Lights. This request is saying that the change to LED’s will be free and he is finding this hard to believe.

Councilman Putnam asked if changing to LED lights would lower our monthly electric charge?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, the cost should go down. He stated that the Town should also be able to control the size of the light where we choose. He stated that we should do a survey and count all of our street lights to see how many we actually have.

Supervisor Croce stated that there is also a company that wants to do a survey for us and they claim that they can find overpayments that we may have missed. They get 40% of what we get back. If they do not find anything, then we don’t have to pay them anything.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Highway Supervisor stated that he has already done this survey, but we could have them do it again at no cost to us.

The Town Board agreed that the Supervisor should sign the request form from Central Hudson to change the current street lights to LED Lights during their regular maintenance.

#### SECTION 9 – GREEN LIGHT A VET (VETERAN)

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to ask the Town Board if he could “Green Light a Vet” here at the Town Hall. This is a program where you purchase a green light bulb and put it somewhere outside your home to show support for the Veterans. He stated that he would like to do this at the Town Hall. He stated that there are flood lights at the front corner of the Town Hall, by the Town Clerk’s Office, and he would like to change one of those lights as well as one on the other side of the parking area.

The Town Board all agreed that this would be a great idea and that he should purchase the light bulbs.

SECTION 10 - TRANSFER

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$1,481.25 from the General Fund budget line #A1355.1 Assessor Services/Personnel to the General Fund budget line #A1355.4 Assessor Contractual to cover the cost of hiring Michael Dunham at be the Acting Assessor until a new Assessor could be appointed. (A complete copy of this transfer is attached to these minutes.)  
Councilwoman Delgado seconded.  
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – VOUCHERS

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 11/18/2015, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$13,212.08, the Highway Fund amount of \$11,454.31 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$2,448.30 for a total amount of \$27,114.69 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.  
Councilwoman Delgado seconded.  
On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!

SECTION 12 – ADJOURNMENT

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.  
Councilman Putnam seconded.  
On the vote: all ayes.