

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2016

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 was absent.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 18th and June 1, 2016 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 18th, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

The Town Board realized that there would not be a quorum to accept the minutes from the June 1st meeting, so this will be done at the July 6th meeting.

ADDITIONS

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she had one addition for the meeting and Supervisor Croce stated that he had one too.

1. Library – Sale of Property Committee Report:

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she and Councilman DePew met with the Trustee's from the Library in regards to the possible sale of the building where the Library is currently housed. She stated that they discussed the basic idea of selling the building and property and they got to know each other. They have decided to proceed with more discussion and will be meeting again on July 5th. She stated that the Trustees are interested in purchasing the building.

There was discussion that they have approached the Town Board to purchase the building so are they going to make a proposal? Exactly what do they want?

Councilman Farrelly asked if it was legal for the Town Board to sell this property? Does the property revert back to the School District who sold the building to the Town?

Supervisor Croce stated that he had a box from the Town Clerk's vault and in it are minutes and a copy of the deed and other information from the time the Town purchased it. He suggested that Councilwoman Delgado and Councilman DePew come in and go through this box to see what information is there. He stated that there are minutes where the sale cost was estimated at \$35,000.00 and then the deed says we paid \$1.00 for it. More research needs to be done.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that these are all good questions. She stated that they will know more after the Trustees have their monthly meeting on Monday.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had several other questions. He wanted to know if they were looking to demolish the building to build a new one. Are they going to build an addition to what is currently there? He also wanted to know if they were still in contract to purchase the building across the street? Also, what will happen with the Senior Center?

Councilman Farrelly asked if they do make the Town an offer; how do we figure out a fair market value?

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she has already been speaking with the Assessor on that question. She stated that this is not going to get done overnight; it will be a process.

Councilman Putnam stated that if they do want to build a new building, the Senior Center will have to be on the ground floor.

Councilwoman Delgado stated yes, and they will have to follow all the ADA Laws as well as State and Local Town Codes. She stated that she would take these questions to the next meeting on July 5th.

2. Plattekill Police Dept. Honored For Meritorious Police Work:

Supervisor Croce stated that he and the Chief of Police, Joe Ryan, attended a Police Chief's Association Dinner and the Plattekill Police Dept. was honored for their work on a burglary case with the Town of Shawangunk. He showed everyone a plaque that was presented to the Chief and he read the inscription. They received the plaque for meritorious police service while working with another agency.

Supervisor Croce stated that it was very nice that our Police Dept. was recognized.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Janet Apuzzo was present to speak to the Town Board about a local law that she would like the Town Board to consider adopting. It is a proposed local law to ban the use of disposable plastic and paper bags. She stated that other Towns in the area are looking to adopt this law and she would like the Plattekill Town Board to consider it also.

Mrs. Apuzzo stated that the law would make it illegal to use plastic bags and there would be a charge to use paper bags. This way, people would bring their own bags.

Councilwoman Delgado and Councilman Farrelly both stated that they were not sure they wanted to put more fees on the residents.

Mrs. Apuzzo stated that she felt the Town Board could amend the law to allow vendors the option of charging for the paper bags. She stated that in Europe, they do this and she did not see it as being a big impact on people. She stated that New York City is considering this law and it would keep billions of plastic bags from going into the landfills.

Councilwoman Delgado suggested that maybe she could start an educational program about using plastic bags. This way the kids will grow up and be used to the idea.

Mrs. Apuzzo stated that children are already being taught to recycle at the schools.

Supervisor Croce suggested that the Town Board review the information that has been provided by Mrs. Apuzzo and then he can put it on the agenda for discussion at the July 20th Town Board Meeting. The Town Board can then decide if they want to do this or not, or if they need more information. If we decide to do something with this law, we can then schedule a Public Hearing.

Mrs. Apuzzo stated that she would come back to the Town Board meeting on July 20th, 2016.

Mrs. Tara Fitzpatrick stated that she wanted to congratulate all the fathers in the room as Father's Day is this coming Sunday. She stated that she has been waiting to see the Hurd Farm Site Plan, also known as Tony's Orchard, on the Planning Board agenda. She stated that the Planning Board Clerk had indicated that they would be going before the Planning Board soon, but she still hasn't seen them listed as yet. She stated that her problem with this is that they are doing a lot of work there and bringing in wire and posts; so they are still moving forward. She stated that she did not feel the Building Dept. is really paying attention to what they are doing. She stated that she felt her quality of life and her property value is being impacted. She stated that she just wanted to make the Town Board aware of what is going on while we are waiting for them to come in for site plan.

The Town Board thanked her for her comments and it was suggested that the wire and posts could be for keeping the deer out of the orchard area.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick also stated that there was going to be a screening of a documentary on sexual violence at the Ulster County Democratic Office in Kingston on July 11, 2016, at 7:00 PM. The office is located on John Street in Kingston. Anyone is allowed to attend.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that there is also going to be a dialog/discussion, at the Plattekill Public Library, on Heroin and Opioids, on July 7th at 6:00 PM if anyone is interested in attending.

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 7:34 PM. Councilwoman Delgado seconded. On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2016

Supervisor Croce read the Police Monthly Report for May 2016. He read that there were 287 documented calls for service, 228 traffic tickets issued and there were 10 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Plattekill Police Dept. with 3 injuries reported.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective Report where it stated that 2 Grand Larceny cases, 6 Petit Larceny cases, 2 Aggravated Harassment cases, 1 Fraud case, 1 unattended death case, 1 Emotionally Disturbed Person case, 1 Menacing case and 1 DWI case were being worked on. There was 1 Petit Larceny case that was closed with an arrest.

Under personnel matters, Supervisor Croce read that Officer Willard Sutton will be retiring from the Plattekill Police Dept. on June 30th after 32 years of excellent police work. Supervisor Croce stated that it would be nice, if you see Willard around Town, that you thank him for all his years of service to the community and congratulate him on his retirement.

Supervisor Croce stated that anyone wanting a copy of this complete report can obtain a copy at the Town Clerk's Office.

SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2016

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not receive a report from the Dog Control Officer in time for this meeting.

SECTION 3 – BUILDING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL & MAY 2016

Supervisor Croce explained that the Building Dept. Monthly Report was for the month of April and May 2016. Due to computer problems during the month of May, the Building Dept. Clerk was not able to print out the month of April report.

Supervisor Croce read the list of activities for each month, April and then May; Permits issued were 31 & 29, Violations issued were 6 & 4, Violations closed were 0, all inspections including complaints, building, violations, fire Safety, C of O's and C of C's were 65 & 53, Complaints taken were 3 & 3, Municipal Searches done were 0 & 11 and CC & C of O's were 11 & 9. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and Zoning and Subdivision issues.

SECTION 4 – RECREATION DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read a monthly report from the Recreation Dept. He read that there were 97 campers registered for this year's summer camp and Ms. Doland gave a list of all the staff that would be required for meeting the NYS Camp Guidelines for over 90 campers. He also read that the camp field trips had been booked and confirmed and she has requested price quotes from bus companies and for T-Shirts.

Supervisor Croce read that the Senior Picnic was scheduled for Sat. June 18, 2016 at 12 noon at the Clintondale Friends Church Social Hall. The report stated that there were 31 Plattekill residents who had signed up with the Recreation Department and 34 who have signed up with the Golden Years Senior's Group.

Supervisor Croce finished by reading that the Memorial Day Parade was a success. Ms. Doland wanted to thank the Hurd Farm for providing a tractor, wagon and driver so that summer camp could have a float in the parade. There were 6 campers that joined her on the float.

There was some discussion on how the Police Dept. does the background check on the counselors and other camp staff.

Supervisor Croce stated that Ms. Doland has been working diligently on getting the campers signed up and taking care of all the preparations for camp. He stated that she was also trying to see if the bus company that she works for can give us a better deal on the buses for camp. He stated that they were just waiting to see what this last company wanted to charge before making a decision.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted to remind the Town Board that Ms. Doland could use some help on June 18th at the Senior Picnic. Any Board members who want to stop by and help would be appreciated.

SECTION 5 – ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2016

Supervisor Croce read the Assessor's Monthly report for May 2016. He stated that there was no activity during the month of May, jokingly stating that the Real Estate business must be very slow right now.

SECTION 6 – DRAFT LAW FOR SOLAR MORATORIUM

Supervisor Croce stated that he had e-mailed the Town Board a draft of a local law that he has been working on, with the Town Attorney, for a moratorium on Solar Farms. He stated that it still needs more discussion and clarification before it is completed. He stated that he went to a Planning Board meeting and has asked them to make comments. He stated that he has received some good comments from Tom Wilkin and is hoping to obtain more from some of the other members.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not trying to regulate roof solar panels; he was just focusing on the ones that stand on the ground.

There was a short discussion on other Towns that already have some solar panels, on the ground, with some very close to roadways. There are three rows of panels on Rt.209 about a mile south of the traffic light in Accord and there are many rows on the lawns of the Esopus Town Hall. There were questions as to what happens if there is a car accident involving these panels and how far should they be from a neighbor's property line.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to have this local law in place so that the Town Board can do more research before making any decisions.

The Town Board was in agreement that he should proceed with drafting this moratorium local law.

SECTION 7 – CORNERSTONE CONTRACT

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town's contract with the Cornerstone Phone Company has expired and he had wanted to discuss this situation. He stated that he did not realize Councilman DePew would not be here this evening when he put this on the agenda. He stated that Councilman DePew has been working on this issue as he feels we can do better with either changing our phone lines or switching to a different company.

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

SECTION 8 – REQUEST TO USE QUILT FOR HISTORIC SOCIETY EVENT

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Clerk has received a request from the Plattekill Historical Society to borrow the old Quilt, as they have done in the past, for a display at their event on June 18th. He stated that the Town Clerk has the Quilt stored in her vault and was not sure that she could make this determination.

The Town Board discussed loaning out the Quilt and decided that it is something that people should be able to see.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to allow the Plattekill Historical Society to display the Quilt for their event on June 18, 2016.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GOLDEN SENIOR'S CLUB

Supervisor Croce read a letter he had received from the Golden Seniors Club that meets in the Plattekill Senior Center under the Library. The letter was in regards to the Town possibly selling the building and property to the Plattekill Public Library. The letter indicated that the Senior Club had spoken to the Library and they have been assured that their club will always have the meeting room for them to use. So this letter was to show their support for the Library to purchase the facility.

Supervisor Croce stated that the only issue with this letter is that the Senior Center is not just for the Senior Club. The room is for all of our seniors. He stated that he feels the Town is very understanding and generous with the Senior Club and we try to provide for the bussing for their trips and have increased this amount over the past years. We try to do two events for them, per year, which brings us to a second letter that the Town Board has received from them.

Supervisor Croce read a second letter from the Golden Seniors Club in regards to their displeasure of how they are being treated and how they were promised two events a year and only had one last year. They stated that they were not informed of a change in the date of an event and had to read it in the newspaper. Then the Assistant Recreation Director informed them later that day. They complained that their donuts were cut in half, indicating that they could only have a half of a donut and embarrassing them if they wanted a full portion. They are recommending that they be able to give suggestions to the Town to make the events better.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to address some of the comments in this letter. It is not always easy to find a space, indoors. We have been informed by the Senior Club, in the past, that it is too cold or too hot or too windy at the Park. We have to pay \$400.00 for a venue (the Elks Club) and this leaves us not much money for anything else. We try very hard to work with our limited budget and we are certainly not trying to embarrass anyone.

Supervisor Croce stated that our Assistant Recreation Director did call the President of the Golden Senior Club on Wednesday, the day the newspaper comes out, because she knew that the Seniors were meeting on Thursday and wanted to make sure they knew the new date to discuss it at the meeting. He stated that he was not there for the conversation, but has often heard Ms. Doland on the phone and speaking with people, and has never heard her speaking rudely to anyone.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she also received many phone calls, as she is the liaison to the Seniors. They feel that they should have been told before it came out in the newspaper. She too stated that she was not there for the conversation, so she could not comment on the tone of anyone's voice.

Supervisor Croce stated that he feels very frustrated because we have continuously put more money in the budget for trips and events and he would like to do more for them, but they are always looking for more. He stated that he was quite upset when he got these two letters and was going to the next meeting to speak with the Senior Club, but now he has a conflict and has to put this off until next month's meeting.

Supervisor Croce stated that he is going to make it a point, with the Town Board's approval, that one of the events has to be held at the Park Pavilion. We don't have a lot of funding and we have a beautiful Park.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that they did ask to be allowed to make recommendations. They probably would have some good ones.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he would agree with that statement; but if there are some recommendations that we don't agree with, then what happens? We need to remember, these events

are not just for the Senior Club, they are for all the Seniors in this Town. He stated that he loves doing nice things for people, but every time we try to do something, we get beat down for it.

SECTION 10 – PLANNING & ZONING BOARD TRAINING

Supervisor Croce stated that some members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board have requested to attend training on July 29, 2016 by the Association of Towns. The cost will be \$80.00 per person, if pre-paid, and three people would like to attend.

Supervisor Croce stated that both the Planning Board Chair and the Zoning Board Chair have approved this training and he thought a check had already been sent for them to attend.

Councilman Putnam stated yes, he remembered signing the voucher for this training.

There was discussion that the training classes have been very well received and Mrs. Morse, who attended a class in Dutchess County stated that it was one of the best training sessions she had attended.

SECTION 11 – LIGHT TOWERS FOR RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

Supervisor Croce stated that he obtained price quotes for the two Light Towers that are used for the Red, White & Blue Celebration on July 9th. He stated that United Rentals offered a cost of \$195.04, Pine Bush Equipment offered a cost of \$300.00 and Blueline Rental offered a cost of \$348.00.

Supervisor Croce stated that they have already contacted United Rentals at a cost of \$195.04 to supply the light towers for the event.

SECTION 12 – FIREWORKS PERMIT FEE

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town has a fee for purchasing a Fireworks Permit and the Town has always motioned to not charge ourselves the fee for the Red, White & Blue Celebration.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to waive the Fireworks Permit Fee for the Fireworks Extravaganza Co., for the Red, White & Blue Celebration.

Councilman Putnam seconded. On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 13 – SERVER FUNDING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town Board had approved the expenditure of funds, from the grant that was received from Cablevision, to purchase a new server. However, our current server then crashed and we had to put the new server in under emergency conditions. Due to the emergency situation, more time was required to try to save what could be saved off the old server and then transfer that information to the new server, thus resulting in more time spent to get everything done so the Town Hall could be up and running. As a result, we went over what was originally budgeted.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to ask the Town Board to transfer another \$1,000.00 to cover these unexpected costs.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution #12:

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
RESOLUTION #12
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR NEW TOWN HALL SERVER

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill purchased a new server for the Town Hall facility, as per Resolution #5, adopted on March 16, 2016, utilizing money received from a grant from our Cablevision Franchise Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the current Town Hall server crashed forcing the transfer of Town Hall data, files and records to be transferred in an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, due to this emergency situation, extra time was needed to safeguard the transfer of Town Hall data, files and records; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has approved to increase the 2016 Budget Line A1680.200 Central Data Processing Equipment in the amount of \$1,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York approves an additional \$1,000.00 in funds to be transferred from the General Unassigned Fund Balance Budget Line #A0917 to Budget Line #A1680.2 Central Data Processing Equipment to pay for completing the installation of the new server.

Councilwoman Delgado 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

Date: June 15, 2016

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$1,000.00 from General Fund Budget Line #A0917 to General Fund Budget Line #A1680.2 Central Data Processing Equipment to cover the cost of the new server and additional expenses needed to setup and install. (A copy of this complete transfer is attached to these minutes.)

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 14 – VETERANS COMMITTEE – APPROVAL TO PURCHASE BENCHES & POLES

Mrs. Sis Morse was present and informed the Town Board that the Veterans Committee had voted to purchase 6 benches and 6 flag poles for the Veteran’s Memorial Site. They had discussed the purchase with Mr. Wager, the Highway Superintendent, and he obtained price quotes from several companies. The Veteran’s Committee has decided on the benches and poles that they would like at the memorial and they are now looking for the Town Board to approve the expenditure.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$18,220.00 for the six benches and 6 flag poles for the Veteran’s Memorial.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

Supervisor Croce explained that he did not want to drain the account that is being held at the County for the memorial, so these funds will be expended from the General Fund, as per the resolution that the Town Board adopted, and then the funds will be refunded by the grant from Senator Larkin.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 15 – VOUCHERS

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 6/15/2016, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$23,281.90, the Highway Fund amount of \$171,496.30, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$640.51 and the Modena Light District amount of \$1,140.83 for a total amount of \$196,559.54 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 16 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.