

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
&
PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW FOR ZONING CHANGE

March 1, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO FLAG

Supervisor Croce opened the meeting with a salute to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

The following Town Board Members were present:

Supervisor Croce
Councilman Putnam
Councilman Farrelly
Councilman DePew

Councilwoman Delgado was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF PLATTEKILL

Supervisor Croce read the newspaper Public Hearing Notice and asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

Mr. Mark Reynolds, a local reporter, asked why this local law was being adopted?

Supervisor Croce explained that the properties were put in the RS-1 Zoning District back in 2005, when the last Master Plan and Zoning Map were adopted. The new owner of these properties would like to do something with the buildings that already exist and they are looking to combine the properties into one larger lot that would fit in the RR-1.5 Zone, which currently borders this property. Being in the RR-1.5 will also allow them to do more with the existing buildings.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not want to make a decision this evening as he felt that there were still some items “up in the air”. He stated that in speaking with Mr. Kellar, he had remarked that he has never seen a Town adopt a law contingent on something else happening, as in combining the lots. So there are still some questions. He stated that he would be leaving the Public Hearing open until the next Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Croce stated that the SEQR Review was done by Mrs. Brooks, who is the agent for the owner of these properties and the Town Board will only have to do the second part. We can do this at the next meeting when we continue the Public Hearing.

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to leave open the Public Hearing on the “Local Law To Amend The Zoning Map Of The Town Of Plattekill”, with discussion to be resumed at the next Regular Town Board Meeting on March 15, 2017.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 1st and 15th, 2017 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 1st, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 15th, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input Section of the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – REVISION TO OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION EASEMENT – ALOHA ACRES

Supervisor Croce explained that at the last Town Board Meeting, Mrs. Patty Brooks had explained that Aloha Acres wanted to take away some of the open space that had been designated for a previous project to give .29 acre to Mr. Montanya on Carroll Lane. The previous project had designated extra land than was actually necessary for that project and removing the .29 acre would still leave enough land in that open space to cover the original project requirements.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Kellar, the Town Attorney, had cautioned that we proceed carefully and he raised a few concerns. He stated that Mr. Kellar has now received a letter from Mr. Moriello, the Attorney for Aloha Acres, and they worked through his questions. He stated that his one big question was that the wording for the previous project referred to the easement as a “permanent easement” and he was not sure if it could be altered. He stated that after Mr. Kellar spoke with Mr. Moriello, he has given his opinion that this could be approved if the Town Board wanted to do so.

Supervisor Croce asked the Town Board if they wanted to move forward with this easement change and the Town Board members stated that they would.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion that the Town Board agrees to the revision of the Open Space & Conservation Easement for the Blind-O-Corp at Aloha Acres.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 2 – LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION – PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Croce read a letter from the Hudson Valley Land Surveyors Association asking for the Supervisor to declare March 19th to March 25th, 2017 Surveyors Week.

Supervisor Croce read the Proclamation declaring the week of March 19, 2017 as Surveyors Week. A copy of the Proclamation is attached to these minutes.

SECTION 3 – MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE RENEWALS

Supervisor Croce stated that the Building Dept. has asked the Town Board to make a motion to issue the yearly Mobile Home Park Licenses for the year 2016. He stated that not all the Parks are receiving a license at this time.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to renew the 2016 Licenses for the following Mobile Home Parks: the Four Seasons with 4 homes, Rolling Acres with 57 homes, Rizzi Park with 5 homes, Vlamis Park with 5 homes, Modena Country Club with 128 homes, Dormir Park with 8 homes, Troutbrook with 18 homes, Aloha Home Acres with 279 homes, DePew Park with 32 homes, Forest Park with 199 homes, Plattekill Mobile Park with 7 homes, Hideaway Acres with 6 homes, Timberbrook with 18 homes and Woodcrest with 9 homes, as they have passed their annual inspections.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 4 – RESOLUTION FOR JUSTICE COURT GRANT

Supervisor Croce explained that the Justice Court had received approval from the Town Board to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program and were approved for \$10,752.98 in funds for equipment and office improvements. The Court has a specific time frame that they can purchase what they need and have started doing so. The Town Board has to do some bookkeeping to amend the 2017 General Fund Budget to show we received these funds and what department budget line they will be using to pay for these items.

Councilman DePew asked about the grant funds? Do we have to spend money first and be reimbursed? And if all the money is not spent, do we get to keep the extra funds?

Supervisor Croce explained that this grant is was not like those that he may be remembering in the past. We do not have to spend our funds and be reimbursed. We have received the funds and whatever portion is not used for this purpose will have to be returned.

There was discussion on what has already been purchased such as some new chairs, a desk and wireless head-sets. There was more discussion that Judge Murphy had received an opinion from the State that camera's may not be acceptable in the court room for security.

Supervisor Croce stated that Judge Murphy was going to look into this further as he would still like to see surveillance cameras put in; maybe one outside the front door, one for the hallway and one facing the bench.

Councilman DePew stated that he would like to know more about this opinion that was received before approving the security cameras.

Supervisor Croce suggested that he contact Judge Murphy personally to obtain more information.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution #3 of 2017:

RESOLUTION #3 – 2017
2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT – JUSTICE COURT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill had approved an application for the Plattekill Justice Court to apply for an Equipment Grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the Plattekill Justice Court was approved by the Justice Court Assistance Program to receive funds for the 2016-2017 grant cycle to purchase necessary equipment to fulfill their critical role in the justice system,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York hereby amends the 2017 General Fund Revenue Budget Line #A3089 State Aid by an increase in the amount of \$10,752.98, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this funding will be expended through the Plattekill Justice Court General Fund Budget Line #A1110.200 Justice Court Equipment.

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	

SECTION 5 – TOWN CLERK REQUEST TO ATTEND TRAINING

The Town Clerk explained that she was asking for authorization to attend the NYState Town Clerk’s Association Annual Training Conference which will be taking place in Rochester, NY from April 23rd to April 26th, 2017. The funding for this training is in the Town Clerk’s Budget.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to attend the NYSTCA Training Conference in Rochester, NY from April 23rd to the 26th, 2017 to include meals, room and mileage.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 6 – POLICE REQUEST

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has received a request from Lt. Smith to consider taking the older car, #7F-359, that is to be replaced with the new car coming in the next month or so, and detail it as a DARE Officer car. He is suggesting that it could be used for events such as Plattekill Day, the Memorial Day Parade and other school activities.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he did not feel the Officers were showing up at these events. Does this mean they will now show up? He continued saying that at the last Plattekill Day Event we had very poor representation. If this is the way it is going to be, then why should we spend funds to make them a car that will just sit there? How can we make sure this car will be at Plattekill Day? He stated that he would be in favor of this as long as someone can assure him that the Officers will show up.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt he would have to speak with the PBA. Lt. Smith is not a part of the PBA and cannot speak for the other Officers. He would have to speak with Det. Riley who is the President of the PBA. Lt. Smith is suggesting that this would be a good idea for great exposure and advertising without much expense. The car could replace the Chief’s car on the policy instead of adding on another car.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did feel that having this car was a good idea. It could be used if someone goes away for training or for the DARE Officer to use when he goes to the schools to teach the DARE program, which he also feels is a good program.

Councilman Putnam asked what would happen to the car if we did not make it a DARE Car?

Supervisor Croce stated that we would probably sell it at the Auction company that we used to sell the other surplus vehicles.

Councilman Putnam suggested that maybe they could just approve it for one year and see how it goes. If they are not using the car for events and showing up for events, then we can always sell it later.

Supervisor Croce stated that we could keep it on a trial basis. He stated that he did feel the idea has merit and it would be good if it was used by the DARE Officer and for other events. He stated that he felt giving it a year to see how it goes was a good idea. He stated that the use of the car could also be given in the monthly report.

At this time, Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to remind everyone that the second memo from the Police was to invite everyone to the DARE Graduation being held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Leptondale Elementary School at 7:00 PM. It would be an event like this where the car could be parked outside the building for everyone to see.

The Town Board went back to discussing the use of the car and that they wanted to have the mileage reported in the monthly report.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to allow the vehicle, 7F-359, to be decal and lettered and used for the DARE Program and training transportation and for special events for one year.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 7 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MEMO

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a memo from the Building Dept. that is dated 2/23/2017, which he just received at the end of last week, requesting that \$250.00 be returned to Conklin Pools Inc. for a building permit that was submitted for installation of an in-ground pool. The permit was issued in error as the property is actually located in the Town of Lloyd, but has road access in the Town of Plattekill.

* Councilman DePew made a motion that we reimburse check #2805, to Conklin Pools, for the error in the amount of \$250.00.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 PM to discuss pending litigation and police personnel.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Executive Session and to re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:38 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded. On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 3/1/2017, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$29,177.69, the Highway Fund amount of \$28874.14 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$1,885.75 for a total amount of \$59,937.58 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.