

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 4, 2013

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 Morano was absent.

MINUTES

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 6, 2013 and the November 20, 2013 regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 6, 2013 regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

(The minutes from the Nov. 20, 2013 meeting were not accepted as there was not a quorum from that meeting.)

ADDITIONS:

Supervisor Croce stated that he had several additions to this evening's agenda. These items were brought to his attention during this day.

1. Transfer request from Highway Dept.:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Dept. asking to transfer funds due to an unforeseen police vehicle repair for one of the vehicles.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$2,500.00 from the General Fund Budget Line item #A1620.4 Building Dept. Contractual Expense to General Fund Budget Line item #A1640.4 Central Garage Contractual to cover the unforeseen vehicle repair for 7F360's transmission. A copy of the complete transfer is attached to these minutes.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

2.Letter from the United Methodist Church:

Supervisor Croce read a letter from the United Methodist Church, letting the Town Board know that they had received a generous donation from the Walden Playboy Race Track Club for needy people in the Town of Plattekill. They had enough to make up 20 baskets to be handed out to families in the community.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Walden Playboy Club has been making this donation for many years and it shows their involvement in the community as an organization that cares about the quality of life here in the Town of Plattekill; kudos to the Walden Playboy Race Track Club!

3.Swearing In Ceremony:

Supervisor Croce stated that there are many Town Officials who need to be sworn in this January and he would like to set up the swearing in ceremony for 6:00 PM on January 1, 2014. He asked Councilwoman Elect, Cynthia Delgado, and the other elected officials in the room, if this was a good time to meet here at the Town Hall to be sworn in. He stated that Judge Maciocia has gotten back to him that this is a good time for her.

Mrs. Delgado stated that she could be here that evening and Mr. Wager, the Highway Superintendent, stated that he could be here too. Councilman DePew and the Town Clerk, Barbara Dawes, also stated that they could be present at that time.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to invite any residents who would like to attend, to the Town Hall on January 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM for the swearing in ceremony. He stated that he would have some refreshments available and picture taking is always an option at this event.

4.Board of Assessment Review:

Supervisor Croce stated that he had also received a memo from the Assessor letting him know that the Town Board would have to appoint a new member to the Assessment Board of Review. Mr. Riley, who has been on the Board for a number of years, has moved to the Town of Lloyd and one of the requirements is that you must be a resident of the Town. We will need to find someone to take his place by the beginning of April as there is a class that the new person must take before Grievance Day.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to post an ad in the Town Newspaper that the Town Board is looking for a resident to be a member of the Assessment Board of Review.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Wager stated that he wanted to speak with the Town Board about doing some maintenance projects, during this winter, at the Town Highway Dept. He stated that he could wait until the New Business section of the meeting for this.

Supervisor Croce agreed that this could be discussed in the New Business section of the meeting and asked if anyone from the audience had any questions or comments.

There was no response from the audience.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input Section of the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – E-WASTE RECYCLING

Supervisor Croce stated that he had given the Town Board members information that he had received from Councilman DePew and a copy of an e-mail that the Town Clerk had received from the Town of Shandaken on a company that they use for recycling electronics. He stated that he also had a conference call with David Styles from Maven Technologies LLC and Mr. Valk, the Supervisor of the Town of Shawangunk . Maven Technologies LLC would be able to pay the Town a few cents per pound, but items would have to be packaged, some on pallets and shrink wrapped or in boxes called “gaylords”. Also, there would have to be a storage area as they will only pick up items after we have six pallets or more. They will give us all the pallets, gaylords, shrink wrap and any other items we will need for bundling the items properly. We have spoken to a number of companies and this “Maven” company seems the best so far.

Supervisor Croce read the e-mail from Maven Technologies LLC explaining the different options/ scenarios that the Town could choose to do so that the electronics would be picked up by this company.

Councilman DePew suggested that we contact this company and try their services for 6 month to a year to see how things go. He will continue to review other options with other companies to make sure that we are getting the best deal.

Supervisor Croce stated that on this conference call he had with Mr. Valk and Maven Technologies, they discussed possibly getting together with the Town of Gardiner and having all three Towns use the same company so that all three Towns could schedule a pick up at the same time, thus saving more money.

Councilman DePew suggested that the two Transfer Station attendants would also be able to give us an idea of how this company is working for us.

Supervisor Croce stated that if we have TV’s that are too large to fit into one of the boxes, we can put them on a pallet and shrink wrap them for transport. He stated that they will also shred all media when taken out of the computer towers. This was something that we had concerns about. There could be personal information on hard drives.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to start using Maven Technologies LLC for the next six months to see how well this company will work for us at the Transfer Station.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

Councilman Farrelly stated that we could not use scenario #1 because we do not have a forklift; so we are using scenario #2?

Supervisor Croce stated yes.

On the vote: all ayes.

## SECTION 2 – TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had reviewed the actual figures for each day the Transfer Station is open and has found that they do, more often than not, make just as much money on Thursday as they do on the other three days. The average amount brought in on Thursdays for the past few months was \$186.00. Friday's average amount is \$183.00, Saturday is \$358.00 and Sunday is \$331.00 and we are only open four hours on Sunday. He stated that he did not feel the Town should look at the Transfer Station as a money making facility, however we should be able to be closer to breaking even. He stated that he was thinking about how we could increase funds and was thinking about possibly selling yearly stickers.

The Town Clerk stated that if the Transfer Station attendants could give us an idea of how many people use the facility, we would know how many stickers we would have to purchase and if we sell them for \$20.00, how much more money this will generate for the facility. Ms. Dawes stated that the Town Board would also have to decide whether they wanted to sell the stickers at a reduced cost to seniors and if the sticker would be prorated to a lesser amount if someone purchased the sticker during the middle of the summer. Or maybe we would punch out the month and the sticker would be good for one year from purchase. There are a number of issues to consider.

Councilman DePew stated that he did not like the "sticker" idea. He stated that he does not like to put stickers on his vehicle and feels other residents would feel the same. Sometimes people use a different vehicle and the sticker is on the one they are not using. So then they carry the sticker with them and don't put it on the vehicle.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he doesn't necessarily agree with Councilman DePew. And he stated that he doesn't think the attendants at the Transfer Station check ID to make sure the person is from the Town of Plattekill.

Councilman DePew stated that if a person comes to the Transfer Station and is turned away, he feels that that person is likely to just dispose of the trash along the side of the road.

There was discussion that sometimes a resident has work done on their home and the person or company doing the job will go to the Transfer Station to dump the old materials from the project. This person would not necessarily be from the Town, but the discarded materials are from the Town.

Supervisor Croce stated that the UCRRA has increased the fees to the Town. We would be within our right to pass this increase along by increasing our fees.

Councilman DePew suggested that the Supervisor check with the area Towns to see how they deal with this situation.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would do some research on this matter and get back to the Town Board.

SECTION 3 – AWARD OF SAND BID

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent recommending that the bid for Ice Control Sand be awarded to Mehlon Trucking Inc.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to take the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and award the Ice Control Sand Bid to Mehlon Trucking Inc. at a cost of \$15.00 per yard delivered.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 4 – DATES FOR SETTLEMENT & REORGANIZATION MEETING & SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Town Board agreed on the following dates:

1. The Town Settlement Meeting will be held on December 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center.
2. The Swearing In Ceremony will be held on January 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
3. The Re-Organization Meeting will be held on January 2, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

SECTION 5 – CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT FELTEN PARK

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to remind everyone that the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held this Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Thomas Felten Community Park. There will be a bonfire and the Rotary will have hot cocoa and donuts, the Modena Fire Department will be leading the singing of Christmas Carols and we will light the Christmas tree. Santa should be coming in on a Plattekill Fire Dept. truck. Come out and join us for an evening of fun.

SECTION 6 – WINTER RENOVATION PROJECTS FOR HIGHWAY GARAGE

Mr. Robert Wager, the Highway Superintendent, stated that he wanted to discuss some winter projects with the Town Board. He stated, now since the roof has been fixed, he would like to fix the ceiling over the office and kitchen area in the garage. This ceiling has been up for approximately 40 years and there are depressions where people have walked around up there. He stated that he would like to put in some new supports and plywood and even some insulation. He stated that there are times when the Highway employees have a little extra time to work on this project during the winter months, so it can all be done in-house. They would not be changing anything that would require re-engineering nor would they be building anything new. He would estimate that the cost for supplies would not exceed \$7,500.00.

Councilman DePew asked if there was a possibility that something would come up and these funds would be needed for something else. Will there be enough left over in this fund?

Mr. Wager stated yes, there would still be funds left over if there was to be an emergency of some kind.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to make renovations to the Town Garage and to limit the expense, not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel benefit situation.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Time: 7:48 PM

Back: 8:14 PM

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Executive Session portion of the meeting and to re-open the regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – VOUCHERS

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 12/4/2013, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$209,605.07, the Highway Fund amount of \$100,505.16, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$819.46, the Modena Light District amount of \$1,419.15, and the Trust & Agency amount of \$44.00 for a total amount of \$312,392.84 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – ADJOURNMENT

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.