

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO FLAG

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly opened the meeting with a salute to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

The following Town Board Members were present:

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly
Councilman Putnam
Councilwoman Delgado
Councilman DePew

Supervisor Croce was absent. He was away at training.

MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval this evening.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Sis Morse stated that the Veteran's Committee was sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dinner on February 15, 2014, at the Elks Club on Rt. 32 in New Paltz. She stated that all proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial.

Councilman DePew asked if this had been put on the website yet?

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that he would speak with the Publicist to see if she could get it on the events calendar.

Mrs. Annette Laskowsky stated that it was good to see Mrs. Delgado on the Town Board. She just wanted to say that she was disappointed that the Town Board held the Reorganization Meeting at 4:00 PM when most people could not be here.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that it is so noted.

Ms. Valerie Smith stated that the Town Board had talked about having representatives from the Board meet with the Library Trustees.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated yes, the Town Board has spoken with Mr. Farrell about three members meeting to have some questions answered. And there are maybe some things that the Library does that the Town could look at doing and there maybe some things that the Town does that the Library could do. We just want to sit down and discuss a few matters that have come into question.

Ms. Smith stated that she was interested, as a Trustee, to meet with the Town Board and wanted to know if they wanted to decide on a date this evening.

The Town Clerk reminded the Town Board that if there were three members, or more, at this meeting, she would have to post a public notice that it was a Special Town Board meeting and she would have to be there to take minutes.

Councilman DePew asked if all seven members of the Library Board were going to be there and the Director too? He also asked when the Library Board generally meets?

There was discussion that the Library Board generally meets on the second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM. There were seven members on the Library Board, but Ms. Smith was not sure everyone would be there.

Ms. Smith stated that she felt it would be better to have a special meeting with the Town Board. This way the questions that the Town Board has can be answered. There are other issues to be reviewed at a regular meeting. She stated that she also thought it would be a good idea for the Town Board to write down their questions and give them to the Library Board ahead of time so that they can be prepared and have the information for them that evening.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that he had a question about the Library Budget. He stated that he has reviewed the increases in the Library Budget over the past 5 years and there have been major increases. He stated that there may be reasons for this increase and he would like to discuss this issue.

Ms. Smith stated that the Town Board might also want to visit the Library website to familiarize themselves with what they offer.

Councilman DePew stated that he has already done this. He wanted to suggest that the Town Board meet with the Library Board next Wednesday night, Jan. 22, at 7:00 PM.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that Wednesday evening would not be good for her, but urged Councilman DePew and Deputy Supervisor Farrelly to attend without her. Also this would keep the meeting with just two members of the Town Board, so it would not be a public meeting.

Mrs. Esther Coppola asked if this meeting would be open to the Public? She stated that she felt the meeting should be open for anyone to attend.

Ms. Smith stated that it would be a closed meeting with two Town Board members, the Library Trustees and the Director. We can have a second meeting, after this one, that will be open to the Public.

Mrs. Coppola asked again, "So I can't be there?"

Ms. Smith stated that she did not care if she was there, but she could not speak.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she was a tax payer and she should be allowed to be there.

Councilman DePew stated that he did not mind if other people were there,

It was decided that anyone who wanted to be there, could attend, but would not be able to speak.

Ms. Smith stated that she would set up the meeting for Wed. January 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM with the Library Board and the Director.

Mrs. Laskowsky asked the Town Board if they could clarify the situation with the two Judges? We know there was a tie vote, but what happens now. She stated that there are many rumors around Town and she would like to hear what is happening from the Town Board.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that he would let her know what he knows. The ballot was opened on Monday and the vote made it a tie. He stated that the District Court is supposed to be sending a letter to the Town about the situation. We don't have it yet, but when we do get it, we will act accordingly.

Mrs. Laskowsky stated that she understands that there are a lot of options for the Town Board to consider. She asked, if the Town Board were to make any decisions, would they please do so at a regular Town Board Meeting where everyone interested could be there? She stated that she felt any decision should be done at an open meeting; not one that is called at a special time when the public is not available.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated yes, he would believe it would all be done at a regular Town Board Meeting where everyone is invited.

Councilman DePew stated that the other issue is that the tie vote has not been memorialized to us, by the Board of Elections, so it is still here-say at this time. Also, it may not be for us to make any decisions. We will not do anything illegal or against the ethics of our office. It will be done legally and with the recommendation of the Court.

Mrs. Laskowsky stated that a lot of things happen and the public does not have notice.

Councilwoman Delgado stated to her that any decision this Town Board makes will be done at a Town Board Meeting.

Mrs. Coppola stated that there has always been concerns about meetings that are posted on the door where the public would have to be here to see that they are happening. That is why the public is concerned about this happening without them knowing. Once the Town Board finds out, will there be notice to the public? That is the concern.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that he understood what she was saying and if the Town Board makes any decisions, they will be done at a regular Town Board Meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly asked if there were any further questions from the audience.

No further questions were asked.

* Deputy Supervisor Farrelly made a motion to close the Public Input Section of the meeting.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that the Town Board had not received the Police Monthly Report and this would be added to the next meeting agenda.

SECTION 2 – BUILDING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that he would read the Building Dept. monthly report for December 2013.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly read that there were 10 field inspections done, no stop work orders issued, 5 violations issued including 1 for site plan, 2 for open storage and 2 for unsafe structures. He continued reading that there were no violations closed, 2 court dates set for Jan. 31, 2014, 3 complaints received, 9 building permits issued, 8 municipal searches done, 1 site plan review, 4 fire safety inspections done, 4 office meetings and 3 mobile home inspections done. These numbers do not include returning phone calls, residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits, zoning and subdivision issues and FOIL requests.

SECTION 3 – ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that the Assessor Report is rather lengthy, but he did want to read the portion about reminding everyone to renew their exemptions.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly read the Assessor Monthly Report for the month of Dec. 2013 where it stated that the Assessor sent out letters to remind those receiving exemptions (senior, agriculture, veterans, disability and others) to renew them by March 1st. Also the Assessor was asking any Veterans who may have had their percentage of disability increased to contact him so that adjustments could be made to their exemptions.

SECTION 4 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT

Councilman DePew read the Dog Control Monthly Report for Dec.2013. He read that there were 12 calls with 11 calls from the Town Police Dept. and Sherriff's Dept., There were 2 open cases, 2 dogs impounded or seized, 1 dog redeemed, 1 dangerous dog hearing under investigation and currently there are no dogs in the kennel. The report also stated that Dog Control visited residents to urge them to keep their pets indoors during the very cold weather and helped the SPCA during one arrest and processing of a crime scene related to an alleged animal cruelty case.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that anyone wanting to see these complete reports should contact the Town Clerk's Office.

SECTION 5 – RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Bill Farrell, the Town Recreation Director, was present to give a report on what programs have been going on and what is planned for the first part of this year.

Mr. Farrell stated that on Monday nights, there was indoor soccer for 4-6 yr. olds at 6:00 PM and Adult Volleyball at 7:00 PM, at the Plattekill Elementary School. There is also a Zumba class and an adult Boot Camp exercise class at the Modena Methodist Church. Tuesday and Thursday nights there are several Skills and Drills Basketball classes for different age groups also at the Elementary School and Thursday night, here at the Town Hall, is a Karate Class. We end the week with a Yoga Class on Saturday mornings here at the Town Hall at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Farrell stated that he was looking forward to setting up some Saturday Basketball sessions and indoor soccer sessions in February but the weather has been very uncooperative this year and this has caused the cancellation of several classes.

Mr. Farrell stated that he is setting up another Family Fun Day at Rocking Horse Ranch and is tentatively looking at March 2nd. He will be confirming this date and will make an announcement as soon as he finalizes the date.

Mr. Farrell stated that he would be meeting with the Seniors this week to discuss the bus trips that they are looking forward to taking. He has also been looking into doing a senior movie night and a bingo contest. The Senior Ball was a great event last year and the Seniors are looking forward to one this year too.

Mr. Farrell stated that he had several Boy Scouts looking to start Eagle Scout projects. He stated that he will be meeting with both Packs to help facilitate their ideas. He stated that he wanted to speak with the Town Board about possibly letting the Boy Scouts have use of an area in Felten Park where they could have a Scout Memorial. We have had so

many Scouts do wonderful projects for the Town and it would be nice to recognize all of them with a Scout Memorial.

Councilman DePew suggested that Mr. Farrell suggest to one of the Eagle Scouts that this would be a good project. They could do the research on who did all the different projects and come up with an idea for a memorial to those Eagle Scouts and all the Scouts that have done projects for the Town. This would memorialize what the Scouts have done for our community.

Mr. Farrell stated that he would look into making this suggestion when he meets with the two Packs.

Mr. Farrell stated that he is looking to set up some spring planting projects with the Girl Scouts and he was going to try to get them to volunteer to help on a senior event.

Mr. Farrell concluded his report by saying that he was also looking to set up a movie/activity night for local kids at a church or firehouse. He would be looking to obtain volunteers to help monitor the activity and snacks would be donated by local businesses.

Mr. Farrell stated that he had one more thing he wanted to discuss with the Town Board. He stated that he is starting to get calls for using the Pavilion and he wondered if the Town Board was going to up the fees that we charge to rent it.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that the Town Board has not discussed changing the fees and he could put it on the next agenda for discussion.

Mr. Farrell stated that we have had some issues where someone tells us that they are just having a small party and it ends up with 300 people and taking over the entire Park. We have to have a better idea on how to handle these types of parties. He stated that he also would like to set up a schedule for the use of the fields too. In the spring we get groups wanting to use the baseball and soccer field and they just show up when other people are using it. We need to have some sort of schedule and maybe a fee for groups that are not from our Town. He stated that he felt we should have insurance and the players should have to fill out a waiver form.

There was discussion that the Wallkill League has insurance that should cover our field and they should be sending the Town an insurance certificate.

Councilman DePew suggested that Mr. Farrell send them a letter to ask them to forward a certificate of insurance so we will have it on file.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that he would put the matter of changing the fee schedule on the next meeting agenda.

At this time, Mrs. Morse stated that at the last Town Board Meeting, there were several letters read commending several of our Town Police Officers for all the great work that they have done in our community. She stated the one of those Officers was present this evening and she wanted everyone to know that Officer Zapada was here and that we should all give him a round of applause.

Everyone gave a round of applause for Officer Zapada and the Town Board thanked him for his service to the community.

SECTION 6 – DONATION FROM HANNAFORDS

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that Hannafords has a yearly program where they pick a Town and they donate dog food to the Town Kennel. Hannafords has decided to

donate to the Town of Plattekill this year and the Supervisor has written a thank you letter, which he read.

Councilman Putnam stated that Hannafords also has an “open bag” policy for dog food. If a bag is found to be open at the store, they need the actual bag to get credit for it, but the dog food from that bag is donated to the Town Kennel. They have been doing this with us over the past years.

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly stated that it was nice of Hannafords to choose the Town of Plattekill for their donation this year.

SECTION 7 – RECREATION APPOINTMENT REQUEST

Deputy Supervisor Farrelly explained that Mr. Steve Rappleyea was not included in the list of Recreation Committee members at the Reorganization Meeting. He was not sure that he could give his time on the Committee, but his situation has changed and he would like to remain a member.

* Deputy Supervisor Farrelly made a motion to add Steve Rappleyea to the Town of Plattekill Recreation Committee.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSES

Councilwoman Delgado read a memo from the Building Dept. requesting that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Mobile Home Park License Renewals for the Year 2013.

* Deputy Supervisor Farrelly made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2013 Mobile Home Park License Renewals for the Demetrios Vlamis Park located at 555-557 Crescent Avenue containing 5 homes, the Diane Pauli Park located at 1004 Rt. 44-55 containing 8 homes, the Armine Group LLC – Mountainview Park located on Cotter Road containing 13 homes, the Foxrun Park located on Rt. 32 containing 29 homes, the Timberbrook Park located on Rt. 32 containing 18 homes, the Woodcrest Park located on Woodcrest Drive containing 9 homes, the Villa Baglieri Park located at 200 Fosler Road containing 6 homes, the Jorge III Acres (aka Medina Park) located at 106 Plattekill-Ardonia Rd containing 4 homes, the Modena Country Club located on Orchard Drive containing 128 homes, the Forest Park located on Rt. 32 containing 199 homes, the DePew Park located on Rt. 32 containing 32 homes, the Plattekill Mobile Park located at 138 Church Street containing 7 homes, the Hideaway Park located at 296 Freetown Highway containing 6 homes and the Acampora Park located at 1089-1-97 Rt.44-55 containing 3 homes, as these Mobile Home Parks have passed their annual inspections.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 1/15/2014 for vouchers dated for purchases made in 2013, which include the General Fund amount of \$15,497.29, the Highway Fund amount of \$71,081.61, the Capital Projects amount of \$126.24, the Clintondale Light District of \$828.18 and the Modena Light District amount

of \$1,432.92 for a total amount of \$88,966.24 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 1/15/2014, for vouchers dated for purchases made in 2014, which include the General Fund amount of \$51,560.92, the Highway Fund amount of \$12,111.00 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$64.00 for a total amount of \$63,735.92 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – ADJOURNMENT

* Councilman DePew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.