

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
Regular Town Board Meeting

May 21, 2014

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to enter into a brief Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Time: 7:01 PM

Back: 7:12 PM

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

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 Draft – MS4 Annual Stormwater Report

Supervisor Croce read the legal notice for the Public Hearing on the 2014 MS4-Stormwater Report that was published in the Town Newspaper. He also explained that the Town has to put together this report every year, for the previous year, explaining what the Town has done over the past year to bring awareness to the community concerning Stormwater Management Programs.

Ms. Valerie Smith asked if this report was for the entire Town of Plattekill or was it just for certain areas within the Town?

Supervisor Croce stated that the community awareness to safeguard our water supply was directed at the entire Town of Plattekill, but there are certain areas within the Town that have been designated as Stormwater Management Areas. He stated that the Town was trying to get a better map that would show the designated areas and show their boundaries.

Mr. Robert Wager, the Highway Superintendent, stated that there are maps that can be reviewed on the DEC Website showing where these areas are located.

Councilman DePew suggested that the Town Publicist be asked if she could put a link to the DEC website so that people can see the better maps.

Supervisor Croce asked if there were any further comments or questions from the audience.

There were no further comments or questions. No revisions were made to the 2014 draft MS4 Stormwater Report.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2014 Draft, Annual Stormwater Report at 7:20 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 7, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had three additions to the evening's agenda:

1. Award Of Bids For Surplus Equipment

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town had gone out to bid to sell five vehicles and one piece of equipment that has been sitting behind the Highway Garage and used for extra parts when possible. The Highway Superintendent would like to dispose of this surplus equipment and clean up the area behind the Garage. The equipment was advertised for sale and bids for purchase were accepted until 10:00 AM on May 19, 2014. The Town Board has received a copy of those bid prices and we can award the bids this evening.

1) Supervisor Croce read that there were no offers made on the 1998 Harder Spreader.

2) Supervisor Croce read that there were three offers for the 2000 Ford F250:

1. John Farrelly -----\$1,051.00

2. Ruben -----\$ 725.00

3. Liberty Motors-----\$ 668.99

* Councilman DePew made a motion to award the bid for the 2000 Ford250 to Mr. John Farrelly at the price of \$1,051.00.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

3) Supervisor Croce read that there were three offers on the 1997 International :

- 1. Devino Trucks & Parts -----\$1,288.00
- 2. Turnpike Repair & Sales-----\$1,785.00
- 3. Liberty Motors -----\$1,013.99

* Councilman DePew made a motion to award the bids for the 1997 International to Turnpike Repair & Sales at a price of \$1,785.00.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

4) Supervisor Croce read that there were three offers on the 1995 International:

- 1. Devino Trucks & Parts -----\$1,088.00
- 2. Turnpike Repair & Sales -----\$1,385.00
- 3. Liberty Motors -----\$ 515.99

* Councilman DePew made a motion to award the bid for the 1995 International to Turnpike Repair & Sales at a price of \$1,385.00.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

5) Supervisor Croce read that there were four offers on the 1995 Chevy Pick-up:

- 1. James Serini -----\$ 250.00
- 2. Ruben -----\$ 250.00
- 3. Liberty Motors -----\$411.99
- 4. Mike Colombo -----\$516.10

* Councilman DePew made a motion to award the bid for the 1995 Chevy Pick-up truck to Mr. Mike Colombo at a price of \$516.10.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

6) Supervisor Croce read that there were two offers on the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria:

- 1. Ruben -----\$1,225.00
- 2. Liberty Motors -----\$1,601.99

* Councilman DePew made a motion to award the bid for the 2008 Crown Victoria to Liberty Motors at a price of \$1,601.99.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

2.Request for Boy Scouts, Troop 195, To Use Park For Camping:

Supervisor Croce read a letter from Boy Scout Troop 195 asking for permission to hold a campout on the weekend of June 27th to June 29th, 2014 to do some clean-up of the camping area and some general scout work. He stated that he had spoken with Mr. Ferrante and the boys will be working in the back area and they would be leaving early on Sunday morning.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to allow Troop 195 to have a campout on June 27th to the 29th, 2014.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

3.Assessor Resignation:

Supervisor Croce read a resignation letter from Mr. Michael Dunham, the Town Assessor, stating that he would be leaving the Assessor position for the Town of Plattekill on June 30, 2014. The letter stated that he was taking another position in Ulster County, but would miss working for the Town of Plattekill as he has been here for almost 20 years.

Supervisor Croce stated that this was a surprise to him, but Mr. Dunham would be leaving to work for the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown. He stated that he has worked with Mr. Dunham since he started as Councilman over five years ago and has always known him as being very professional. He stated that he hated to see him go, but understands the situation.

Supervisor Croce stated that since Mr. Dunham would be leaving at the end of June, the Town Board needs to decide whether they want to hire someone full time or part time. Mr. Dunham was working for the Town as a part time employee.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt the first thing to do was accept Mr. Dunham's resignation.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Michael Dunham as the Town Assessor and to thank him for his service.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt the Town Board should advertise this position as soon as possible and that we should advertise it as a part time position.

Councilman DePew stated that he agreed and we can review the qualifications that Mr. Dunham has given us. He also has stated that he will help in any way to find someone to replace him and will spread the word that we are looking for someone through the Assessor's Association.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Dunham has written a help wanted notice for us to use in the local newspapers and on the website. We will get it posted as soon as possible.

Councilman Putnam asked if there were contracts to hire someone for the July Fireworks Event?

Supervisor Croce stated that he did have one contract, but was still waiting for others. He stated that he would put this item on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Farrell, the Town Recreation Director, stated that he had a list of several bands and he would get that list to the Supervisor for the Town Board's consideration.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Sis Morse stated that she wanted the Town Board to know that Mrs. Dottie Longbard has donated a United States Flag to the Police Dept. and also one to each fire department.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would send a letter of thanks to her for her generous donation.

Mrs. Morse stated that she also wanted to ask the Town Board's permission to allow the Boy Scouts to put a metal stand, that looks like a Post Office mail box, outside by the front door to the Town Hall, to collect old flags that need to be destroyed properly. The Boy Scouts have been collecting old flags for years and burning them as required, but it would make it easier for people to put their flags in this depository and then the Boy Scouts can burn them when they have enough. She showed the Town Board a picture of one that is presently set up in the Town of Lloyd and the Boy Scouts would paint it and letter it. She stated that the Highway Dept. has already stated that they would secure it in place.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt this would be a good idea and it could be installed in the open space to the left of the front doors to the Town Hall.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to allow the Boy Scouts to paint, and the Highway Dept. to install, a flag drop-off box in front of the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mrs. Morse stated that the Veteran's Committee had raised \$2,265.00 at the recent golf tournament for the Veteran's Memorial Fund and that the Memorial Day Parade will be held this Saturday, May 24th, at 1:00 PM. She encouraged everyone to attend the Parade and the service and refreshments at the Park.

Supervisor Croce asked if there were any further comments or questions from the public?

There were no further comments or questions.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input Section of the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2014

Police Chief, Joseph Ryan, was present to read the April 2014 Monthly Report. He read that there were 363 documented calls for service with 70 traffic tickets issued and 8 motor vehicle accidents handled with 7 persons reporting injuries.

Chief Ryan continued reading that there were 8 new cases that the Detectives were working on and 6 previous cases that had been closed with investigation. There were two arrests. He stated that anyone wanting more information can obtain a complete copy of the report from the Town Clerk's Office.

Chief Ryan stated that the Department would be doing "No Tolerance" checks for people driving while texting or on the phone as this is the cause for many, many accidents that could be avoided.

Chief Ryan stated that the Department is looking to purchase either a new copier or printer. Their equipment is getting old and he is not sure if the equipment is worth fixing. They are looking at a copy

machine that will act as a printer, copier, fax and scanner. A scanner would also help to free up file space. They are working to see what is the best financial option.

Chief Ryan stated that they would be marching in the Memorial Day Parade this Saturday and the PBA will be hosting the Bruce Loertscher Scholarship Pig Roast on June 29th. Tickets are available from the officers, at the Police Station or at the Town Clerk's Office. Cost for a ticket is \$20.00.

Chief Ryan stated that he has been interviewing for hiring a new officer to replace one that had resigned. There were approximately 20 applicants and they have decided to hire Mr. John Rymer. He is a retired MTA Police Officer and currently works part time as a Town of Shawangunk Police Officer.

* Councilman DePew made a motion, on the recommendation of the Police Chief, to hire John Rymer as a police officer for the Town of Plattekill Police Dept.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 2 – APRIL 29014 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the April 2014 Dog Control Monthly Report:

Supervisor Croce read that there were 27 calls with 6 calls coming in through the Plattekill Police and the Ulster County Sheriff's Dept. There were 2 open cases, 1 dog was seized or impounded, 1 dog adopted or transferred to a Rescue facility, no appearance tickets issued and there are currently 3 dogs in the kennel. The Report stated that there was 1 Dangerous Dog Hearing in the Court.

Supervisor Croce read a request from Mr. McKee to have the Town Board consider adopting a resolution to allow for the Town to charge dog owners the license fee from a previous year if they did not come in and renew their dog's license on time. He also was proposing that an \$8.00 fee be imposed for residents who do not license their pets within 30 days after the expiration of the license.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has spoken with Mr. McKee on this matter and about doing a Town Enumeration. He has asked him to bring in more information for the Town Board to review.

The Town Clerk stated that she believed there would have to be an amendment to the current law to institute these types of fees. The Town Board cannot just make a resolution.

Supervisor Croce stated that he also received an e-mail from Mr. McKee about him working with a Girl Scout Troop. The Girl Scouts have to do a 20 hour project and they would like to do something to help the Dog Control Dept./Dog Kennel. Mr. McKee has stated that he would be meeting with the Girl Scouts on May 27th to see what they can do. There will not be any contact with animals in the kennel and he has informed Mr. McKee that if there are going to be any Scouts working on the kennel, they will have to contact Mr. Wager as he is the facilities manager.

Mr. Wager was present and stated that he would help Mr. McKee and the Girl Scouts with whatever they decide to do.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow Mr. McKee to use the Town Hall at 6:00 PM on May 27, 2014 to meet with the Girl Scouts to discuss how they will do their 20 hours of community service.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 3 – MARCH & APRIL MONTHLY BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Supervisor Croce read the combined (March & April) Building Dept. Monthly Report. He read that there were 42 Field Inspections, 8 Violations issued, 6 Complaints taken, 1 Structure Fire, 24 Building Permits issued, 2 Certificate of Occupancies issued, 9 Municipal Searches done, 3 Court cases pending, 19 Fire Safety Inspections done, 2 Office Meetings held. 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 DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. William Farrell, the Recreation Director, was present to give a report on the programs that were currently running and summer Camp, that was starting soon. T-Ball averaged about 16 to 20 children and they were learning the basics of how to play baseball and the rules of the game. Outdoor Soccer had about 28 to 34 kids and they were being taught proper kicking, dribbling and passing techniques.

Mr. Farrell stated that he has another basketball session going on at the New Hurley Church on Wednesday nights. Right now it is just an open play night, but he would like to see this turned into a league. There are volunteer coaches and they are getting about 15 youths in attendance.

Mr. Farrell stated that the Men's Softball League has started off with some rough weather and some games have been rained out. There are 10 teams this year, which is down 2 from last year.

Mr. Farrell stated that there are some issues with the field in that the infield needs to be re-edged and sand added to raise the level of the playing area. There is a large sink hole in the outfield behind the shortstop and this also needs to be filled in. He stated that he has spoken with Mr. Wager about these issues and the sand should be delivered this week. The ASA Umpires have canceled the games last week due to the condition of the field. He stated that he would speak with Mr. Wager again to see when all these repairs can be scheduled.

Mr. Farrell stated that he is again asking that the schedule to mow the lawn at the Park be set for later in the week, preferably on Fridays, as the grass grows quickly and if it is done during the beginning of the week, the grass is getting too high to play effectively by Sunday.

Mr. Farrell stated that he had a question for the Town Board. He stated that the agreement between the Softball League and the Town has always been understood that the Town would mow the field, provide infield sand when needed, would dispose of garbage and do general maintenance. The Softball League would groom the infield, do the lime and paint markings for games and do general clean-up around the field. This hasn't changed. Last year the League requested, and the Town Board approved, to let the League collect and handle its own finances. So the League no longer turns the money, which it raised, to the Town. They instead use the money to pay their own bills and run the League. This is the only change. Two years ago, the Town implemented a fee for organized teams that wanted to use our fields on a regular basis. The reason being that these teams had use of the fields but did nothing to help maintain them. The fee would help offset the costs for maintenance, the same as we do for the Pavilion. Furthermore, at the end of last year, the Men's Softball League had money, that they collected, left over, which the Town kept. The question is, considering the League still does the same

maintenance work they always did, and they left money in the Town account last year, money that should have been used for the League expenses, should they have to pay a fee this year?

Mr. Farrell explained that in past years, all the League money was given to the Town and the Town had paid all the League expenses. Last year the Town Board agreed to have the League take control of the finances and pay their own bills.

Councilman DePew asked what bills these would be?

Mr. Farrell explained that they have to pay the ASA Umpires that umpire the games and they have to purchase softballs and bases and other items needed to run the League. The teams collected the fees and gave all the money to the Town and the Town paid for these things by voucher. He stated that the Town was then liable for the League expenses. He stated that last year he suggested that the League should collect the money and pay their own expenses. The Town Board agreed and we are trying to decide whether the League has to pay for the use of the field. They have not had to pay for the use of the field when the Town was collecting the League fees. The League was performing maintenance on the field.

There was discussion on the use of the field and whether we should allow other Leagues to use our fields. This limits the time our residents can use the field.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt the League should pay something to use the fields. The Town just had to purchase sand.

Mr. Farrell stated that he felt we should charge other leagues from other Towns. Two years ago, the Recreation Committee was thinking that \$50.00 would be a good amount to charge. The question is, because they do maintenance on the fields, should we charge them.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt the Town Board would have to look at what the expenses are first. Then we can decide what we need to charge as a fee. We just ordered sand and it was for \$1,700.00 and we don't know if we will have to order more. The leagues are given a set time to use the field and that means that no one else can use it at that time. He stated that for that right to use the field, for an exclusive, they should pay the fee.

Mr. Farrell stated yes, he felt that all the Leagues that come and use our field should pay a fee to use it and that is why the Recreation Committee set the fee about two years ago. We have had a Women's League from New Paltz who used it regularly last year and they were charged the \$50.00 to use it.

Supervisor Croce asked how it was decided that \$50.00 was a good fee to charge. Did anyone look into what expenses there were and figure out how much to charge?

Mr. Farrell stated that the Recreation Committee felt the same as he in saying. Anyone who uses the field on a regular basis should have to pay to maintain those fields. That is why the Recreation Committee about two years ago, decided that we should be charging. We first looked at just charging the League, but some Leagues have more teams than another, so we went with charging each team a fee. We decided on the \$50.0 because you have to start somewhere. That fee can always be adjusted. The thing is that this is our League and they do a substantial amount of work maintaining the field for everyone else to use.

Supervisor Croce asked what other Leagues he was talking about?

Mr. Farrell stated that the Girls team has not committed yet, but there is the Wallkill Little League and the Wallkill Soft ball and any number of leagues that will be there on any given evening.

Supervisor Croce stated that he is saying that the fee should be based on whatever the cost is to maintain the field. They don't have to cover it all. He stated that he doesn't understand where the \$50.00 came from.

Councilman Farrelly stated that the Recreation Committee, that he was a part of, decided on the amount that each team would be paying in the League to run the League and we also made the decision to charge \$50.00 for other teams because we had to start somewhere. This fee could always be changed if the costs were not being covered. At the time, we were not sure what the costs to run the League would be. Then it was decided that, instead of the Town being responsible for the cost to run the League, the League should be paying its own fees. So we should look at the costs we are incurring now and make any adjustments to the fee.

Supervisor Croce stated so this is a fee per team, for the League and we only have one League right now, with 10 teams. So we will be collecting \$500.00. He stated that he doesn't know if that is enough to cover the prorated expenses for letting them use the field on one day a week(Sunday).

Councilman DePew stated that the issue is, we are tying up that field for that entire day and how many weeks does the League used the field?

Mr. Farrell stated that it was 15 to 16 weeks.

Supervisor Croce stated that for having the privilege of using that field all day, for 16 weeks, they should have to pay something for the use.

Councilman DePew stated that he did not feel that the Town should be a part of paying for softballs and all of that, but they should have to pay to use the property.

Mr. Farrell stated exactly, they should have to pay the fee.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt we also should not look to have teams from outside the community booking the field so that it is available for Town residents, our fire departments or others.

Councilman Farrelly stated that it is hard to police that type of policy. You can't monitor who is there all the time.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt we should use common sense. He stated that we used to have teams playing here that were from Middletown, on the rotation, and the fire departments wanted to use the field, you would go down and talk to them and ask who they were and they would say they were from Middletown. This is a park for our Town residents and our people take precedence over everyone else.

Mr. Farrell stated that even though the League is from Plattekill, there are other people on the teams that are not from Plattekill.

Councilman DePew stated that he was not talking about that situation. He is talking about when we book outside teams to use our fields. It has happened a lot in the past.

Mr. Farrell stated that that situation has not happened in a number of years.

Councilman DePew stated that he is saying that he would rather see the field sit there empty than let an outside team play on it, so that even if a father and son go down there and play catch, the field is there for our residents to use. We want to utilize it for this Town.

There was discussion on several women's teams possibly joining together to form a Women's League and using the field to play on.

Councilman DePew asked if that was the New Paltz League?

Mr. Farrell stated yes, however many of the women are from Plattekill. Councilman Farrelly had a good question, "how do you police this?" He stated that he is not going to walk around asking each person whether they are a Plattekill resident, and if they are not, tell them they can't be here.

Councilman DePew stated he felt the Town Board should set up a clear policy on this. It would make it easier for everyone.

Mr. Farrell stated again that any League will have people who are not always from Plattekill. How far do you want to take this?

Councilman DePew stated that you have to use common sense.

Supervisor Croce stated that as Mr. Farrell has stated, two years ago, a fee was set for the League teams to pay to use the field.

Mr. Farrell stated that this was for other Leagues using the field. The Men's Plattekill Softball League has never paid that fee. They always gave all the money collected to the Town and helped to maintain the field for everyone.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was confused. Did you not just say that two years ago, the Recreation Committee set a \$50.00 fee for leagues to use the field?

Mr. Farrell stated yes, but not our League, the Men's Plattekill Softball League, because they did the maintenance work on the field.

Supervisor Croce stated that we had other organized Leagues that wanted to use our field?

Mr. Farrell stated yes, the women's league paid \$50.00 per team.

Supervisor Croce asked, so then is the question whether or not we are going to have the Men's Plattekill Softball League pay the fee just like any other League would have to? Is that the basis of the question?

Mr. Farrell stated yes.

Supervisor Croce stated then he would say yes, because they have certain privileges in using the field.

Mr. Farrell stated that was what he was asking and what he wanted to know.

Supervisor Croce asked what would the fee be?

Councilman Farrelly stated that he felt, unless they could come up with something better, the \$50.00 that the outside leagues pay should be used.

Supervisor Croce asked if that was a motion?

* Councilman Farrelly made a motion that the Town charge the teams that play on our field, \$50.00 per team for the privilege of playing on our field.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

Councilwoman Delgado asked if the Town Board was going to revisit the amount of the fee to see if it should be changed?

Councilman Farrelly stated that if we do get the Women's League back this year and they pay the \$300.00 for their teams, that gets us a little closer to our expenses and we will just have to revisit the

charge later. Then there can be a proposal to the Town Board that the fee should stay the same or be increased.

Councilman DePew questioned the wording of "Teams who play on our field". He suggested the wording should be "Any organized Team" that comes through to play. He stated that he remembered Mr. Farrell stating something about a "Church League".

The Town Clerk stated that she understood this motion to be for "Leagues" and in using the word "Teams" this would also include Little League and other "Teams". Is this the intention of the Board?

* Councilman Farrelly amended his motion to say: that he made a motion that the Town charge the Adult League Teams that play on our field, \$50.00 per team for the privilege of playing on our field.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had a question. He asked who would be collecting this fee?

Mr. Farrell stated that he collects them and turns them into the Bookkeeper.

Supervisor Croce state then the Bookkeeper can be expecting \$500.00? When do we get it?

Mr. Farrell stated that Mr. Scotto knew he was asking this question this evening and he will see him this weekend to find out when we can expect the funds.

Councilman DePew stated that he would like to see these fees set early in the year so that we are ready to go and have guidelines already set up by this time next year. He felt the Committee should get together and set these things up and present them to the Town Board for approval.

Councilman Farrelly stated again that there was discussion on this situation and at that time there was no fee information and no fee set, so the figure that was chosen, was done so that there was some fee for using the field. If the Town Board feels that it should be adjusted, then they should let the committee know what their feelings are.

Councilman DePew stated that this is the first time he is hearing anything on this issue and he was here last year. He is saying that he would like the committee, when they set or change a fee, to come to the Town Board for approval.

Councilman Farrelly stated that this was done two years ago, before he was here.

Supervisor Croce stated that there is a motion on the floor, and a second.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Farrell stated that Summer Camp is scheduled for this year, June 30th to August 1st. It is a 5 week program that costs \$325.00. We have had one sign up and the second sign up is next week on Tuesday May 27 at 6:00 PM. He stated that he was trying to use the KOA for swimming, but was not able to come to any agreement with them on using the pool. He stated that he has received several employment applications and will begin interviews within a week.

Supervisor Croce asked if he had obtained any bus price quotes as yet?

Mr. Farrell stated that First Student Bus Company usually gives him a good price and he will look into theirs and others in the next week or so.

Mr. Farrell stated that he has also set up a senior bus trip on June 24, 2014 for any senior in the Town of Plattekill. The bus will be going out to the Delaware Water Gap for a historic trolley tour, then they will stop for dinner and a show and on the way home, stop at a gift and candy store in Marshalls Creek.

It should be a fun trip and the cost is \$42.00

Councilman DePew asked if there were other trips?

Mr. Farrell stated that he is looking at doing 4 trips this year.

Councilman DePew asked how the money stands in regards to the budget?

Mr. Farrell stated that he has one for \$875.00 and another at \$850.00.

Councilman DePew questioned whether he obtained three price quotes?

Mr. Farrell stated yes and he should have information for the next Town Board meeting. His goal is to fill the bus.

Mr. Farrell stated that he just wanted to say he thought the Fireworks Event went very well last year and he would suggest that we do the same thing this year.

The Town Board thanked him for his report this evening.

SECTION 5 – ORCHARD HEIGHTS

Supervisor Croce stated that he expected to have more information by this evening but he does not. He stated that the Planning Board has finalized a resolution with all that needs to be done by the applicant. He stated that he has had several phone calls with Mr. Stenger and he would be preparing all the documents. Then the documents have to go to our Attorney, Paul Keller for his review. If the documents are received in time and reviewed by our Attorney, then we may be able to make a decision at the next Town Board Meeting.

SECTION 6 – PLATTEKILL PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Supervisor Croce stated that the Plattekill Public Library had asked to come to this meeting tonight to give a presentation of what the Library has to offer our community. He introduced Mr. John Georghiou who is the Director of the Plattekill Public Library.

Mr. Georghiou gave a power-point presentation explaining all the services that the Library provides to the community and some new services that are yet to come. He stated that the Library Board of Trustees holds their monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM and any one can come and listen to what is going on.

Councilman Farrelly asked who could use the Library?

Mr. Georghiou stated that anyone can come in and use the Library and if they have a Library card, they can also access all the computer programs over the internet.

Councilman DePew asked if they were going to be moving the library?

Mr. Georghiou stated that the Library was looking to move to a new location and they were interested in the old cider mill across the street from the current location. They are looking to see if they could purchase the property and renovate part of the building for the Library. The rest of the building could be renovated and rented to local businesses.

A resident that uses the Library regularly and is a member of the Friends of the Library stated that they are always looking for more space and there is a very limited amount of parking at the current location.

Mr. Georghiou stated that the downstairs room, which is the senior center, is used by a lot of organizations and there is always someone looking to use it. We have a lack of space for this purpose and if the Library were to move to a larger location, we would have more room to offer.

The Town Board thanked the Library representatives for coming in this evening.

SECTION 7 – DISCUSSION ON CULVERT PIPE PROJECT (OLD & NEW UNIONVILLE RD.)

Supervisor Croce explained that the Highway Superintendent, Robert Wager, is working on two large projects to remove and install new culverts on Old Unionville Road and New Unionville Road. These projects are extensive and he feels the Highway Employees would not be able to take the time it would take to make these repairs.

Mr. Wager stated that we are going out to bid to see what the cost for this project would be and if it all works out, we can look into different types of funding for these projects. The projects also include building a dam and putting in the culverts that are 15 or 16 feet in diameter. We could do both projects or only one of the projects at this time. This will have to be decided. There will be a \$25.00 fee for each of the bid packages and we have to obtain DEC permits.

Mr. Wager stated that we would be putting the projects in the local newspaper and we will also be contacting local companies who may be interested in doing this type of project. The projects will include prevailing wage.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to go out to bid for two (2) Culvert Pipe Projects involving Old Unionville Road and New Unionville Road.

Councilman DePew seconded.

Councilman Putnam asked about properties being washed out in the area of these projects.

Mr. Wager stated that these two projects would deal with an infrastructure situation, but there are private properties involved and there are some issues that the property owners will have to work out on their own.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – ENGINEER FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent, Robert Wager, stating that the Highway Engineer would now be Mr. Andrew Willingham.

Mr. Wager explained that Mr. Willingham used to work for Mr. Clouser, but has now gone out on his own with his own business. The Highway Dept. has been using Mr. Willingham all along and now that he has his own business, separate from Mr. Clouser, the Highway Dept. would still like to continue to use Mr. Willingham.

SECTION 9 – REQUEST TO HOST CIRCUS

Supervisor Croce stated that he has shared information with the Town Board on a request to host a Circus in Plattekill. He explained that he received an e-mail from the Walker International Events Company and they will be passing through our area and would like to set up for a one day event with

two shows. The date would be Thursday, June 26, 2014 and they would need an open field to put up the tent and have some access to water. Otherwise, they are totally self-sufficient.

Supervisor Croce read the request and the Town Board discussed allowing them to use the field on the south corner of Patura Road and Rt. 32. If the weather should be wet, the parking field would be the best option.

The Town Board felt that this was a good idea and suggested that the Supervisor contact the company and arrange for them to pay the Town for the use of the property.

There was a question about whether the field would be hayed before this event and Supervisor Croce stated that he had already spoken to Mr. DePew and he will hay the field before this date.

Supervisor Croce stated that he already had a copy of their insurance and they would send fliers to hand out and post and they will be doing their own advertising. He stated that having a hose hooked up at the Pavilion across the street seemed to work for them and they would be supplying everything else from trash receptacles to port-a-potties. They come in in the morning and do two shows and are all packed up and ready to leave by mid-night the same day.

Mr. Wager stated that he made a phone call to someone who had had this company in their Town and they said they packed up everything and left during the night. They were very happy with them.

Supervisor Croce read two references that they supplied.

Councilman DePew stated that he would think Mr. Wager should meet them up there when they arrive and he sees this as a win/win situation for us.

The Town Board discussed the amount of money the Town would charge for the use of the field and the Town Board wanted the Supervisor to start at \$1,000.00 and work the amount down to, at the very least, \$500.00.

* Councilman DePew made a motion that the Town Board agrees to have the Circus on this date (June 26, 2014) if in fact they can use the field on Rt. 32 and the Supervisor should try to negotiate \$1,000.00 for the use of the land including water, going no less than \$500.00.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – SHREDDING OF TOWN DOCUMENTS

Supervisor Croce stated that he has become aware that some paperwork/documents, with confidential or partial confidential information, are just going in the trash/recycle bin. The problem is that we don't know where this paperwork is ending up. He feels that we should think a little more about shredding some of these documents, rather than just throwing them in the garbage.

Supervisor Croce stated that he doesn't want to blame anyone or make it seem that we are doing anything wrong and he feels that he is just as much at fault as anyone else. He just thinks that we should tighten up on throwing away information that could cause a problem for one of our residents. You really have to be careful in this day and age and we don't want to put anyone at risk.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has contacted the company that the Court uses, as they have a container that is sealed and any papers go into this container to be shredded. Then once a month or so the truck comes here and the paper is shredded in the truck while anyone can watch through a monitor.

He stated that the sealed container does come with a key incase anything is put in there by mistake.

Supervisor Croce stated that he received a proposal from this company HV Shred. He did not feel that we would have to have a container in each department, but maybe 2 or 3 containers in the Town Hall. He stated that for service every 4 weeks , which the Court has them come every 8 weeks, it would be \$65.00 for one 65 gal. bin or 36" console. (The Court has a console)

Councilman DePew asked what it would be for 2 bins or consoles?

Supervisor Croce stated that it would be \$130.00 per month.

Councilman Farrelly asked why the Town could not just purchase its own shredders. Don't we already have some shredders?

Supervisor Croce stated that we seem to have a lot of problems with shredders. They only take a page or two at a time and it is very time consuming. They break easily and jam quickly.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he felt this was a lot of money for the Town to pay out each month. We could purchase a really big shredder for a few months cost. How much classified information do we really have that gets throw away? He would think the Court would have a lot, but he was not sure about the rest of the Town Hall.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not feel that everything needed to be shredded, but how does he instruct everyone else to know what to shred and what not to shred. If we just shred everything, then there are no problems.

Supervisor Croce stated that this would be \$130.00 per month or \$1,560.00 per year.

The Town Clerk suggested that maybe we could get some boxes and have everyone put in there what they feel needs to be shredded in one month or two. Then we could have an idea of how much we would have. She stated that she also felt that some times of the year we would have more to shred than at other times. The Assessor takes in information when he does the exemptions in early December through March, so he would have more to shred during the end of March into April, but probably not so much the rest of the year.

Supervisor Croce stated that he could probably call the company and see how much it would cost to do this on demand. He stated that also, with the scenario that was just described, we would have to have a secure place to keep these documents until the shredding was done. He stated that he understands what is being said, but having this company shred for us seems more secure. He stated that the Town of Shawangunk is also interested in what we decide to do as the Supervisor there in concerned that they do not do much shredding either. This is just something that you just don't think about.

Councilman DePew stated that we have to weigh out this situation. If we do purchase a large shredder, that would cost a couple of thousand dollars and last us two or three years, that would be a savings. However, this company does give us a certificate that the documents are shredded and they take the shredded paper with them. So we have to give this some thought. He stated that he would be in favor of somehow trying to keep track of how much paper we generate for a month or so. Maybe we could do this on a trial basis.

Supervisor Croce stated that the letter from the company does say that we can take one or two containers on a 60 day trial basis.

There was discussion on whether we can get them done on a call basis or do we have to have them come on a schedule.

Councilman Farrelly asked if Mr. Wager was going to be a part of this too.

Mr. Wager asked if the Police Dept. had been contacted to see if they would want to be a part of this? He stated that he did not have much information in his office that would be considered confidential, but he could see that the Town Hall may generate some and the Police too.

Councilman Farrelly asked if Mr. Wager knew what the Police did with their documents.

Mr. Wager stated that he was not sure but he agreed that he has more at different times of the year. He stated that he has also discussed this with the Supervisor and maybe we could get a large drop-off box so everyone can put their paper in the same box until we have enough to shred.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would look into this further and try to get some more prices quotes and container prices from other companies. We will also have to look into making some sort of policy so people will know what to shred and what doesn't need to be shredded. He stated he would get back to the Town Board with more information.

SECTION 11 – RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECREATION BUDGET LINE

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt a resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved the increase of Budget Line A7140.4 Playgrounds/Rec Centers Contractual, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this increase is covered from a reimbursement from the State of New York Office of Children and Family Services for our 2013 Recreation Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the year 2014 General Fund Budget Line item A7140.4 Playgrounds/Rec Centers Contractual for the amount of \$1,294.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by the receipt of two (2) checks totaling \$1,294.00. Ck#2191832 for the amount of \$1,113.33 received on 1/24/2014 and Ck#2452554 in the amount of \$180.67 received on 4/16/2014.

Seconded by Councilman Putnam.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Yes
Councilwoman Delgado	Yes
Councilman DePew	Yes

Date: May 21, 2014

SECTION 12 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 5/21/2014, which includes the General Fund amount of \$11,073.07, the Highway Fund amount of \$17,207.13, the Trust & Agency amount of \$5,170.05 and the Debt Service Fund amount of \$165.00 for a total amount of

\$33,615.25 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 13 – ADJOURNMENT

* Councilman DePew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 PM.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.