

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2015

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  
Councilwoman Delgado  
Councilman DePew

Councilman Farrelly was absent.

MINUTES

No minutes were approved this evening.

ADDITIONS

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

1.Circus:

Supervisor Croce stated that he had spoken with the Circus people about coming for a day in August and they suggested that they could be here on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated that he stressed that an August date would be much better as we have Plattekill Day the weekend before the September date.

The Town Board discussed that this date was the week after Plattekill Day and that the kids were back in school with all the school activities and sports going on. They all seemed to agree that the August date would be better if it could be arranged.

Supervisor Croce stated that there was still a possibility that an August date could be agreed upon and he would get back to them saying that we would rather have them here in August.

Councilwoman Delgado suggested explaining to them that they might not get a good crowd to show up if it is in September.

The Town Board all agreed it would be better to have it in August, but if not, they would take the September 23<sup>rd</sup> date.

2.Planning Board & Zoning Board Request for Training:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Planning and Zoning Board Clerk asking for several members to attend a training class on Wed. July 15 in Hyde Park at a cost of \$80.00 per person. He stated that he would also like to attend this training.

The Town Board all agreed that they wanted to support the Planning and Zoning Board members who wanted to attend training. They each have to have 4 hours every year and there is money in the budget to cover the cost.

\* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to authorize Cindy Hilbert, Tom Wilkin, Sis Morse, Bruce Jantzi and Supervisor Croce to attend the training in Hyde Park on July 15, 2015.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Tara Fitzpatrick, a resident who lives on Rt. 32 in the Modena area, stated that she heard that the training class on June 11<sup>th</sup> was very good. She stated that she heard Town employees talking about it. She stated that she also found a complaint form to fill out; however it did not have instructions so she had to ask a few questions to make sure she filled it out correctly. Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that she had left a message with the Assessor because she noticed that, at the County level, there is a notation on the property that states " May be subject to payment due to Ag District law until 2017", but she does not know what this means. She is still waiting for the Assessor to get back to her.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that she has always called this property the "Hurd Farm" but now realizes that it is actually called "Tony's Orchard Llc.". She stated that she was hoping, as a result of the training that the Town Officials took, that someone tonight could make a motion that they could not do any further, new activities, on the property until the Town Board has the time to review the new information. Because they have not come in for permits on any of the current activities, she feels the Town Board needs time to digest the new information.

Supervisor Croce thanked her for her comments.

Mrs. Sis Morse stated that she had two items for the Town Board. The first item was to ask the Town Board to put Nancy Paroli on the Veteran's Committee and the second thing was that she did not see how the Town Board could make a decision on the Zoning issue when they have not had the time to review the information that was presented at the training.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to add Nancy Paroli to the membership of the Veteran's Committee on the recommendation of the Chairperson, Sis Morse.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Willie Castillo, Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals, wanted to thank the Town Board for setting up the training class on June 11, 2015. He stated that there were over 65 local officials that attended and the training was well received.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to thank him for suggesting the training class. He also wanted to thank Mrs. Morse and the Clerks, Dawn Maresca and Sue Bolde, and our Assessor for setting up the room and refreshments.

Supervisor Croce stated that he usually finds that there are more questions after these types of training sessions. There is a lot to digest. We have to take our time and consider all the options and consequences. This decision will affect the Town in years to come. We have to be very careful.

Mr. Castillo stated that he just wants everyone to know that the Town Board is working on the issues before them. It sometimes takes a long time because they have to make changes that will affect everyone, not just the specific properties where there is an issue right now.

Mrs. Coppola asked when the public could have some information on what went on at the training class?

Supervisor Croce stated that he thought the Zoning Board Clerk was going to try to put something together for the Planning Board and Zoning Board members that were not able to attend, but he did not ever remember bringing information back to the public from a training session.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she understood what he was saying, however in this case, the Town Board has been discussing these issues out on the open floor and the public wants to know what was discussed.

Mr. Castillo gave Mrs. Coppola a paper that he had which looked like a handout from the training session.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick stated that she wanted to thank Mrs. Coppola for bringing up this point; however there are zoning regulations that already address the issues that have not been applied. There are certain parties that have not been treated the same.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had asked the Building Inspector to be here this evening to answer her concerns, however he had another meeting this evening and we are hoping that he will be here before our meeting is finished.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she doesn't like to see laws put on the books and is not looking forward to seeing new laws being put on for these situations.

Supervisor Croce thanked everyone for their comments and asked if anyone else would like to speak.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2015

Supervisor Croce read the May 2015 monthly report from the Plattekill Police Dept. He read that there were 281 documented calls for service and 175 traffic tickets issued. There were a total of 10 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Plattekill Police with 4 injuries reported.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter as it was lengthy and stated that if anyone wanted a copy they could obtain the entire Police monthly report at the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read that there were many cases worked by the Detectives including 3 Grand Larceny cases, 1 Petit Larceny case, 2 ID Theft cases, 3 Burglary cases, 1 Animal Cruelty case and 1 Criminal Mischief case. Cases closed included 2 Burglary cases, 1 Petit Larceny case and 1 ID Theft case.

Supervisor Croce read that the vehicles were all in good working order. He read that Chief Ryan and Sergeant Carroll attended a Leadership and Liability training class at the Orange County Emergency 911 Center.

Supervisor Croce read that the #3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bruce Loertscher Memorial Scholarship Pig Roast was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> and the event was a complete success as the PBA raised over \$3,500.00. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success.

Supervisor Croce stated that it was a great day for this event; besides the pig roast there was a band playing music and a car show. Everyone had a great time and the PBA raised enough money to give out scholarships for graduating students in all four school districts.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she wanted to thank the Supervisor for not reading the Arrest Blotter section of the report because even though people may be arrested, they are not necessarily guilty. She is concerned because the names get in the newspaper and if they are found not guilty, everyone still remembers that the name appeared in the newspaper as being arrested.

Ms. Guarneri asked if there was any mention, in the report, of where the burglaries were occurring in Town?

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not have that information in the report. He suggested that an individual could call the police station to obtain that information.

#### SECTION 2 – BULDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2015

Supervisor Croce stated that the Building Inspector is supposed to be here this evening, if he can get out of his other meeting. We will wait for him so he can give the report himself.

#### SECTION 3 – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Ms. Stephanie Doland was present to read her report for the Recreation Dept. She stated that T-Ball was now completed. She stated that the only change she would suggest for next year was to limit the age range to just the younger children.

Ms. Doland stated that the Spring Soccer session was also completed. The program went very well with a variety of age levels.

Ms. Doland stated that the Facebook Page was currently up and running and has had over 100 “likes”. Once Summer Camp starts the page will be the primary way to communicate with most of the parents. It will be the quickest way to communicate with everyone and the few, who cannot get to this page, can be contacted by phone. She stated that the page is listed under “Town of Plattekill NY Recreation Page” and there is a privacy setting locked on the page so that she will be notified anytime someone makes a comment or tries to post a picture.

Ms. Doland stated that a lot has been accomplished with Summer Camp. All the interviews are complete for camp counselors and background checks have been done. She stated that she held a successful staff safety meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and had an Open House for campers and their parents to attend to receive their Parent Handbooks and schedules. She stated that currently there were 72 children signed up for camp with a few more sign-ups expected as camp begins on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Croce explained that Ms. Doland has put a lot of time and effort in making sure everything is ready for opening day of camp. All the trips have been scheduled and this evening she is giving us a list of the counselors to hire and the bus company to use. She has also obtained several price quotes for purchasing the camp T-shirts.

Councilwoman Delgado suggested that she obtain a price quote from the company that the Wallkill School District uses for their sports T-shirts.

Ms. Doland explained that she would try to get a price quote from them, however she needs to order the shirts as soon as possible so she will have them for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would suggest getting a price quote from this new company next time as the Town Board would not be meeting again until after Summer Camp starts.

Ms. Doland stated that the company she is suggesting to us this year gave her a great price and did not charge her extra to have the staff shirts personalized. She would like to stay with this company for this year.

The Town Board had a short discussion on the cost for camp and that the Town of Plattekill Camp is by far lower in cost than camps in neighboring Towns.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ms. Doland and to move forward with hiring the staff as listed on the paperwork given to the Town Board this evening, to use Hudson Valley Impressions to obtain Summer Camp T-shirts at a cost of \$716.61 and to use First Student as the Camp Bus Company.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 4 – ASSESSOR’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2015

Councilwoman Delgado read the Assessor’s Office monthly report from May 2015. She read that there were 7 Transfers, 2 Arm’s Length transactions, 1 Vacant, 5 Residential, 1 Commercial sales and the sales price of residential homes only was \$114,771.

#### SECTION 5 – BANDS FOR THE RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

Councilman DePew stated that he called nine different bands and obtained the following three price quotes:

- 1) The “Breaking Justice Band” was a 3 piece band with two members residing in Plattekill. He stated that they have played in Plattekill at many venues and play all types of music. They will have a CD playing while on breaks and Nancy Paroli is volunteering her time for the evening so the cost will be \$200.00 to cover the other two members of the band.
- 2) The “Rico Suave Band” at \$125.00 per hour.
- 3) The “Neon Moon Band” which is the same band that played at the PBA Pig Roast at \$400.00.

The Town Board discussed the three different bands and most members had heard the Breaking Justice Band and the Neon Moon Band.

\* Councilman Putnam made a motion to hire the Breaking Justice Band for the July Red, White and Blue Celebration at a cost of \$200.00.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 6 – PLATTEKILL FIRE DISTRICT - CONTRACT FOR SALE

Supervisor Croce stated that the Plattekill Fire District Attorney and the Town Attorney, Mr. Paul Kellar, have been working on an agreement for the Town to sell its portion of the property that is jointly owned by both entities to the Fire District. Mr. Kellar has suggested that the Fire District, since they initiated this proposal, should pay for all the Town's attorney costs. He stated that he felt this would be a good idea.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has also been thinking about this situation and the sale of the property to the Fire District. He stated that the Town has asked for the right to use the unused portion of the property in the future, but he was thinking of another scenario. What if we sell them the property and they end up not doing the projects that they are proposing and then they sell the property. Where does that leave the Town? He stated that he did not think that this would happen, however we need to make sure the Town does not lose out on this.

The Town Board agreed that something should be put in the agreement although they did not think that this would happen.

SECTION 7 – POLICE STATION ADDITION

Supervisor Croce stated that the Police Department is proposing to build an addition to the current Police Station building. They have hired an architect and will be paying him with funds from the Police Seizure funds. They would like to set up an interview room and create a new entrance to bring in juveniles and others.

Supervisor Croce stated that there has been an offer to donate the windows, roofing and siding. They are still working on the plans at this point. The Chief and the Lieutenant may be here at the next meeting with more information. He stated that the architect should be e-mailing the plans to him and then he can distribute them out to everyone for review. He stated that he felt the plans should be stamped from a certified architect for liability reasons.

The Town Board agreed that this would be a good idea.

SECTION 8 – CABLEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT EXPIRES SOON

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been in contact with Cablevision, the company that supplies the Town's cable TV. It appears that the latest franchise agreement will expire in August 2015. He stated that he will be meeting with a representative on June 22, 2015 and if any Town Board member has any thoughts, questions or requests to please get them to him by this date. He stated that he would like to see them supply the Town Park with internet service as part of the new agreement.

The Town Clerk stated that the Town Hall receives free internet and she was quite sure the Plattekill Elementary School still receives free internet. These types of items can be requested.

The Town Board discussed the possibility of having another cable company, like Time Warner, come into Town.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not know if this was possible. This will be part of the discussion on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would take notes at his meeting with the Cablevision representative and get information back to the Town Board.

#### SECTION 9 – FIREWORKS CONTRACT - RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

Supervisor Croce explained that he had only received two price quotes for the fireworks display at the Red, White & Blue Celebration. Most other companies will not give a price quote under \$25,000.00. He stated that the Town has a fixed amount to spend and the fireworks company had to come in at that number or less.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received two contracts; one from Fireworks Extravaganza and one from Garden State Fireworks both coming in at the \$7,000.00 amount. So the decision is then based on what they are offering to do for that amount.

The Town Board looked through the contracts and felt that Fireworks Extravaganza, the company the Town used last year, had the better assortment of fireworks and they had also done a great job last year.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to use Fireworks Extravaganza for the fireworks display at the Red, White & Blue Celebration on July 11, 2015 (rain date 7/12/15) at a cost of \$7,000.00.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that, as he understands it, the fireworks event came about as a way to say thank you to all our residents. Also, all the vendors are Town organizations and not-for-profits that benefit from this event and many use this event as their yearly fundraiser. It is a win-win event for everyone involved.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Building Inspector, Joe LoCicero, must not have been able to get away from his previously scheduled meeting to be here this evening. We will try to have him at the next meeting.

#### SECTION 10 – VOUCHERS

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 6/17/2015, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$19,033.92, the Highway Fund amount of \$17,779.43, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$609.83 and the Modena Light District amount of \$1,088.63 for a total amount of \$38,511.81 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has attended 2 meetings in regards to replacing our street lights with LED lights. He stated that the street lights are the biggest electrical expense that the Town has. There is

talk about the Town's purchasing the street lights. If we were to do this, we may be able to claim shared services as we would need our own bucket trucks to maintain them. We could share these maintenance services with other Towns. He stated that that would be down the road. He stated that they were just in the stages of applying for grants.

Councilman Putnam asked if the Town's could just purchase the lights and then have Central Hudson maintain them and supply the electric?

Supervisor Croce stated that could be one option; there are various options out there. And new technology is always evolving.

#### SECTION 11 - ADJOURNMENT

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.