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TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2016

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

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 30, 2015 Special Settlement Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 30, 2015 Special Settlement Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

1) Alex Robisch – Eagle Scout Project:

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one addition to the evening's agenda. He stated that we recently had a Boy Scout complete his Eagle Scout Project and he is here this evening to have the Town Board sign off on its completion. Supervisor Croce asked Alex Robisch to explain what he did for his Eagle Scout Project.

Alex explained that he removed all the bricks that were previously put in by another Eagle Scout Project many years ago, and put them back in with new sand and edging boards. He also replaced or trimmed some of the older bushes that were in the flag area at the end of the walkway, which was originally another Eagle Scout Project. The original project now looks refreshed and ready for many years to come.

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Alex explained that he had raised more funds than he needed to complete the project, so he was donating the extra funds to the Town to put towards the maintenance of the area. He also had a bag of sand left over and he was donating that too.

The Town Board agreed that the project was needed and he did a wonderful job fixing the walkway. The Town Board thanked him for doing this project and signed off on it as completed.

PUBLIC INPU

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy, residents of Summerset Drive, asked the Town Board for help in dealing with a problem of chickens running loose on their property. They explained that the neighbor's chickens come to their yard and dig up all the landscaping that they have done.

Mr. Lundy stated that they have spoken to the neighbor about the chickens, but she does not seem to think it is a problem.

Councilman DePew asked if they had put in a complaint to the Building Department?

Mr. Lundy stated that they did come into the Town Hall, but they were told that there are no Town Codes that cover chickens and they were told to come to the Town Board. That is why they are here tonight.

Supervisor Croce stated that it would help to have a formal complaint and for that complaint to be documented. He asked if they had approached the neighbor.

Mr. Lundy stated yes, but the neighbor doesn't feel that it is an issue and continues to allow the chickens to roam freely on their property. They have done a lot of damage to the shrubs and garden around their house.

Supervisor Croce stated that they should come in and make a formal complaint to the Building Dept. and he stated that his door is always open during the day too. He suggested that they could also make an appointment with his secretary to come in and discuss the situation.

There were no further comments or questions from the public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input Section of the meeting at 7:12 PM
Councilman Farrelly seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – GREATER HUDSON VALLEY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

Supervisor Croce stated that the representatives for the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center were present this evening to speak with the Town Board. They are in front of the Planning Board and had a Public Hearing last week. They are looking to put in a Health Center in the Plattekill area, in the triangle shaped property on Firehouse Rd. and Rt. 32.

Mr. Furst, Attorney for the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center, stated that they had their Public Hearing on the project last week and received many positive comments; this will be great for the community. He stated that they have to set up a "landscaping bond" with the Town, however the Town Attorney, Mr. Kellar, wants them to do a Letter of Credit instead, which they have no problem with doing.

Mr. Furst continued stating that there are sidewalk regulations, according to the Town Code, that say they are required to put in sidewalks. He stated that the Planning Board feels sidewalks would not work at this site or location and they were also looking to ask the Town Board for a waiver, not to have to build sidewalks. He stated that he also has a letter from the DOT saying that they do not have to build a sidewalk on Rt. 32 as they just don't work at this site and location. He stated that the Town Code does have wording that in lieu of putting in sidewalks, they can make a payment to a special account for construction of sidewalks in the future.

Mr. Furst stated that he did not feel the GHVFHC should have to pay anything to this account because they have the letter stating that the sidewalks don't work in this situation. Since they never have to put the sidewalks in, he did not feel they should have to pay anything, so he was looking to obtain a waiver from the Town Board. The GHVFHC is also a not-for-profit agency and therefore they are looking to reduce costs wherever possible.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was also at the Public Hearing last week and our code reads that if sidewalks are not to be constructed, the Planning Board may waive the construction of sidewalks and instead the applicant can pay to a fund, in lieu of putting them in. He stated that he felt the code does say they would have to pay into the fund if not doing the sidewalks. He stated that we have had other applicants pay into the sidewalk fund in the past and he felt the Town Board has come up with a fair amount for this situation.

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town Engineer suggests the cost of putting in the sidewalk and he includes funds for all the requirements that are part of the Town hiring someone to put them in. He stated that it has been discovered, with past projects, that it is cheaper in the long run to put the sidewalks in as part of the project, than to pay into the fund.

Another representative from the Health Center project stated that they have agreed to put in a sidewalk where the bus will stop on Rt. 32.

Supervisor Croce explained that the UCAT busses, out of Kingston, sent a letter stating that they would only make a stop at the end of Firehouse Rd. and Rt. 32.

Mr. Furst explained that the corner where the bus will stop; is not their property.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not happy with the UCAT bus not stopping at the entrance to the facility. He explained that when they met with the UCAT representative, they said that they would only change their scheduled route if there was proof of the volume of riders increasing to that facility.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not feel it made sense to put sidewalks on Rt. 32, but he asked if they would consider putting a sidewalk in from the corner of Firehouse Rd. and Rt. 32. He stated that in looking at the map, 1" equals 20 feet, so that would be approximately 320 feet.

The Town Board discussed various scenarios where sidewalks would be possible, even though Firehouse Rd. was narrow.

Supervisor Croce stated again that putting in the sidewalk while the project is being done, often is much cheaper than what the Town Engineer would be suggesting be put in the sidewalk fund. You would still have to put them in at the Town specifications.

Councilman Putnam suggested that they could also put a sidewalk in on another location and he showed the Supervisor where that was on the map of the property project.

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Supervisor Croce stated that he had not thought about putting in a sidewalk there, but that would work too. He stated again that he did not feel the Town could totally waive the sidewalk fee. He stated that it was not the Town Boards intent to prolong this process, but he felt something could be worked out with this sidewalk issue.

Supervisor Croce stated that the e-mail from Mr. Clouser was suggesting \$20,200.00 for the landscaping Letter of Credit. He stated that if they could work out the Letter of Credit, then the Town Board could move on that issue at the next Town Board meeting.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to have the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center set up a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$20,200.00 for the Landscaping (Bond).

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 2 – ETHICS BOARD

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received several requests from residents about reinstating a Board of Ethics for the Town. He stated that he has been on the Town Board since 2010 and he has not seen the Town Board appoint anyone to this Board. He stated that he spoke to the Town Attorney and has received some comments from him and has also obtained some Ethics Codes from neighboring Towns. He stated that the original Board of Ethics was started by the adoption of a local law in 1970. He stated that he would like to have the Town Board appoint an Ethics Board for the Town, but he would like the Town Board to review our code and review some codes from other Towns. He stated that he felt the wording in our Code should be updated before doing any appointments. He stated that he felt that if we were going to do this, we should do it correctly.

Councilman Farrelly stated that currently the Town Board appoints the members.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, and he would also like to ask the Town Board to think about who they would like to appoint to this position.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would share the information he has received from other Towns on their Ethics Codes and the Town Board should review them for future discussion.

SECTION 3 – PILGRIM PIPELINE – LEAD AGENCY

Supervisor Croce stated that this Town Board is on record that we do not want the Pilgrim Pipeline and we also made a decision that we wanted the DEC to take Lead Agency on this project.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received information that the DEC and the Thruway are going to be Co-Lead Agents and he stated that he has never heard of this happening before. He stated that he wants to protest this decision and make it known that the DEC should be the only Lead Agent.

Supervisor Croce stated that he feels the Thruway Authority will be receiving a monetary fee for the oil being pumped through these pipes and should not be the Lead Agency. He was asking for permission from the rest of the Town Board to protest this decision.

The Town Board stated that they were behind him on this decision as they have an interest in the finished project. The Thruway Authority also does not have anyone in their agency that does

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environmental assessments. The Town Board was in agreement to protest the Co-Agency as Lead Agency for this project.

SECTION 4 – NOISE METERS

Supervisor Croce explained that Councilwoman Delgado has done a lot of work on researching the purchase of new sound/noise meters and has been working on this with the Chief of Police. Unfortunately, the Chief could not be here this evening so we will put discussion on this issue off until the meeting on February 17, 2016.

SECTION 5 – UTILITY SUPPLIER

Supervisor Croce read the price quotes from several companies that the Town of Plattekill could purchase electric from instead of Central Hudson. He noted that one company, Virginia Energy Supplies, had a lower price if we took a one year contract and a higher price if we took a longer contract. This did not seem to make sense to him.

The Town Board discussed the different price quotes and decided that GDF Suez was the cheaper cost for a 1 year contract.

* Councilman Farrelly made a motion to use GDF Suez for electric for the period of February 2016 to January 2017, which is for 12 months.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 6 – FLYERS CLUB

Supervisor Croce read a Zoning Board memo asking the Town Board to refund the Flyer's Club ZBA fee of \$250.00, as they were sent to this Board erroneously.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to refund the ZBA fee of \$250.00 that was paid by the Flyer's Club.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Schindler, a member of the Flyer's Club, stated that the Planning Board has now told them to come to the Town Board to ask for a Special Use Permit; however he does not see how this will help their situation.

Mr. Schindler then gave the Town Board a letter stating that they purchased the additional property and did a lot line revision and they want to make some changes to the original site plan.

Supervisor Croce stated that he thought they had figured all this out using the General Business Law Section 249. He stated that he felt the crux of the problem is that the Code was changed after they received their approvals initially.

Mr. Tom Wilkin, a member of the Planning Board, was present and stated that part of what he was saying was true and then-again no. He stated that Airports don't have to be in the code if the Town can sign off that there is no interference with other forms of Transportation. He stated that he felt the

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Town Board could do a resolution and include specifications and then send them back to the Planning Board where they could follow-up on what the Town Board has approved.

Supervisor Croce stated that by the General Business Law Section 249, it says that the Town Board has the right to make these decisions and he has no problem with going in this direction, but he would have to review and examine the changes in regards to the original resolution.

There was some discussion that they wanted to allow planes with more horsepower to land at the airport. There was concern that more horsepower meant larger planes would be landing there and also an increase in the noise.

Mr. Schindler stated that the length of the runway limits the size of the planes coming in. Larger planes still cannot land on the shorter runway. He stated that new technology allows for more horsepower in the smaller planes and there is less noise than some of the older planes with less horsepower.

Mr. Schindler stated that they also would like to allow helicopters and they want to add 7 more hangers.

Supervisor Croce stated that he is thinking that the Town Board can gather some information and forward it to the Town Attorney for his review. The only thing is that this will cost a little, but after his opinion, then the Town Board can consider some of the changes that are being asked for.

Mr. Schindler laughed and asked how much to put in an escrow account.

Supervisor Croce suggested that they give the Town \$1,000.00 to put in an escrow account to pay the Attorney expense.

Mr. Schindler indicated that he would have the check sent to the Town.

Mr. Castillo stated that he wanted to bring to everyone's attention that he saw an article in the newspaper that the Flyers Club was working with the local BOCES in Ulster County to train people who want to work on plane engines. He stated that he felt this was a wonderful thing for our community and shows that they want to be a part of our community.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, and that they have also worked with members of the Modena Fire Dept. too.

Councilman Putnam stated that he wanted the Flyer's Club to understand that the Town Board is certainly for this project and supports the Airport.

Mr. Schindler and other members of the Flyer's Club who were present this evening, thanked the Town Board for their time in dealing with this situation.

SECTION 7 – PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Croce wanted everyone to know that the Town Board had interviewed four applicants for the open Planning Board member position, on Jan. 14, 2016 and he wanted to thank them for their interest in being a part of that Board.

Supervisor Croce stated that after the interviews, the Town Board made a decision and motion to appoint Lorraine Morano for the seven year term.

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SECTION 8 – ASSESSOR TRAINING

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Assessor, Matt Sabia, asking for the Town Board to approve him attending two classes at the NYS Office of Real Property. There will be little or no cost to the Town.

Supervisor Croce reminded everyone that the Assessor position has certification qualifications that must be met during an Assessor's service in that position. He stated that the memo had the class list attached.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to send Matt Sabia to the Assessor Classes at a cost of \$110.00 plus mileage and meals.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – E-ROCK SOCCER CAMP

Supervisor Croce explained that Mr. Eric Watson has used the Town Park for the past several years to run a Soccer Camp in July. He stated that he is once again asking to have the camp for one week, from July 25th to July 29th, 2016. The Camp would run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday and 9:00 AM to 12 noon on Friday.

There was some discussion about whether this Camp would interfere with the Town Camp that would also be at the Park on those days.

Supervisor Croce stated that he spoke with the Assistant Recreation Director and there should not be a problem. We have had both camps there in previous years.

There was more discussion on whether the Fireworks Event would have anything to do with this week.

Supervisor Croce stated no, the Fireworks Event is always the weekend after the 4th of July and that would put the Fireworks Event on July 9th. There should not be a problem.

Supervisor Croce stated that this Camp usually pays the Town for the use of the facility and last year he paid \$350.00.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow Mr. Eric Watson from the E-Rock Soccer Camp to use the Thomas Felten Park from July 25th to July 29th, 2016 at a fee of \$350.00 plus a \$100.00 returnable deposit to use the Pavilion.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – POLICE MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015.

Supervisor Croce read the Police Monthly Report for December 2015. He read that there were 278 documented calls for service. The total number of traffic tickets issued was 83 and there were 13 motor vehicle accidents handled with 3 persons reporting injuries.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter and anyone wanting this information can obtain a copy of the monthly report in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective Report which stated that they worked on 4 Burglary cases, 2 Fraud cases, 1 Missing Person case, 2 Petit Larceny cases, 2 Grand Larceny cases, 1 Drug Investigation, 2

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Assists for UPM Arrests, 1 Harassment case, 1 Public Lewdness case, 1 Assault case and 1 Criminal Trespass case. The Detectives also closed 3 Burglary cases, 1 Missing Person case, 1 Petit Larceny case and 1 Assault case.

Supervisor Croce read that the Police Dept. had their 4th Annual Touch Football Game with area youth on Dec. 19th, 2015 at the Thomas Felten Park. Members of the Town of Plattekill Police Dept., the Kingston Police Dept. and US Marshals battled against the Plattekill Area Youth with the game ending in regulation tie at 6. The victory was awarded to the Plattekill Youth after the game due to numerous injuries to the older cops who decided not to compete in overtime.

Supervisor Croce read that several awards were given out at the Annual Holiday Party held in December 2015. The Chief's Award went to Police Officer and URGENT Investigator Oscar Lopez. Eight Officers were awarded Excellent Police Duty Awards, 1 Officer received a Meritorious Police Duty Award, and three Officers were awarded Letters of Merit.

Supervisor Croce finished the report reading that all the police cars were in good condition and no major repairs were needed.

SECTION 11 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

Councilwoman Delgado read the Building Dept. Monthly Report for December 2015. She read that there were 13 Permits issued, 3 Violation issued, 0 Violations closed, 39 Inspections done including complaints, buildings, violations, fire safety, Certificates of Occupancy and Certificates of Compliance, 3 Complaints, 11 Municipal Searches and 16 CC & C of O's issued. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and Zoning and subdivision issues.

SECTION 12 – ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

Councilman DePew read the Assessor Monthly Report for December 2015. He read that there were 14 transfers, 3 foreclosures, 6 arms-length transactions, 5 vacant and 4 residential. He read that the sale price of residential homes only, for December, was \$169,842.

SECTION 13 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Report for December 2015. He read that there were a total of 10 calls, 2 Police calls, 3 cases closed or resolved, 0 open cases, 0 dogs impounded or seized, 0 dogs redeemed, 0 dogs adopted or transferred to rescues, 0 Tickets issued, 0 dogs in the kennel, 0 dangerous dog hearings in Court and 0 cases under investigation.

SECTION 14 – RECREATION

Ms. Stephanie Doland, the Town Assistant Recreation Director, was present and read through her report. She stated that the Community Day at Rocking Horse Ranch had been set up for March 13th, 2016 and she would be selling tickets on a schedule to be announced at a later date.

Ms. Doland stated that she has started work on the new information packets for the 2016 Summer Camp and they will be available soon. The new packet will include a social media policy, a section on

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frequently asked questions and information on extending the camp to 6 weeks. She stated that she was also working on setting up a policy for scholarships and how they will be awarded.

Ms. Doland stated that she would be contacting those families that took part in the Camp program last year to make sure they have a chance to sign up again this year and she also would like to make a float or have campers march together in the Memorial Day Parade.

Ms. Doland stated that the Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, March 26th at 1:00 PM at the Thomas Felten Park and the rain date will be Saturday, April 2nd, at 1:00 PM.

Ms. Doland stated that she was thinking about having a Spring Family Sporting Day at the Park on Saturday, April 30th. She is planning some Olympic style Family Sports games and activities. She is still working on planning what they will do.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she could see some parents signing up for the 5 weeks of camp and then at the end of the 5 weeks, wanting to do the additional week.

Ms. Doland stated that she was anticipating this also and had some strategies for working this out. She stated that there is money in the budget to have additional staff if we need it during that last week. She stated that they are also looking at having some of the older campers work as "counselors in training".

Supervisor Croce stated that he has spoken with our insurance company and, for a small fee, we can get a rider to cover any volunteer who is helping the Town. This will not only cover this issue for Summer Camp, but will also cover us with volunteers on other projects or events.

There was discussion on what the Counselors in Training would do.

Ms. Doland explained that they would pay \$100.00 to attend camp to pay for going on any trips and then they would work with a counselor on activities within their group. They would always have a counselor with them at all times.

There was discussion to only have a few Counselors in Training so that the number of people did not cause the Town to have to pay for an additional bus.

There was discussion on setting up a scholarship program as this has been requested in the past. The Rotary Club and other organizations have paid for campers who could not afford the camp fee.

Ms. Doland stated that she was still working on this policy and was incorporating parts of policy from Towns that already have this program. She stated that she would get the information to the Town Board as soon as she has a final draft.

The Town Board thanked Ms. Doland for all her time and effort that she has put into this program and all the other Town programs and events.

SECTION 15 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 1/20/2016, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$29,977.73, the Highway Fund amount of \$37,222.58, the Capital Projects amount of \$67.16, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$647.54, the Modena Light District amount of \$1,159.84 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$1,283.75 for a total amount of \$70,358.60 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment. Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

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On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 16 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.