

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 18, 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
- Councilwoman Delgado
- Councilman DePew

Councilman Farrelly was absent.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 20th and May 4th, 2016 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 4, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS:

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

1.Highway Floating Holiday:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent stating that the Highway Dept. will be closed on June 30, 2016 as the Highway Dept. will be taking their floating holiday that day.

2.Letter From Library Trustees – Re: Meeting with Town Board:

Supervisor Croce read a letter that he had received this afternoon, from the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Director, suggesting that the Town Board set up a committee, from the Town Board, to discuss the possible purchase of the current Library and Senior Center Building. The Town Board, at a previous meeting, had decided to just ask the Library Board to come to a regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam stated that he thought it might be a better idea to have a committee to discuss the possible purchase, instead of doing it on the open floor at a Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado and Councilman DePew stated that they would be the committee if the rest of the Town Board was in agreement.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Delgado and Councilman DePew as an exploratory committee for the discussion of the possible transfer of property located at 2047 Rt. 32 in Modena.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

3. Employee Union Contract:

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been working on the renewal of the Employee Union Contract and there are not too many changes from the last one. He stated that this contract will run from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018 and there will be compensation increases of 2% increase as of January first 2016, another 2% as of January 17 and again an increase of 2% as of January 2018. He stated that they have also agreed to purchase a jacket for the Assessor, per contract, to wear with the Town emblem so that when he goes out in the field he will be easily identified. He stated that there were a few other housekeeping types of items that are inconsequential. He stated that he would get copies to the rest of the Town Board for their review.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy were present to inform the Town Board that they were still having an issue with their neighbor's chickens. It seems that they did put up the fence, but the chickens are still able to roam free and have made a mess of their yard. They wanted to know if the Town Board has decided to look into adopting a local law on owning chickens.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board had not moved on a local law and he was not sure that he wanted to have a local law involving chickens or other types of fowl. He stated that he felt this as a civil matter and that they should take the neighbor to court. He stated that he did not feel that a local law would be a cure-all for this situation.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she did not think she would be in favor of a local law either.

Councilman Putnam stated that he has heard of other complaints about chickens and roosters.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt this situation would be a type of harassment and felt that they could go to civil court. He stated that he felt they could file a civil action.

There was discussion on what type of local law they would adopt.

Supervisor Croce stated that he remembered seeing a draft law from another area Town, but it mostly dealt with roosters. He suggested that if it could be something simple like "keep your livestock on your own property", then maybe he could see adopting something like that. He stated that he felt the owner of the chickens was being unreasonable. He asked the other Town Board members if they would be interested in something saying that you are required to keep your own animals, livestock or something like that, on your own property.

The other Town Board members stated yes.

Mrs. Gilman stated that up until last fall, there was a group of chickens that were constantly at Stewarts. She stated that she doesn't see them there anymore.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he remembered them being there. But someone must have spoken to the owners because he has not seen them there lately.

Councilman DePew stated that the Town Board would take their comments into consideration, but for now, he would suggest that Mr. and Mrs. Lundy could proceed to take them to court. He stated that he did not want to ignore them, but if we adopt something it has to be for all residents and they would not be making a law just for one situation.

Supervisor Croce asked that they keep in touch with him so he could let the Town Board members know if something is worked out.

Mr. Tom Wilkin, a resident from New Hurley Road and member of the Planning Board, stated that when the new Town Codes were being adopted in 2005, they pulled the codes on fowl because there was an issue on the way the number of fowl was counted. They counted in "units" instead of simple numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy stated that they would keep the Town Board informed on what happens in civil court.

Mrs. Figueroa asked the Town Board if the Wallkill School Budget passed?

Supervisor Croce stated that he heard Wallkill passed, but Highland didn't.

Mrs. Figueroa asked then can he explain if the taxes are going up?

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town does not have anything to do with the School District budget. He stated that she should contact someone on the School Board or attend one of their meetings. He stated that the Town Board only deals with the Town Budget.

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 7:30 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that, due to computer problems here at the Town Hall, we did not receive a monthly report from the Building Dept. or the Assessor's Office. We will double up on these reports next month.

SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2016

Supervisor Croce read the Police Dept. Monthly Report for April 2016. He stated that there were 269 documented calls for service with a total number of traffic tickets at 110. There were 11 motor vehicle accidents with 4 people reporting injuries.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter and informed everyone that a copy of this complete report could be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective Report which stated that the Detectives worked on these cases: 1 Burglary 2nd and 1 Burglary 3rd, 1 unattended death, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 petit Larcenies, 2

Grand Larcenies 1 Public Lewdness and 1 Fraud. They also closed the following cases; 1 Burglary 2nd, 1 Public Lewdness and 1 Grand Larceny. There was one Warrant drawn for Grand Larceny.

Supervisor Croce read that the Annual Bruce Loertscher Memorial Scholarship Pig Roast has been scheduled for Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 1:00 PM, at the Thomas Felten Park. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office or from any of the officers. Last year they were able to give four \$500.00 scholarships to graduating students, one from each of the School Districts in Town. He stated that he felt this was a very worthwhile event and suggested that anyone who is able to attend; should.

Supervisor Croce finished by reading that Willard Sutton, who has been a Plattekill Police Officer for the past 32 years will be retiring on June 30, 2016. Officer Sutton will be missed by all who have come to know him and love him as a person and professionally. He has been an outstanding officer and he will be missed.

SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL

Councilwoman Delgado read the Dog Control Report from April 2016. She read that there were 12 calls to service from the Plattekill PD, State Police or the Ulster County Sherriff's Dept. She read that he responded to 2 active complaints and that there were currently no open cases, no stray dogs impounded, no tickets issued and there were no dogs in the kennel.

Councilwoman Delgado finished by reading that Mr. McKee had received a number of calls regarding wild animals. He wanted to remind residents that there are natural life cycles of wild animals that are indigenous to our area and they should not be interfered with. He stated that the slogan "If you care, Leave it there" should be followed unless there is an immediate threat to public safety.

SECTION 3 – RECREATION REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the May 2016 Monthly Report for the Recreation Dept. He read that Summer Camp Registration was still open and that she had 52 Campers signed up so far and the weeks are evenly split for 5 and 6 weeks. Registration will be open until June 4th.

Supervisor Croce read that the first Camp Staff Meeting will be on June 8, 2016 and she is still looking for a lifeguard and an EMT if anyone knows of someone who might be interested in either of these jobs.

Supervisor Croce read that the Senior Spring Picnic will be held on June 18, 2016 at 12:00 noon at the Clintondale Friends Social Hall. There is no charge for seniors, but reservations are required and can be made by leaving a voicemail for Stephanie on her phone at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Croce read that Spring Sports Programs are almost done with 2 weeks left and they have averaged approximately 20 children at each sport.

Supervisor Croce finished by reading that there will be a Summer Camp Float in the Memorial Day Parade and any campers that would like to ride on the float are invited to do so. Contact Stephane or check the Facebook page for details.

SECTION 4 – HIGHWAY AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

Supervisor Croce stated that the Highway Superintendent has put together his annual Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys for expenditures on repairs and purchases for 2016. The Town Board is asked to review and sign the Agreement, which is attached to these minutes.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to accept the Agreement of the Expenditure of Highway Moneys that is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 5 – PURCHASE OF LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR PUBLICIST

Councilman DePew stated that he did a lot of research on many different companies to find a computer that would be suitable for the Town Publicist. He stated that he also looked into obtaining an external hard drive for storage and a case to keep it safe. He stated that he looked locally and through the State Contracts.

He obtained many price quotes, but for the record, he received a price quote from Best Buy of \$988.00, a price quote from Staples of \$982.00 and a price quote from Dell at 812.00. The \$812.00 price quotes include 1 terabyte of external hard drive for \$79.00 and a case somewhere between \$30.00 to \$35.00. He stated that the prices quotes could go up 3% if we do not act on this within 30-days of the quote.

There was some discussion that this was not a State Bid price quote, but it was a quote directly from Dell with the programs needed by the Publicist to manipulate data and pictures. It is from a State Vendor.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to move to purchase the Inspiron 17 – 5000 series Lap Top (customer #5068168), a carrying case and 1 terabyte of external hard drive at a cost of up to \$850.00.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 6 – BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT

Councilman DePew stated that he had obtained some price quotes from three different companies for purchasing new backboards and whoops for the basketball area located in the corner of the Town Hall parking lot. He stated that he received price quotes for steel and aluminum backboards. He felt the aluminum ones would withstand the weather better than the steel.

Councilman DePew stated the price quotes from three different companies:

1. BSN Sports – 2 steel backboards, 2 hoops & 4 nets came to \$1,283.83.
2. School Outfitters – 2 aluminum backboards, 2 hoops & 6 nets came to \$1,222.52.
3. Gopher - had 2 backboard systems, 2 hoops & 4 nets came to \$1,044.56.

Councilman DePew stated that the lesser priced equipment would be what the Town would normally purchase, however he felt that the equipment from School Outfitters would be the better choice, as they were made of aluminum and offered 6 nets.

Mr. Wager, the Highway Superintendent and Facilities Manager for the Town, stated that the mounting brackets on the School Outfitters equipment also matches up with what we currently have. He also stated that he has discussed the price quote with Councilman DePew and there is enough in the 2016 budget to cover this expense.

Councilman DePew stated that he would also suggest that the Town Board also approve an additional \$200.00 for extra costs in case there is some concrete or welding needed.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to purchase Basketball equipment from School Outfitters at a cost of \$1,422.52 to fix the Basketball Court in the Town Hall parking lot.
Councilman Putnam seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 7 – BAND FOR THE RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION – JULY 9, 2016

Councilman DePew stated that he had called many bands to try to obtain price quotes for playing at the Fireworks Celebration on July 19th. He stated that many bands were already busy that day, however he did receive prices from the following four bands:

1. The Blurbs, from Dutchess County, music from the 1960's to 1990's = \$400.00 (4 people)
2. Ponytails, a 1960's cover band = \$500.00 (3 women)
3. Breaking Justice Band, all types of music w/own speaker system = \$300.00 (4 people)
(Nancy is donating her time, only paying for three people)
4. Touch of Rhythm Band, has played many venues in the Hudson Valley = \$800.00 (4 people)

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to hire the Breaking Justice Band at a cost of \$300.00 to play at the Red, White & Blue Celebration on July 9th, with a rain date of July 10th, 2016 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.
Supervisor Croce seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – ULSTER COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM RESOLUTION #10

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town of Plattekill adopts a resolution each year to continue our agreement with the Plattekill Police Dept. and the Ulster County Emergency Response Team. Membership in the UCERT task force will benefit the Town in that it will create a specialized unit to provide a rapid tactical response team in case there was a critical incident within our Town and will also serve as a resource for the Town of Plattekill police and law enforcement agencies within the County. He stated that he spoke with the Chief of Police, Joe Ryan, and he was in favor of the Town adopting this resolution.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #10 OF 2016
ULSTER COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, various town police departments in the County of Ulster, together with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office and the SUNY New Paltz Campus Police Department, as Member Agencies, seek to cooperate and act collectively as an emergency response team, such task force known as the Ulster County Emergency Response Team (hereinafter referred to as "UCERT"), and

WHEREAS, the mission of UCERT is to achieve maximum coordination and cooperation, through utilizing the combined resources of Member Agencies, to support the various municipalities within the County of Ulster with a rapid tactical response to critical incidents, and

WHEREAS, membership in the UCERT task force will benefit the Town of Plattekill in that it will create a specialized unit to provide a rapid tactical response to critical incidents and serve as a resource for the Town of Plattekill police and law enforcement agencies within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the inter-municipal Cooperative Agreement (Ulster County Emergency Response Team) proposed by the Ulster County Sheriff, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief of the Town of Plattekill has also reviewed the annexed inter-municipal Cooperative Agreement and has recommended that the Town Board approve the agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon a motion by Supervisor Croce and seconded by Councilwoman Delgado, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill hereby approves the annexed agreement and membership in the task force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police Chief of the Town of Plattekill is authorized to execute the annexed agreement on behalf of the Town.

(Councilwoman Delgado seconded.)

<u>On the vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Croce	X		
Councilman Putnam	X		
Councilman Farrelly			X
Councilwoman Delgado	X		
Councilman DePew	X		

SECTION 9 – CLOTHING BOX AT TOWN TRANSFER STATION

Allen Barnes, a representative from the Ulster County Volunteer Fire Fighter’s Association, was present to ask the Town for permission to install one or more metal boxes for clothing donations at the Town Transfer Station. He explained that they sell the donated clothing to make extra funds for the Hudson Valley Fire Fighter’s Retirement Home and to help pay for needed equipment for fire departments throughout the County. He stated that the clothing is sold by a bidding process, often to third world countries. They get a set amount of weight per bin. They (the Textile Recovery Services) also provides clothes for victims who have been burned out of their homes and need clothing.

Supervisor Croce asked for the contact information of the company supplying the bins. He stated that he wanted to verify what Mr. Barnes was saying and to find out what the percentage is that goes to the charities.

The Town Board was curious as to what liability there may be on the Town?

Mr. Barnes stated that there would not be any liability on the Town as they have their own one million dollar insurance on each bin.

Supervisor Croce thanked him for coming in this evening and stated that he would get back to him after verifying the information with the bin company.

SECTION 10 – CELLCO CELL TOWER - 108 DECKER ROAD

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Colin Fazio and Scott Olson were present this evening to speak to the Town Board about a Cell Tower that is being built on Decker Road. He stated that the Town Zoning Code requires that the applicant come to the Town Board for a license and a Letter of Credit. He stated that the Letter of Credit was for security to make sure that the project is finished properly and that the roads are not impacted by the heavy equipment used. He stated that the crane alone was 85,000 pounds.

Mr. Olson asked the Town Board to consider a Bond instead of a Letter of Credit as the Letter of Credit was more difficult to obtain and would cost them more money. A Bond is the cheaper alternative.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would have to speak with the Town Attorney on this matter.

Supervisor Croce stated that as far as the licensing issue, he would have to side with our Town Attorney who has stated that there does not seem to be any expense on the part of the Town and it would not be proper to require a payment for something without a reason or expense.

Mr. Olson stated that his company tries to work with the Town's as much as possible, however they feel that the FCC is the licensing agency, not the Town.

Councilwoman Delgado and Councilman Putnam both stated that they would also side with Mr. Kellar's opinion.

Mr. Olson stated that there should not be an issue with the installation and maintenance of the Tower as they already have an agreement with the property owner. He stated that with a Letter of Credit, the money just sits there.

Supervisor Croce stated that a Letter of Credit can also get lost. If the Town doesn't keep track of it, it could expire and then we have nothing. The Bond would be something the Town would always have.

Supervisor Croce asked them to forward all the information that they have so he can get it to the Town Attorney for review. He stated that he knew they needed these two items from the Town Board before they can obtain the final Planning Board approval. He stated that they also needed to get the weight of the vehicles to the Highway Superintendent so they can cover the use of the roadway too.

Mr. Olson and Mr. Fazio stated that they would get the information to the Supervisor.

SECTION 11 – THANK YOU TO GIRL SCOUTS FOR FLOWER BEDS

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to thank the Highway Superintendent's secretary, Linda Byrnes, for coordinating with the Girl Scouts to do the planting of flowers in front of the Town Hall. There are some permanent plantings, some flowers and mulch has been put around them. For a long time there was just dirt, but now it looks great and she makes sure everything gets watered on a regular basis. He stated that the next time anyone sees Linda; they should thank her for making the front of the Town Hall beautiful for spring. And thank you too, to the two Girl Scout groups who came and helped do all the planting.

SECTION 12 – PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ANNUAL STORMWATER REPORT – MS4

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to publish the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing on the Annual Stormwater Report – MS4 on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Plattekill Town Hall.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 13 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 5/18/2016, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$28,208.39, the Highway Fund amount of \$8,799.72, the Drainage District amount of \$1,077.50, and the Trust & Agency amount of \$6,843.00 for a total amount of

\$44,928.61 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 14 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.