

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2017

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 was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUATION OF LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE ZONING MAP

Supervisor Croce explained that he had left open the Public Hearing on the Local Law to change the Zoning Map of the Town of Plattekill, for further discussion this evening. However, the Town Attorney and the agent for the owners, Mrs. Patty Brooks, are still discussing several issues. We do not have the completed draft as yet, so the Town Board will be leaving the Public Hearing open until the draft is finalized.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 1st, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 1st, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Yes
Councilwoman Delgado	Abstained (she was absent)

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one addition to the evening’s agenda. He explained that he had received a request from the Friends of the Library organization asking for the Town Board’s permission to use the field behind the Library for a community yard sale, on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017. The yard sale will be to benefit the Plattekill Library.

There was a short discussion on using the field to make sure that there was not another event going on that day.

Supervisor Croce reviewed the Recreation Report and stated that the field should be available that day as T-Ball is scheduled to end in May.

Councilman Farrelly asked if they would need to supply the Town Board with a certificate of insurance?

Supervisor Croce stated that the field is used for different events by the Library and he would think that this event would be covered as people would just be walking around. He asked the Town Clerk to ask them if they have a separate insurance policy, but it is also an event to benefit the Library and they have insurance too.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to allow the Friends of the Library to use the field behind the Library for a community yard sale on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments or questions from the Public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce stated that he had not received a report from the Plattekill Police for February 2017. He stated that he usually receives it from the Lieutenant on Tuesday, but the Town Hall was closed due to the snow storm.

SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not receive the Dog Control Monthly Report for February. He stated that he would have to speak to Mr. McKee again.

SECTION 3 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2017

Supervisor Croce read the Building Dept. Monthly Report for February 2017. He read that there were 12 permits issued, 2 Violations taken, 0 Violations closed, 57 Inspections done including complaints, building, violations, fire safety and C of O's & C of C's, 6 Complaint taken, 5 Complaints closed, 11 Municipal Searches done and 10 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 & Subdivision issues.

Supervisor Croce stated that he spoke with our new Building Inspector and he stated that he feels comfortable here and is enjoying his new position with us.

Supervisor Croce stated that he seems to be fitting in well and in speaking with Mr. Mandoski, our other Building Inspector, he stated that he is very pleased that he is fitting in to their routine and they are working together well.

SECTION 4 – ASSESSOR’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2017

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has received the Assessor’s Monthly Report for February and there has been no activity at all for this month.

SECTION 5 – RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the Recreation Dept. Monthly Report. He read that Spring T-Ball would be starting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 and will be held on the field behind the Library until May 18th, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The cost will be \$15.00 and the coach will be Christine Benken, with her brother Gary as a back-up coach.

Supervisor Croce stated “thank goodness for Christine and her brother Gary”. They have stepped in and helped continue our Recreation programs for many years.

Supervisor Croce read that Summer Camp registration will open on April 3rd and will close after they reach 100 campers. Camp starts June 26th and runs through July 28th. All field trips have been booked and the cost to attend all the trips is \$85.00 which will have to be paid on the first day of Camp.

Supervisor Croce read that the Senior Event is still being put together, although there is a tentative date and the entertainment has been booked. Ms. Doland is currently negotiating with Casa Milanese to host the event.

Supervisor Croce finished the report by reading that the Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for Saturday, April 15th, at 11:00 AM, with a rain date of Saturday, April 22nd, and that Rocking Horse Ranch Day was held on March 5th and was a huge success. The next Rocking Horse Ranch Day will be in October and there is already a waiting list.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has spoken with Ms. Doland about the Senior Event and Casa Milanese has given her a price quote that is within our budget. Ms. Doland has indicated that she should have a little money left over to purchase some extra door prizes.

Supervisor Croce suggested to the Town Board members that Ms. Doland could use their help, if anyone was interested, in setting up the Easter Egg Hunt. He stated that he would be getting the Easter Bunny costume cleaned and Councilwoman Delgado stated that she would be there to wear it.

Councilman Farrelly questioned why there was a waiting list for Rocking Horse Ranch Day? Isn’t it on a first come, first serve basis for tickets?

Supervisor Croce explained that there are always some people who keep trying to purchase tickets and we sell out so quickly, that they don’t get them. We try to give everyone a chance, but there are some people who feel that they are always too late. We started a list of people who have never been to Rocking Horse Ranch Day and offer them the tickets first. If they do not purchase them, then it is open to anyone else who comes in on the day they go out for sale.

SECTION 6 – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report for February 2017. Some of the items read were that the emergency lights were relocated at the Library building as was recommended by NYMIR, the men’s toilet was replaced in the Highway Garage, he repaired two tables and fixed two half doors in the Town Hall, relocated filing cabinets and desks in the Court area, repaired the pressure washer and gasoline dispenser at the Highway Dept. and attended two meetings on future projects in the Town Hall facility.

Supervisor Croce reminded everyone that if they wanted to see any of these reports, in their entirety, all of them could be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to let the Town Board know that the additional area for the Court, to be built in this meeting room, would probably be close to what the Town Board proposed. The Judges seem to agree that what the Town Board proposed would work for them and the Lieutenant has agreed that the bench needs to remain on this side of the room. Lieutenant Smith has suggested putting in a half wall between the back of the bench and the door to the Building Dept., which also seems like a good idea.

Supervisor Croce stated that the work for this extension is being paid for out of the Court Grant so they will be meeting with a contractor to do the work and Mr. Dougherty will oversee the project.

SECTION 7 – DROP OFF BOX FOR KEYS

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Clerk, Barbara Dawes, has requested a drop box for keys to be put on the outside of the Town Hall to allow residents to drop off keys after hours or on weekends.

Ms. Dawes stated that she gives out keys to the Senior Center and the Park Pavilion continually throughout the year and residents complain that they cannot return them in a timely manner. She stated that her office has several keys for each facility, but since residents have trouble returning them during the day, she often does not have keys available to hand out to other people who have signed up to use the facilities. She stated that if there was a key box on the outside of the Town Hall building, then people could drop the keys off after hours. It would make their lives much easier and her life much easier.

The Town Board was in agreement to putting a locked, drop-off box on the outside wall of the Town Hall.

Mr. Wager stated that the Town Clerk had mentioned this request to Mr. Dougherty and he has already started looking for a key box.

SECTION 8 – GIRL SCOUTS REQUEST FOR RED, WHITE & BLUE EVENT

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a request from the Girl Scouts to set up a bouncy house at the Red, White & Blue Event.

The Town Board discussed this request and decided that this would be something that they could do, however it would have to be closed down by 8:30 PM, before it gets dark and the fireworks start.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow the Girl Scouts to set up a bouncy house at the Red, White & Blue Event, to be closed down by 8:30 PM and to supply the Town with the necessary insurance. Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

There was a short discussion on where the bouncy house should be located and Supervisor Croce stated that he did have a short discussion about this with Chris Dawes and they were thinking that down in the area behind the back-field of the baseball field, towards the row of trees, would be a good safe spot. They can bring a generator and set it up there.

SECTION 9 – SURETY FOR DECKER ROAD – CELL TOWER PROJECT

Supervisor Croce stated that there will be a cell tower at the end of Decker Road, which is a dead end and a Town Road. He stated that Mr. Wager and he have been working on an easement to make an “L” shaped area at the end so that the Highway Dept. can push the snow to that end and not block the roadway to the cell tower. Our Attorney has been working on this with Verizon.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Code requires that Verizon put up a Letter of Credit to cover the road in case the heavy equipment, that they use to bring in the heavy pieces of the tower, should result in damage to the roadway. He stated that Verizon has requested to do a bond instead of a Letter of Credit. They are saying that they do not do Letters of Credit.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did a little research and found that when Verizon did the Cliff Road cell tower, they did do a Letter of Credit, so he would like to stick to what we require in our Code and insist on the Letter of Credit.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted to make sure everyone was aware of what is going on with this project. The Town Engineer has set the amount of the Letter of Credit at \$494,000.00, which would be the amount to replace the entire road, if this needed to be done. Then we hold on to 10% of that amount after the project is complete to make sure some damage to the roadway doesn’t show up, due to the heavy equipment, for one year.

The Town Board was in agreement that the Supervisor should proceed as he has been doing.

SECTION 10 – RESOLUTION #4 – EXTENTION OF SOLAR MORATORIUM

Supervisor Croce stated that the Solar Law Committee, consisting of two members from the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Building Inspector, have been meeting to draft a local law to regulate Ground Solar Energy Facilities within the Town. While they have been doing this review, the Town Board had adopted a Moratorium on Ground Solar Facilities for three months. This original three months is almost over and they still have a little more to do on this draft law, so he would like to extend the Moratorium for an additional three months as is allowed in the Moratorium Law.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution #4:

RESOLUTION #4 OF 2017
TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
Extension of Ground Solar Energy Facilities Moratorium

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, adopted Local Law #1 of 2016, entitled “Imposing A Moratorium On The Establishment Of Ground Solar Energy Facilities Within the Town of Plattekill”, on December 7, 2016, which was filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of 2016 took effect upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of the State of the State of New York for a term of three (3) months from the date of filing, and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Code Enforcement Office have been meeting and drafting new revisions for the Town of Plattekill Zoning Code, and

WHEREAS, these representatives are realizing that additional time is needed to continue their work in developing these regulations to protect public interest, health, safety and welfare, and

WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of 2016 does give the Town Board authorization, by resolution, to extend the duration of this moratorium for one (1) additional three (3) month period,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York to extend this Moratorium On The Establishment Of Ground Solar Energy Facilities for an additional three (3) months.

Seconded by Councilwoman Delgado.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – GIRL SCOUT REQUEST TO USE TOWN PARKING LOT

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received a request from Donna Egan, one of the Girl Scout Leaders, who is also a part of the Girl Scout Cookie Sales Program, and she is asking to use the parking lot of the Town Hall to distribute the cartons of cookies to various Troops.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has given permission to do this for the past several years and we have not had any problems.

Supervisor Croce stated that this group is the same one that has worked with Linda, from the Highway Dept., and they come and put in new flowers and keep the Town Hall looking nice. “Kudo’s” to Linda Byrnes for always setting this project up each year.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to allow the Girl Scouts to use the Town Hall parking lot on either April 1st or April 8th, 2017 for distributing their cookies.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 12 – HIGHWAY MEMO – MOWING BIDS

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Dept. asking the Town Board to go out to bid for Mowing and Shrubbery Trimming of the Town Properties and Haying of the Town Field. The suggestion was made to include that the Haying of the Field is to be completed by June 30, 2017 as we will need the field for parking cars for the July Fireworks Event.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town would go out to bid for Mowing and Shrubbery Trimming of the Town Properties and Haying of the Field that must be mowed and removed by June 30, 2017 with bids to be opened at 10:00 AM on April 13, 2017.

SECTION 13 – MARK DOOLEY RACE

Supervisor Croce read a letter from the Rotary Club of Southern Ulster asking to continue the annual Mark Dooley 5K Race of Honor on Sunday, April 30, 2017. They would like to use the Pavilion at the Thomas Felten Park and the local fire department and ambulance corp. is on board to assist them. The proceeds from the race are used for local high school scholarships, for donations to Rolling Thunder and other Veteran’s Organizations and to provide help to local food pantries and families in need through Rotary International.

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to allow the Rotary Club of Southern Ulster to hold the annual Mark Dooley 5K Race of Honor on April 30, 2017 at the Thomas Felten Park.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 14 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 PM to discuss Library negotiations and Police personnel.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Executive Session and to re-open the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:23 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 15 – VOUCHERS

* Councilwoman Delgado made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 3/15/2017, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$ 97,656.53, the Highway Fund amount of \$11,810.52, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$698.20, the Modena Light District amount of \$1,235.95, the Trust & Agency amount of \$5,000.00 for a total amount of \$116,401.20 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 16 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.