

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 2, 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
Councilwoman Delgado
Councilman DePew

Councilman Putnam and Councilman Farrelly were absent.

MINUTES

There were no minutes approved this evening.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not have any additions this evening.

Councilman DePew stated that he had one addition:

1.Covers For Cameras In Court/Meeting Room On Election Day

Councilman DePew stated that he would like to see the Town purchase covers for the security cameras that have been installed in the Court/Meeting Room to be used on election days. He stated that he felt they were needed to insure privacy while a person was voting.

There was a short discussion that the cameras are pointed at the justice court bench and at the doorway-entrance to the room and would not be picking up what was going on in the middle of the room. There was also discussion that the security cameras would be turned off for an election day.

Councilman DePew stated that he understood that the cameras could be shut off, however he still wanted to obtain covers so there would not be any way that privacy could be compromised.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would contact Judge Murphy and ask him to look into obtaining covers for the cameras and to obtain some prices.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Esther Coppola asked if there was anything new on the sale of the building to the Library?

Supervisor Croce stated no, he has not heard back from them as yet. He explained that the appraisals were done and the Town Board has made them an offer, however he has not heard back from them.

Mrs. Coppola asked if our Law Enforcement personnel respond to overdose calls?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, our officers carry the Narcan and are trained in how to use it.

There was a short discussion on which fire department rescue squads in Town also have this drug and are trained to use it.

Councilman DePew stated that he believes all State and Sherriff Dept. Officers also carry and are trained to use Narcan. He stated that he also believed the Health Dept. would train anyone who wants to know how to use it and they have kits that you can purchase.

Mrs. Coppola stated that sometimes, if there is a rash of burglaries in one neighborhood, she felt that the Police should try to contact people to let them know so that they can be on the alert for strange vehicles or people.

Supervisor Croce stated that it would be difficult for the Police Dept. to go door to door to speak with people. His suggestion would be for residents to stay informed and always lock your cars and homes.

Councilman DePew suggested that maybe they could call the Police Station and ask for information that way.

Supervisor Croce stated that a few months ago there were some burglaries where they were stealing items out of cars in people's driveways. Some of those cars had the keys left in them and others were not locked overnight.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that there is a blotter-arrest report in the Police monthly report that the Town Clerk receives every month. Anyone can just obtain a copy from that office.

Councilman DePew stated that a neighborhood watch group could also be set up to keep everyone in touch with anything going on in the area.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt Councilwoman Delgado had a good suggestion about obtaining the monthly police report, however there are other agencies in Town that may be covering incidences too. He stated that we live in a different world now and we need to start locking our cars and our homes; you just never know.

Mrs. Coppola stated that she agreed. She stated that people do not seem to have respect for anyone else anymore.

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 7:15 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – SOLAR MORATORIUM

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town Board adopted new solar regulations for the Town Code and the new Local Law containing these regulations must be filed with the Department of State to become effective.

Supervisor Croce stated that we have mailed the Local Law to the State Department in Albany, but we have not yet received notification that it has been filed. Once we receive this notification, then we can remove the Solar Moratorium. He stated that he would add this item to the August 16th meeting agenda.

SECTION 2 – LOGGING PERMIT – MILTON TURNPIKE (1-2-TREE SERVICE)

Supervisor Croce introduced Mr. Neil Struber, the owner of 1-2-Tree Logging Services, who is applying for a Logging Permit to log several properties along the ridge to the Town of Marlboro off of Milton Turnpike. He showed the Town Board a map of where the properties were located.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received all the required maps, letter from the DEC, met with the County to enter and exit on Milton Turnpike, is aware of limitations for transportation and has sent certified letters to surrounding property owners. There is no bond needed as this project is off of a County road and we have a copy of the contract with the owner of the properties. He stated that he was very impressed with the effort that Mr. Struber has put in to complete this application and he would recommend to the Town Board that we approve Mr. Struber's permit.

Councilwoman Delgado mentioned that she had heard of a logger leaving some of the tops of the trees on the ground after they are done?

Mr. Struber explained that they leave some of the tops for animals and also a cover for the ground.

Councilman DePew asked how long the project would take?

Mr. Struber stated that he was going to start in Sept. 2017 and take his time and it would not probably be completed until next Sept. 2018.

Councilwoman Delgado asked if Mr. Struber knew he could not have the big trucks on the road when school buses are running?

Mr. Struber stated that he did know the restrictions for trucking.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to approve the Commercial Forestry Permit for Mr. Neil Struber from 1-2-Tree Logging to log on Milton Turnpike.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

The Town Board thanked Mr. Struber for submitting a complete application and working with the Supervisor to get all the information needed for the Town.

SECTION 3 – 2020 CENSUS

Supervisor Croce read a letter he had just received from the Census Bureau asking if the Town wanted to get involved with the process of checking addresses in preparation for the 2020 Census. He read that it was not mandatory that the Town get involved, however having the correct addresses would help speed up the process for the 2020 Census and much of the Town's State and Federal funding is based on how many people are in the Town, according to the Census.

Supervisor Croce stated that there are webinars and other training sessions that start in the Fall and then the project of checking the addresses will start in January 2018. He stated that he was not sure if anyone on the Town Board had the time to put into this project.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she was on the Town Board for the last Census and she did help with this project back then. She stated that she would be willing to do it again.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would fill out all the forms and return them to the Census letting them know that she would be the liaison for the Town. He stated that maybe other members of the Board would be able to help if it gets to be too much work.

SECTION 4 – VOUCHER

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 8/2/2017, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$ 44,983.41, the Highway Fund amount of \$17,663.04, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$691.43 and the Modena Light District amount of \$1,227.23 for a total amount of \$64,565.11 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 5 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.