

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 4, 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
- Councilwoman Delgado
- Councilman DePew

Councilman Farrelly was absent.

MINUTES

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 20, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 20, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Absent
Councilwoman Delgado	Abstained (Absent)
Councilman DePew	Yes

ADDITIONS

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

1.Certificate From Senator Larkin:

Supervisor Croce read a letter from Senator Larkin congratulating the Town of Plattekill for holding its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Plattekill Day. There was also a certificate that was received and Supervisor Croce stated that he would be hanging it on the wall in the Town Hall hallway. Supervisor Croce stated that he felt this was a very nice gesture on the part of Sen. Larkin to congratulate us on 25 years of holding our Community Day.

2. Budget Amendment Resolution #15:

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town Board had agreed to remove the Town Hall oil tank that was in the ground and set up a new, above ground tank. During the removal of the tank, it was decided that some remediation would be needed and a pipe to catch ground water was installed. This ground water has to be analyzed and the Town will have to pay for two groundwater tests. He stated that this will be an additional expense to the original project and he would like to approve a budget amendment to pay for the additional costs.

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

Town of Plattekill  
2017 Budget Amendment Resolution #15

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved the payment to Vaz-Co Reclaiming Service, and

**WHEREAS**, this is necessary for Environmental Remediation and Groundwater Analysis at the town hall tank removal site,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the year 2017 General Fund Budget line item A1990.400 Contingent by an increase in the amount of \$21,873.75, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That funding shall be supported by a transfer of \$21,873.75 from the General Unassigned Fund Balance.

(A copy of the complete resolution is attached to these minutes.)

Councilman DePew seconded.

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

3. Highway Transfer Request:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent asking the Town Board to transfer \$4,500.00 from the Bridges Contractual Budget Line to the Machinery Contractual Budget Line to cover unforeseen expenses until the end of the year.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$4,500.00 from Highway Budget Line DA5120.4 Bridges Contractual to the Highway Budget Line DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual to pay for unforeseen expenses until the year ends. (A copy of the complete transfer is attached to these minutes.)

Councilwoman Delgado seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

4. Highway Ice Control Sand Bids:

Supervisor Croce stated that the Highway Superintendent had spoken to him about going out to bid for Ice Control Sand for the winter season. He stated that the Town Clerk usually takes care of putting this bid together and publishing it.

The Town Clerk asked when the Town Board would like to have the bids opened and it was decided that she should contact Mr. Wager to make sure that Nov. 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM was acceptable.

The Town Clerk stated that she would finalize the dates with Mr. Wager, put the legal notice in the newspaper for two weeks and send bid packages to those companies who submitted a bid last year.

5. Winter Hours For Highway Dept.:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent stating that the Highway Department would be going to its Winter Hours on November 6, 2017 which would be Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Pearl Morse stated that Veteran's Day is on a Saturday this year and she does not want to interfere with the ceremony that is done at Aloha Acres, so she would suggest that the Town ceremony be held later that afternoon or even the following day.

Supervisor Croce stated that he thought it would be a good idea to do the Town ceremony later in the day, maybe around, or after, 2:00 PM.

Mrs. Morse stated that later in the afternoon would be fine and they could finalize the exact time when they finalize other details of the ceremony. She stated that she was also counting on the Supervisor as the "Master of Ceremonies".

Supervisor Croce stated that he also felt the Town should not interfere with what is always done at Aloha Home Acres. He stated that he thought her idea was good and he would make sure he would be there to lead the ceremony.

Mrs. Gladys Figueroa stated that she wanted to thank the Supervisor for putting up the sign for relief donations for Puerto Rico. She stated that they have received many donations so far and are looking to make a shipment by the end of next week.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt those people need our help and anything we can do will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Willie Castillo stated that there will be two bands playing at the Falcon in Marlboro on Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and they are playing for donations too.

There was discussion about finding a way to get the donations delivered to Puerto Rico and Supervisor Croce stated that he had called the Office of Emergency Management in Ulster County and they were not aware of any County programs to take the donations for shipping. He stated that he did speak with a Town Clerk in Orange County who had some suggestions. He will speak more about this when we get to this item on the agenda.

Mr. Mark Reynolds, a local reporter, asked if there was any new information on the sale of the building to the Library?

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not have anything new. He stated that he was at the meeting last week, but he has not heard anything on the sale of the building. He stated that the Town has suggested a price and the ball is in their court at this time.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she knew they were having some engineering studies done on the building and this can take some time.

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 8:18 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 1 – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – SIGN AT TOWN PARK

Supervisor Croce stated that the Eagle Scout Project to install a large sign at the Town Park has been completed. He stated that he was very pleased with how it looks and it is just what we needed.

Councilwoman Delgado stated yes, she has seen it too and thought it looked great.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Highway Superintendent was a little concerned with string trimming around the metal legs as they are powder coated. He does not want them to get compromised so he is suggesting that we might put some mulch around them so the grass will not grow up around them.

The Town Board agreed that mulch may be the best idea to keep the grass away from the legs. They also discussed putting in some flowers or bushes that may help keep the grass from growing up around the legs.

The Town Board felt that the Highway Superintendent would be the one to make this decision.

#### SECTION 2 – TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2018

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Clerk has given each Town Board Member a certified copy of the Tentative Budget for 2018. He stated that as it stands right now, the Town Budget is at a .02% increase and the Highway Budget is at a .1% increase. He stated that the Town Board will be meeting with all the Department Heads to see if there is any room to cut back on expenses. We will work on keeping the budget as low as possible. He noted that there has been no tax increase in the Town Budget in the past five years that he has been overseeing the budget process.

#### SECTION 3 – TOWN RELIEF EFFORT FOR PUERTO RICO

Supervisor Croce stated that the Plattekill Latino Heritage Association has joined forces with Our Lady of Fatima Church to collect items to ship to Puerto Rico to help victims of the hurricane. He stated that there is a poster on the front door of the Town Hall listing items that are needed and stating that these items can be dropped off at the Church Hall.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was considering having people donate items and that these items could be dropped off at the Highway Dept. He stated that he contacted the Highway Superintendent and he is in agreement to store the items in the Highway Garage. He stated that the Town has pallets/gaylords at the Transfer Station and large sheets of plastic to wrap the pallets for shipping that we can use. He stated that they are saying they do not need clothing.

Mrs. Figueroa stated that we can take donations to the Armory in Newburgh, but they have to be there by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> to be shipped out on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Delgado stated that she knew someone who is in the Air Force and there are a couple of planes leaving Stewart every few days.

Mrs. Figueroa stated that they do not need any more clothing, they have enough. However, what they do need are tarps that can be used to cover roofs of houses. The hurricane blew off many roofs and people need to have tarps to cover their homes until the roofs can be repaired. She stated that she also knew that the large planes at Stewart Airport were also transporting supplies on a regular basis, so this is another option to get our donations to Puerto Rico.

Supervisor Croce thanked Mrs. Figueroa for her information and stated that if the Town Board was in agreement to take in donations, he would have the publicist put a message on the front page of the website that we will be accepting donations at the Highway Dept. If we can get even a few items, it will be worth it to try to help these people.

The Town Board was in agreement that the Town should accept donations for the victims of the hurricane in Puerto Rico.

#### SECTION 4 – VOUCHERS

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 10/4/2017, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$ 43,822.90, the Highway Fund amount of \$18,495.25, the Clintondale Light District amount of \$706.21, the Modena Light District amount of \$1,257.03 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$1,000.00 for a total amount of \$65,281.39 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 7:32 PM.

Councilwoman Delgado & Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.