

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2018

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
- Councilman Matthews
- Councilman DePew

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 7th and February 21st, 2018 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 7th, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 21st, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Abstained
Councilman Matthews	Yes
Councilman DePew	Yes

ADDITIONS:

Supervisor Croce stated that he was out at three in the morning and he just wanted to say that he felt the Highway Dept. did an outstanding job in keeping our roads cleared. They worked straight through the night, until midnight, and did a wonderful job.

The rest of the Town Board agreed with him.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Mark Reynolds asked the Town Board if there was anything new on the sale of the building to the Library?

Supervisor Croce explained that the Library's Attorney has given a counter offer to the Town's Attorney. That is one of the reasons for entering into Executive Session this evening. He stated that the Attorney has instructed him that this information cannot be FOIL'ed as it is in negotiations.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Library has also requested that two Town Board Members meet with two Library Board Members.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – ASSESSOR – (ACTING ASSESSOR)

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town has not received any applications for the Assessor position as yet and we are getting near some deadlines on documents that have to be filed with the County and the State. He stated that he got in contact with Mr. Michael Dunham, who used to be our Assessor several years ago to see if he could help in any way.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Dunham contacted Mr. Sabia, our most recent Assessor, who left the position on January 31st of this year, and they have submitted a proposal to work for us and get our paperwork up to date. Supervisor Croce read the proposal which outlined what paperwork each of them would be in charge of and that they expected to each work approximately 8 to 10 hours per week.

Supervisor Croce stated that the other situation that we will have, if we do not hire someone soon, will be Grievance Day. He explained that neither of these two Assessors will be available to be here on our scheduled Grievance Day and we may have to adopt a new local law if we need to change to a new day. Grievance Day is usually on the fourth Tuesday in May, however our Town adopted a local law, when our Assessor worked for two Towns and could not be here that day, making Plattekill's Grievance Day the first Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday in May. We may have to move it again so that one of these two Assessors will be able to attend our Grievance Day.

There was discussion about the Assessor being present at Grievance Day and it was noted that the Assessor must be there, according to State Law.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt it was a good idea that the Assessor was there so that he could represent the Town's position on any decisions.

There was discussion on how many total hours it would take to get everything up to date.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Dunham and Mr. Sabia seem to feel that they can get everything done in the 16 to 20 hours they quoted in their proposal.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion that the Town use Mr. Dunham and Mr. Sabia to do the necessary work to keep the Town Assessor's Office current at a cost of \$30.00 per hour with an estimated 16 to 20 hours total.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Yes
Councilman Matthews	Yes
Councilman DePew	Abstained

The Town Clerk stated that she would post the resolution on the Town Bulletin Board in the hallway of the Town Hall.

SECTION 5 – ALTERNATE TO THE ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Supervisor Croce read an e-mail from the Planning Board Chairperson indicating that Mrs. Katherine Beinkafner had been chosen to replace Mr. Darryl Matthews as the alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board. The Town would need a motion to authorize her to fill this position.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to appoint Mrs. Katherine Beinkafner to represent the Town of Plattekill as the new alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 6 – HIGHWAY SUMMER HOURS

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Robert Wager, indicating that the Highway Dept. would be starting their summer hours on Monday, April 30, 2018 and they would be working from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

SECTION 7 – MARK DOOLEY RACE AT PARK

Supervisor Croce read a letter from the Rotary Club of Southern Ulster asking to use the Pavilion and Park for their Annual Mark Dooley Race on April 22, 2018 starting at 8:30 AM.

The Town Board was in favor of allowing them to use the Park as they have done in the past.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to allow the Rotary Club of Southern Ulster to use the Park for the Mark Dooley Race on April 22, 2018.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 - WEBSITE SEARCH

Supervisor Croce stated that Councilman DePew has been working on getting a search program for the website.

Councilman DePew explained that he felt people should be able to put a word in a search screen and any reference to that word should come up. This would allow research to be done much easier for the public and it would streamline the process of looking up re-occurring issues. Anyone could go in and find minutes pertaining to projects and any other issues they have an interest in.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has the e-mails from the publicist that she received from our website tech. According to these e-mails, it seems that we can purchase a “plug-in” for \$80.00 and we could get one to search our Town website and one to search the minutes.

The Town Board discussed being able to search the website minutes. Without the search, someone would have to read each set of minutes or know the date of the minutes they were looking for. There

was discussion on the cost and whether this was a yearly fee or a one-time fee and will it search all the minutes from all the Boards.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to add the search engine to our website at an approximate cost of \$80.00.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would speak with Mr. Perry to make sure of the price for the plug-in and let the Town Board know exactly how it will work.

SECTION 9 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 3/2/2018, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$ 62,982.56 and the Highway Fund amount of \$24,352.10 for a total amount of \$87,334.66 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Lembo Litigation and Library Negotiations at 7:42 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Executive Session and to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 8:21 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.