

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
&

2017-2018 - MS4 – SPEDES STORMWATER REPORT-PUBLIC HEARING

Time: 7:00 PM

May 16, 2018

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

PUBLIC HEARING

2017-2018 MS4 – Annual Report for General Permit For  
Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems

Supervisor Croce read the legal notice that was posted in the town newspaper informing everyone that the Public Hearing on the draft MS4 Annual Stormwater Report was to be held this evening. He stated that the draft report was available on the Town website and in paper form at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Croce asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had not received any comments or questions in the mail.

There was discussion on leaving the Public Hearing open until the next regular town board meeting to make sure that anyone wanting to make a comment could do so. It was discussed that there was a deadline to have this report submitted to the DEC and that is why the public hearing was set for this evening. Our next town board meeting is three weeks out from today, which would not give us time to get it into the DEC on time.

Supervisor Croce stated that over the past years, we have not had many people attend the public hearings nor make comments on this annual report.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the draft MS4 Annual SPEDES Report for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems at 7:06 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Councilman Matthews made a motion to adopt the draft MS4 Annual SPEDES Stormwater Report, discussed this evening, as the final MS4 Annual SPEDES Stormwater Report for 2017.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would contact our engineering company that helps us draft this annual report every year to get a final draft and get it submitted to the DEC on time.

MINUTES

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

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

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had two additions to the evening’s agenda.

1.Flags at Half Staff:

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to let everyone know why the flags were flying at half staff. He stated that he questioned Mr. Wager after seeing the flags at half staff and he said it was to honor all Police as May 13 to 19, 2018 had been designated as Police Week. The flags were at half staff as a memorial to those officers who have lost their lives while on the job protecting others.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt this was a worthy cause and that they should have recognition for all that they do to keep everyone safe.

2.Court Request:

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Judges in regards to hiring a new court officer. He explained that one of the current court officers had taken a 6 month leave of absence and they have found someone to fill in for him during this time.

Councilman Farrelly asked if this new court officer would be carrying a gun? This lead into discussion that we already have one officer who carries a gun. Someone thought that he did have the qualifications to carry, however they were not sure that he was planning to carry a gun here.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Jordan already has his ID card from our Police and has a vest to wear.

Councilman DePew stated that it sounds like he has already been working with our Police Dept., but he would just like to know if he is wearing a gun, is he qualified to do so.

Supervisor Croce stated that he understands that this is new information we are receiving, but Judge Murphy and Judge Maciocia have already interviewed this person and the Police Dept. has been notified that he will be starting this week so they will not have to supply one of our officers to fill the vacancy. This position needed to be filled quickly and they are both on board with hiring Mr. Jordan.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the recommendation of Judge Murphy and Judge Maciocia and hire Mr. Dwayne Jordan as a Town of Plattekill Court Officer.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2018

Supervisor Croce read the Police Dept. Monthly Report for April 2018. He read that there were 206 documented calls for service with 147 traffic tickets issued. There were 8 motor vehicle accidents handled by the Dept. with 2 persons reporting injuries.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter and informed everyone that these full department reports could all be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective Report stating that the Detectives had worked 1 Burglary Case, 2 Fraud Cases, 1 Public Lewdness Case, 1 Lockdown Drill at the Plattekill Elementary School and 1 Illegal Dumping Case.

Supervisor Croce read that Officer Raftery attended a Social Media for Law Enforcement Training Seminar at the Poughkeepsie Police Dept and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bruce Loertscher Memorial Scholarship Pig Roast has been scheduled for Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from any Plattekill Police Officer or at the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce finished the report reading that the patrol vehicles had all been serviced by our Highway Dept. and are all in fair to good condition.

#### SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2018

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Report for April 2018. He read that there were 16 calls this month with 7 calls to service from the Plattekill PD, the State Police or the Ulster County Sherriff Dept. He read that the Dog Control Officer responded to 5 active complaints and or cases that are now closed, 1 case that has been addressed but is still ongoing, 1 stray dog was impounded and was redeemed to its owner and there were 2 dog bites reported. He read that there were no appearance tickets issued this month and there are currently no dogs in the kennel.

Supervisor Croce read that there is no legal action being taken in either of the dog bite cases as both dogs are deceased. The dogs were tested for rabies by the UC Dept. of Health and both dogs tested negative for rabies.

#### SECTION 3 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2018

Councilman DePew read the Building Department Monthly Report for April 2018. He read that there were 26 permits issued, 7 violations issued, 1 violation closed, 12 complaints taken, 5 complaints closed, 1 complaint changed to a violation and 11 Municipal Searches done. He read that there were 89

inspections done including complaints, building, violations, fire safety and C of C's and C of O's, with 20 CC & C of O's issued. There were 4 inspections done for Stormwater out falls. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and zoning and subdivision issues.

#### SECTION 4 – RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the Recreation Monthly Report stating that the T-Ball Program was completed and although they had low attendance, it was a success due to all those who were involved.

Supervisor Croce read that there were approximately 30 campers registered for Camp so far with more expected soon. They are busy interviewing new counselors, but most are returning from last year. There will be a Camp Staff Meeting on Wed. June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall and since Christine Benken will not be able to take on the Assistant Camp Director position due to her attending Graduate School, Rebecca Rutz will be taking her place. Rebecca has been a camp counselor in the past and she is looking forward to moving into this position.

Supervisor Croce finished by reading that the Senior Luncheon was held at Casa Milanese on April 29<sup>th</sup> with everyone having a wonderful afternoon. The food was excellent, the service was excellent and they had live music with dancing. A big thank you to Casa Milanese for a great luncheon.

#### SECTION 5 – ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2018

Councilman Putnam read the Assessor Monthly Report for April 2018. He read the Sales Report stating that there were 21 transfers, 1 foreclosure, 9 armslength transactions, 3 vacant, 6 residential and 1 mobile home sale. He read that the average sale price for residential homes only was \$220,222.00.

#### SECTION 6 – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2018

Supervisor Croce read the Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report for April 2018. He read that there were various repairs made at the Police Station, Highway Garage, Town Hall and Court, the Senior Center, the Town Park and the Library.

#### SECTION 7 – ASSESSOR

Supervisor Croce reminded everyone that the Town Board would be interviewing an applicant for the open position of Sole Assessor tomorrow night at 7:00 PM, here at the Town Hall. He stated that he thought there would be a second applicant; however this person never followed through by giving us an application. He stated that the person that they are interviewing does meet the minimum qualifications for this position.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had prepared a transfer for the Town Board to approve this evening to pay for the services we have received from Mr. Dunham and Mr. Sabia as our Acting Assessor while we look for a new Assessor. We will need to move funds from the Assessor personnel budget line to the Assessor contractual budget line to cover these expenses that are being paid by voucher.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$6,000.00 from the General Fund Budget Line A1355.1 Assessor Personnel to General Fund Budget Line A1355.4 Assessor Contractual to cover expenses until the Assessor position is filled. (A copy of this complete transfer is attached to these minutes.)

Councilman Matthews seconded. On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 8 – TOWN PARK - FIELD USE FORM

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has been discussing having a new form for organizations that request the use of one of our fields at the Town Park. He asked if any of the Town Board members had any questions on the last draft that was received from Councilman DePew.

Councilman Farrelly had several issues, as did Supervisor Croce, with some of the items and how they were worded.

It was decided to:

- 1) Add "Purpose of Use" where it said "explain" on the first page.
- 2) Take out "Soccer Field" as they have to contact the Soccer League to use that field.
- 3) Take out "Home" on the phone number line
- 4) Change "Public" Liability to "General"
- 5) Councilman Farrelly wanted to change asking if they had insurance to telling them what insurance we require.
- 6) Supervisor Croce felt that they were asking the "date and time" on the first page so it need not appear on the second page also.
- 7) At bottom of page 1, say "if" payment is "required" at the time of reservation
- 8) Councilman Putnam suggested on page 1, change "person in charge" to "Contact Person" & add "/ Alternate Contact".
- 9) Paragraph in center of page 2, Should read "For consideration and equal distribution of the Town's Facilities, the Town Board reserves the right to lengthen or modify the length of any Event at the Board's discretion." And that this sentence should appear on the first page.
- 10) On page 1, there should be a spot to write what the fee is, if we are charging a fee.
- 11) Add wording that "All events are not to interfere with playground or pavilion area".

There was some discussion on whether page 3 was needed as insurance information was already asked for on page 2.

Councilman DePew stated that this wording on page 3 was taken from another form that another area Town uses.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just did not want to scare anyone away by using this wording.

In the end, it was agreed to leave page 3 as part of this form.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was going to suggest that these organizations also pay a security fee. The fee to use the field would be separate and decided by the Town Board on an individual basis.

The Town Board agreed that charging a security fee would be appropriate and the fee for using the field could be set by the Town Board, on an individual basis, based on how often they would be using the field and for how long.

Councilman DePew stated that he would re-design the form with the new changes and get it to the Town Board members.

#### SECTION 9 – RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

Councilman DePew stated that he had tried to get a Military Band that he saw at another location but they were already booked for this year. He then contacted the Breaking Justice Band and the Mustangs

Band to see if either one was available and at what cost. He stated that the only band he heard back from was the Breaking Justice Band. They were available on July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> if we needed the rain date and they would cost \$375.00 with Nancy Paroli donating her time. He was recommending that they contract with this band as no other band got back to him that they had this date open.

\* Councilman Farrelly made a motion to contract with the Breaking Justice Band for the Red, White & Blue Celebration at a cost of \$375.00 for July 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 10 – DEC AUDIT

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted to bring everyone up-to-date on the DEC Audit involving the Stormwater MS4 Report. He stated that he has been working with the Code Enforcement Officer to take over as the overseer of this report because the Code Enforcement Officers do many of the inspections and are familiar with these State Codes. He stated that he would keep the Town Board informed as the process continues.

#### SECTION 11 – FELTEN PARK CONCEPT PROPOSAL

Supervisor Croce introduced Mr. Dwight Dougherty and his wife Laura who had contacted the Town Board and had requested to make a proposal involving the Town Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty had set up a projector with pictures they had taken of other area Town's Parks and had put together a table display of the Plattekill Town Park. Everyone was asked to come to the back of the room so that they could see the table display as the presentation was made.

Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty stated that they felt there should be a committee set up to look into making improvements to our Town Park. They were offering to head this committee if the Town Board wanted them to do so. They stated that they had attended some events at other Parks and these Parks were where the residents could come together and meet and join in community activities. They felt that the previous administrations had purchased more land, to add to the original Park, and it was about time we started to look at what we could do with it to bring our residents, and the community, together. They suggested building a Community Center where seniors could go to socialize and relax and have an area where they could get together for meetings and maybe pot luck dinners and other events. They felt the center could be used by local organizations who may need a meeting place too. They suggested another open pavilion, covered bar-b-que areas, walking trails and a grand stand for music venues and other events. They suggested a community garden where people could plant vegetables or flowers. They suggested another baseball field, tennis courts, pickle courts and basketball courts. They suggested an ice skating pond/area and a summer water pad.

The Town Board stated that they were in agreement that a committee should be set up to look into developing new areas at the Park. They asked Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty to start this committee and maybe set up a booth at Plattekill Day, with a survey form, to get people to help suggest what they would like to see at the Park.

Mrs. Dougherty stated that she has started looking into obtaining grants and there does seem to be some that help develop Parks. She would continue to do research on these grants if the Town wanted her to do so.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, that would be very helpful and suggested that she look into whether the grants were “matching grants” or not. This means that if the Town spends a certain amount, the grant would match that amount.

There was some discussion on lighting at the Park and this brought up discussion on incorporating solar panels and solar lights for the additional facilities.

The Town Board thanked Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty for the wonderful presentation they made this evening and stated that they would look forward to working with a committee to start looking into what additions we could make to the Park.

#### SECTION 12 – PLATTEKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Clerk had received a request from the Plattekill Historical Society to use two of the old “Poor Master” books that are in the Town vault for a display they are having at a Historical Society Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They are having a speaker attend to give a presentation on the Ulster County Poor House that was located in New Paltz.

The Town Clerk stated that she does know where the books are located and can get them to Mrs. Anson in time for the meeting.

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to allow Mrs. Anson to use the 2 books requested for a display on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Society Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

The Town Clerk stated that she would contact Mrs. Anson and let her know they can use the books and schedule to have them returned the following week.

#### SECTION 13 – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MEMO

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent informing the Town Board that he would be attending the NY State Highway Superintendents Training in Ithaca, NY on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### SECTION 14 – VOUCHERS

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 5/16/2018 which includes the General Fund amount of \$32,193.67, the Highway Fund amount of \$7,061.63, the Clintondale Street Light District amount of \$660.60, the Modena Street Light District amount of \$1,224.85 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$7,307.25 for a total amount of \$48,448.00 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 15 – ADJOURNMENT

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.