

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 3, 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 Matthews
Councilman DePew

Councilman Putnam and Councilman Farrelly were absent.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 19, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 19, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had two additions for this evening's agenda.

1.E-Mail From Planning Board Chair:

Supervisor Croce stated that he received an e-mail from Ms. Hilbert, the Chairperson of the Planning Board. She was asking if the Town Board would be willing to give a waiver on the training requirement for a new member that was on the Board for less than one year.

Supervisor Croce stated that he responded to her asking if this person had gone to any training as yet.

Councilman DePew stated that there are other ways to obtain training.

Councilman Matthews stated that he went on line and did much of his training there.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt that he would like to see this person do some type of training. And there are some classes coming up that he may be able to attend or, as has been said, he could do something on line through the Association of Towns or view a webinar.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would contact Ms. Hilbert to discuss this with her and suggest that he try to obtain some training whether it be a class or on line.

2.Assessor Interviews:

Supervisor Croce stated that he did have one application for Assessor and the position is still on line through Zip-Recruiter, so we may get another. He stated that he would like to set up an interview date. He stated that this applicant has been an Assessor in another Town and she would like to stay local. She resides in the Town of Gardiner.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to set up an interview date of Oct. 9th, but he was not sure the other two Councilmen can make it. He stated that he would like to move forward with trying to hire someone as we are getting into a busy time for this office.

Councilman Matthews and Councilman DePew stated that they could make the date; hopefully the other two Councilmen can make that date too.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would have his secretary set up the interview for Oct 9th at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Dorcas Arocho stated that she still sees a lot of abandoned properties in the Town and she is worried that young adults and others will squat or hangout there and cause trouble.

Supervisor Croce stated that this is an issue for most Towns, not just Plattekill. He stated that the Building Dept. has been trying to contact the owners of the properties, who are sometimes the banks, and get them boarded up and secured.

Mr. Victor Arocho stated that he had a different issue. He stated that he wanted to let the Town Board know that there are cars and motorcycles going very fast on Freetown Highway. He stated that they are going about 90 miles an hour past his house. He felt that this area of the road should be monitored better by the Police. This is not a safe situation.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would be meeting with the Chief of Police tomorrow and he will ask him to send patrols out there to monitor what is going on.

Mr. Castillo, a resident who lives near Mr. Arocho stated yes, he has seen the motorcycles speeding also. He stated that he also believes they are nearing 90 miles an hour. He stated that he also has seen 4-wheelers going up and down the road. It is not a safe situation. Many of them do not wear helmets and they are on the roadway trying to get around to Venuto Road to go up past the Transfer Station.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would bring this situation to the Chief's attention.

SECTION 1 – FELTEN PARK PROJECT REQUEST

Supervisor Croce stated that he received a request from the Felten Park Project Committee asking if they would be allowed to give presentations and speak to various groups about the Park Project. This way they could get the word out and let people know that they are trying to make improvements to the Park.

Councilman DePew stated that he was not sure. Maybe they could give a presentation here so we know what they are saying.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not sure either. Maybe it is the same presentation that they gave here in the spring.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt this could be a good idea; he just would like to hear what they are planning to say. Maybe they can do a presentation here first so we will know what they are going to be saying.

Supervisor Croce stated that this would be a good idea and he will let them know that we do our monthly reports at the second meeting of the month.

Supervisor Croce stated that the second question they had was to set a moratorium date for taking surveys and public information on what they would like to see at the Park.

Councilman DePew stated that he could see them doing a self-imposed date on themselves, but not on the Town. If they want to take all the surveys as of the first of the New Year, then they can total up all the ideas and comments received by that day, but they should not stop taking ideas from the Town residents. This is an evolving committee and he feels that the survey should stay up on the site so residents can go there anytime and make comments.

Supervisor Croce stated that their third question to the Town Board is if they can do a newsletter and have people subscribe to it by e-mail.

There was discussion on a newsletter just for this committee.

Councilman DePew stated that he felt their monthly meeting minutes could be their report. He did not feel that there should be a newsletter at this time. If they just continue the Facebook page and the monthly report, there may not be enough information to warrant an entire newsletter every month.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would pass on what was discussed this evening to the Committee.

SECTION 2 – SOLAR PROJECT PILOT

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to let everyone know that he responded to the Solar Project representatives letting them know that the Town Board would be willing to discuss a PILOT Project, if the Solar Project were to proceed. He stated that he acknowledged their request, but has not heard back from them. At this time the property's Zoning District does not allow this type of project and if we were to approve it, we would be spot zoning. Our Attorney, Paul Kellar, has opined that the ball is in their court and we will wait to see what they do next.

SECTION 3 – 2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The Town Clerk gave each Town Board Member a copy of the Tentative Budget for 2019, which was given to her by the Supervisor/Budget Officer on Oct. 1, 2018. The Town Board will be meeting with each Department Head to review their budget and make any adjustments.

SECTION 4 – HIGHWAY TRANSFER MEMO

Supervisor Croce read a Highway Department memo asking for the Town Board to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Park Equipment budget line A7110.2 to the Park Contractual budget line A7110.4 to cover the cost of reoccurring bills until the end of the 2018 year.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$1,500.00 from A7110.2 Park Equipment to A7110.4 Park Contractual to cover the cost of reoccurring bills until the end of the year in this Park budget line. (A copy of the complete transfer is attached to these minutes.)

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 5 - MANDATED SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY – NYS DEPT. OF LABOR

Supervisor Croce explained that the State just passed a Sexual Harassment Law, on October first or second and we just received paperwork today. This Law sets a new Sexual Harassment Policy for the State and it is to be implemented by October ninth. This Policy mandates that every employee has to receive a copy of this policy and take a class on this issue. This is virtually impossible to do in so short a time period.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has contacted our Labor Attorney and they are looking at this directive. We will have to give a training class at least once a year and we will have to up-date our employee handbook, which is where our current policy is printed.

Supervisor Croce stated that they do give us until October of 2019 to hold the training class.

Councilman DePew stated that he just wanted to remind the Board that he is certified to teach this training class.

Supervisor Croce stated that the hard part will be to try to accommodate all of our Town employees. This includes the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Police Dept., Dog Control, Town Hall, Recreation Dept. including Summer Camp Staff and Highway Dept. This will be hard to co-ordinate. He stated that he just wanted to let them know that he is working on this.

SECTION 6 – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WINTER HOURS

Supervisor Croce stated that he received a memo from the Highway Department stating that the winter hours schedule will be starting on November 19, 2018 and the employees will be working from 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

SECTION 7 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 10/3/2018, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$28,425.88, the Highway Fund amount of \$28,760.36, the Capital Projects amount of \$1,500.00 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$1,771.00 for a total amount of \$60,457.24 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.