

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2019

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 Matthews

Councilman Farrelly and Councilman DePew were absent.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

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

1. Playboy Race Track – MX Schedule for 2019:

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a copy of the Walden Playboy Race Track Schedule for this year. He stated that they are the only race track left in Town and he has not had any complaints in recent years. They do also hold an annual food drive where people attending or racing are requested to donate non-perishable items to be donated to our Town food banks. They try to be good neighbors.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted the Town Board to be aware of the schedule.

2. Transfer Station Attendant:

Supervisor Croce explained that our current Transfer Station attendant, Rich Platania, has been out on a medical leave and the person filling in for him can only work until May 5th. He stated that he has spoken to Rich about the situation and he stated that he would be out at least another twelve weeks. So he stated that he understood the position that the Town needs someone to be at the Transfer Station and he has no problem with us hiring people to cover.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would like to look at hiring two attendants as that is what we have done in the past and this way one attendant can cover for the other if they need a day off.

The Town Board agreed that hiring two people would be the best solution.

Supervisor Croce asked the Town Clerk to put an ad in the newspaper for Transfer Station Attendants.

The Town Board agreed that the current rate of pay would be used for the new people hired.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would check for past applications and have his secretary contact those people to see if they would still be interested.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Mark Reynolds, a local newspaper reporter, asked for an update on the Library purchase. He asked if they were negotiating privately?

Supervisor Croce stated that he recently sent a change in the Town Board's consideration of the sale and he has not heard back from them as yet. He stated that the Town Board would consider selling the building to the Library.

Mr. Reynolds asked if the Town Board had heard anything back on the Resolution that was adopted at the last Town Board Meeting?

Supervisor Croce stated that he had not heard back from anyone on whether the crossover funding was eliminated or not. He stated that he did try to find it somewhere in the budget, but had not found anything on it yet.

Mr. Reynolds stated that he may be able to find out. If so he would get back to the Supervisor.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did see that all the Towns in Ulster County, except for Denning, were not going to receive the "AIM Funding" as they have done in the past.

Mr. Willie Castillo stated that someone put a couch and reclining chair on the corner of Sunny Acres Road again.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he saw that too and has alerted the Building Dept. to do an inspection.

Mr. Castillo stated that one of the problems with the furniture being there is that other people will see it and put more there.

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 7:20 PM.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – AWARD OF MOWING BID

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent with his recommendation for awarding the mowing and shrubbery trimming bid.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion that the Town contract with Grassmaster's Landscaping to do mowing and shrubbery trimming for the Town facilities for 2019.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 2 – AWARD OF HAYING OF THE FIELDS BID

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town did not receive any bids for Haying of the Field. He stated that he spoke with the Highway Superintendent and he stated that we could have the Highway do the mowing, but we would have to pay our employees to do this. The Town Clerk stated that we would have to put the ad in the newspaper again at an approximate cost of \$25.00 to \$30.00.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would suggest posting the ad again, but adding in that there would be a minimum bid amount of \$50.00. This way we can offset some of the costs that we have incurred doing this.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to re-bid the Haying of the Town Field Bid and include that there will be a minimum bid amount of \$50.00 required.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 3 – BUSES FOR SUMMER CAMP

Supervisor Croce stated that he had spoken to and received some more information from Ms. Doland in regards to the cost of buses for Summer Camp. She did give him other price quotes, but they are from 2017 and 2018. He stated he was not sure that these price quotes met the purchase policy requirements. He would think that we need current pricing.

Supervisor Croce stated that he gave the Town Board copies of e-mails from Ms. Doland which show what he was trying to ask her to provide to the Town Board and their discussion on how the bus situation would work. He stated that there were still issues with the insurance and the Town would have to give the bus company proof of insurance at a cost of what a new bus would cost. There are still details that have to be worked out.

Councilman Putnam asked if the Highland Bus Company would have to approve all of this too?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he would think so.

Councilman Putnam stated that we still need current price quotes as per our purchasing policy.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would try to contact the bus companies. He stated that the insurance is a bit tricky because the drivers work for the bus company and for the Town.

Councilman Putnam stated that he would think the time that they are driving the buses, they would have to be employees of the bus company. When not driving, they are employees of the Town. We have to work this out.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would speak with Ms. Doland again.

SECTION 4 – UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been working with the Bookkeeper to figure out how Ms. Hilbert will be paid for her time as Chairperson on the Master Plan Committee. He stated that the Town Board has agreed, at a previous Town Board Meeting, to have her take charge as she has done this for other Towns in the past.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt the easiest way to do this was to have her do a quarterly voucher that would pay her out of the Planning Board Contractual budget line and then she would receive a 1099 at the end of the year. He stated that they are still looking into where the money can be transferred from to cover this expense.

The Town Clerk stated that she thought the funding was going to come from the grant that the Town received.

Supervisor Croce stated that those funds could be used, however the grant is a “reimbursement grant” and we need to spend the money first and then put in a voucher to have the funds reimbursed.

The Town Board agreed that vouchering her payment would be the best solution.

SECTION 5 – GOOD FELLERS LOGGING PERMIT (MR. MCGIVERN)

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been working with Mr. McGivern, a resident of Plattekill, to finalize a permit for logging a piece of property belonging to Mr. DeStefano. He explained that Mr. McGivern was not cutting more than ten thousand board feet, but he was applying for a permit to get the Town’s approval anyway.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. McGivern has obtained all information required for a logging permit and the property is located behind (west)of Ene Road. The property is next to the old Suzi Mine and therefore he will be using the roadway that the mining operation used on Mr. Kalamucki’s property. There are no homes within 500 feet so he did not need to notify anyone. He is cutting approximately 300 trees and will be starting in the spring of 2019 and will finish the project by late fall 2019.

Supervisor Croce stated that there is a wood-road between two houses on Ene Road and he may access the property with a pick-up truck to bring in small equipment and gas, but the trucks and any other equipment will be using the roadway through Mr. Kalamucki’s property.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow Good Fellers Logging to do his logging project at 11 Ene Road.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 6 - VOUCHERS

* Councilman Matthews made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 4/3/2019, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$51,086.65, the Highway Fund amount of \$18,735.95, the SA-Clintondale Light District amount of \$708.71, the SB-Modena Light District amount of \$1,369.50 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$589.25 for a total amount of \$72,493.06 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 7 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.