

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 6, 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 Farrelly
Councilman Matthews
Councilman DePew

MINUTES

There were no minutes approved this evening.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one addition for the evening's agenda:

1. New York State Thruway Authority Letter:

Supervisor Croce read a letter from the NY State Thruway Authority stating that they are planning to do joint replacements on multiple bridges and one of those bridges is the one over the Thruway on Freetown Road. The work is proposed to be completed using temporary lane closures and they would also like to completely close the bridge for a weekend. They are asking for any comments or suggestions in regards to the project and closures during the anticipated time frame of June through November 2019.

Councilman DePew stated that if they are going to close the bridge, we would need to notify emergency services.

Councilman Putnam stated that we send the cars out that way after the Fireworks event which is on July 13 this year.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would bring these issues up when he replies with any other comments.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – MASTER PLAN MEETING DATE

Supervisor Croce stated that he has decided to hold the first Master Plan Update Meeting on April 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM here at the Town Hall. He stated that he wanted to keep that same

meeting time and on the third Tuesday of each month as the Town Hall should be available that evening.

Supervisor Croce continued saying that he has five or six people who are very interested in helping and he is looking forward to this kick-off meeting and getting started.

SECTION 2 – SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING

Supervisor Croce stated that he has heard from our insurance company, NYMIR, and they are having a class called Training the Trainer for the Sexual Harassment Training that is mandated for all Town employees. He stated that the class is being given in Goshen at the Emergency Management Office on April 11, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. He stated that he would be attending along with the Police Chief, Joe Ryan, the Highway Superintendent Robert Wager and Linda Byrnes.

There was a short discussion on why two people from the Highway Dept. would be attending.

Supervisor Croce stated that the idea for this was explained to him that having a woman instructor would be a good idea if there were some employees who would not be comfortable taking this class with a male instructor.

Councilman DePew stated that even though he can already teach the class, he would have liked to attend. He stated that he would not be able to make that date.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was only given four openings and he would have to find out if there is room if another person wanted to take this class.

There was also a question on how long the class certification would last. Would the instructor have to be re-certified each year or so?

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not sure and would look into this question also.

SECTION 3 – SENIOR BUS TRIPS

Supervisor Croce stated that he received the list of four trips that the Senior Group wants to go on this year. He stated that he contacted Leprechaun Lines, West Point Tours and the Trailways Bus Company and the cheapest cost is with Trailways. The issued is that the cost is still \$482.00 over what was budgeted, so we will have to move money into this budget line to cover the cost. He also explained that the Seniors did not like one of the bus drivers so it has been worked out that they will have a driver that they like. Trailways has always been very accommodating with us over past years.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion that we contract with Trailways Bus Company for the four trips for the Senior Citizens at a cost of \$4,982.00.

There was no second.

There was discussion that the Town Board has increased the Senior Trip budget by four or five hundred dollars during budget season for the past few years and last year they went over the budgeted amount and we added even more money.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he would contact the Senior President and group and let them know that we can't keep increasing the amount every year.

Councilman DePew stated that he thought that this was the way it was supposed to be. Every department has a budget and they need to stay within that budget. Maybe we can only afford three trips instead of four, or maybe they can go someplace closer.

Councilman Putnam stated that maybe they can charge an extra \$10.00 on each of the trips to raise more money for the bus on the final trip.

Supervisor Croce stated that he understood what the Town Board was saying and he suggested that he and Councilman Farrelly, as the liaison to the Senior group, go to a senior meeting to talk to them about this situation.

Councilman Farrelly stated that they had already increased the trip budget by \$500.00 for this year and now we would have to put in an additional \$482.00. That is an increase of \$982.00 for this year alone.

There was discussion that these trips have already been scheduled for this year and there might not be much that can be done at this point.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would not be in favor of not putting out the funds for this year. Supervisor Croce amended his motion to say:

* Supervisor Croce made a motion that we contract with Trailways Bus Company for the four trips for the Town's Seniors at a cost of \$4,982.00 and that the Town Board will inform the Senior group that they can no longer go over their annual budgeted amount.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Councilman DePew stated that he did not want the Seniors to think that the Town Board does not support them.

SECTION 4 – DARE GRADUATION

Supervisor Croce read a memo from Detective Riley inviting the Town Board to attend the DARE Graduation being held at the Leptondale Elementary School on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Councilman DePew stated that he would be able to attend and Supervisor Croce and Councilman Matthews stated that they would try to be there if possible.

SECTION 5 – HIGHWAY MEMO

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent which stated that the Highway Dept. summer hours would begin on Monday, April 29, 2019. The hours will be Monday through Thursday, 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

SECTION 6 – MOWING BID & HAYING OF THE FIELD BID.

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent suggesting that the Town Board go out to bid for Mowing of the Town Facilities and Haying of the Field so that bids could be awarded soon. The memo also suggested that the hay field should be mowed no later than July 10, 2019 as the Red, White and Blue Celebration is scheduled for July 13 and that field will be needed to park cars.

Supervisor Croce asked the Town Clerk to advertise for bids and we can open them at the first meeting in April.

SECTION 7 – MARK DOOLEY RACE – MARCH 24, 2019

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to let everyone know that the Rotary sponsored Mark Dooley Race is being held on March 24th and he has asked the Highway Superintendent if he could have Patura Road cleaned by that day.

The Town Board agreed that this was a good idea. This is a very worthwhile event for our community.

SECTION 8 – HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TRAINING

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent stating that he will be attending Highway School in Ithaca, New York from June 2nd to the 5th, 2019.

SECTION 9 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report date 3/6/2019, which includes the General Fund amount of \$58,635.04 and the Highway Fund amount of \$34,442.68 for a total amount of \$93,077.72 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.