

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 17, 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 DePew

Councilman Farrelly was absent.

MINUTES

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

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

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

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

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had 3 additions for the evening's agenda.

Councilman DePew stated that he also had an addition.

1.Highway Memo:

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a memo from the Highway Superintendent and Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, Mr. Robert Wager. He read the memo which stated that the fire and safety inspections were performed at the Library/Senior Center building located at 2047, State Rt. 32 in Modena and the status of the inspection was listed as "Ok".

Supervisor Croce also read that the fire and safety inspections were done at the Plattekill Police Station located at 1124 Milton Turnpike, Clintondale and the status of that inspection was listed as passed and there were no violations found.

2.DJ for Plattekill Day:

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received a request from Mrs. Byrnes, the Chairperson for Plattekill Day, to hire the same DJ that we have used in the past. She stated that they make the effort to announce the different vendors and events we have on stage and keep the music going all day long. They do a great job for a reasonably price.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to hire Night Light Entertainment at a cost of \$350.00 to be our DJ/MC for Plattekill Day.

Councilman DePew seconded.

3.Resolution #4 – 2019 Budget Amendment – Insurance Recoveries:

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town has received funds from our Insurance Company to cover repairs and expenses for repairing a police vehicle that was hit by a deer. We need to show these funds coming into the 2019 General Fund Budget and it must be done by resolution.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt Resolution #4 of 2019:

RESOLUTION #4 OF 2019  
2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved to increase revenue line A2680 Insurance Recoveries and increase expense line A1990.400 Contingent account, and

**WHEREAS**, this is necessary to show revenue and expenses for repairs to police vehicles,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the year 2019 General Fund Budget with an increase in the revenue line item A2680 Insurance Recoveries and increase expense line item A1990.400 Contingent account in the amount of \$6,067.59, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funding shall be supported by receipt of check#99607 in the amount of \$6,067.59 from NYMIR on 4/16/2019.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

4.Executive Session:

Councilman DePew stated that he wanted to enter into Executive Session, at the end of the meeting, to speak to the Town Board on a personal matter in regards to himself.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Wager, the Highway Superintendent, asked the Town Board if they would be interested in meeting to discuss using a particular engineer or engineering company for all the Town Departments. He was suggesting that he felt the Town could use its resources better if all the departments used the same company. He suggested that if the Town Board, the Planning Board and the Highway Dept. all

worked with the same company, then that company would be aware of what is going on in the other departments.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not want to speak for the Planning Board, but he felt the Town Board would be willing to meet to discuss his idea.

Mr. Wager stated that he would send a letter to the Planning Board to see if they would agree to meet to discuss his idea. He asked the Town Board if they would be willing to send a letter of support to the Planning Board?

The Town Board stated that they felt this might be a good idea and the Supervisor agreed to send a letter of support to the Planning Board.

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 7:15 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

#### SECTION 1 – POLICE MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce stated that he had not received a report from the Police Dept. We will probably receive two reports next month.

#### SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Report for March 2019. He read that there were 9 calls this month with 5 calls to service from the Plattekill PD, the State Police or the UC Sherriff's Dept. He read that there were 3 active complaints or cases which are now closed or resolved, there were no open cases, no stray dogs impounded and no appearance tickets issued. He read that there were numerous complaints about dogs running loose and he would urge residents to observe the leash law. He read that Mr. McKee had also received numerous reports that rabid raccoons were found in the Town of Newburgh and southern Plattekill and Marlboro. Please use extra caution with your pets and children this spring. Rabid animals will approach people and pets in the final stage of Rabies.

#### SECTION 3 – ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY & MARCH 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Assessor Monthly Report for February and March 2019. There were 18 transfers, 1 foreclosure, 11 arm's length transactions, 4 vacant and 7 residential sales for February and 13 Transfers, 1 foreclosure, 3 arm's length, 2 vacant and 1 mobile home sales for March. The sale prices for residential homes only were \$165,763.00 for February and \$69,625.00 for March.

#### SECTION 4 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Building Dept. Monthly Report for March 2019. He read that there were 8 Permits, 9 Violations, 2 Violations closed, 3 Complaints, 2 Complaints closed, 0 Complaints to Violations, 0 Municipal Searches and 7 CC & C of O's issued. There were 74 inspections done including complaints, building, violations, fire safety and C of C's & C of O's. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and Zoning & Subdivision issues.

SECTION 5 – RECREATION

Supervisor Croce read the Monthly Recreation Report. He read that Summer Camp registrations are coming in and “Camp Info Night” was well attended. This was held on April 10<sup>th</sup> with 12 parents and several potential campers in attendance.

Supervisor Croce read the estimated bid prices for busses for the camp session. First Student Bus Co. estimated the cost at \$5,850.00, East End Bus Co. estimated the cost at \$5,520.00 and the Highland Bus Co. estimated the cost at \$2,000.00 or less.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Highland School Board has to approve the use of their busses so the Town Board will need to wait to hear from them before making a decision.

Supervisor Croce read that the Senior Luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 26, at 12:00 noon at the Casa Milanese. He read that they can accommodate 55 seniors and there is enough in the budget for a cake and door prizes.

Supervisor Croce finished reading the report stating that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success and Ms. Doland wanted to thank everyone that helped to make this event a great time.

SECTION 6 – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report for March 2019. He read that, at the Town Hall, the fuel tank #12 was renamed and a surge protector was purchased and installed for the Court. He read that signs for closures for Good Friday and Easter were made and hung at the Transfer Station. He read that work was done on the police station extension which is just about complete, the exhaust fans in the bathrooms of the Senior Center were fixed along with replacing an outside wall outlet cover and a ceiling light cover was repaired in the Library.

Supervisor Croce added that everyone can see that our Municipal Worker #3 has started working here at the Town Hall to open up the Building and Assessor Dept. into the Historian old office area. They will also be trying to restructure the shelves in the storage room to try to make more room for storing items that are currently stored behind the folding wall that will be removed in the meeting room. There was also a discussion on recycling the computer parts currently on the shelves in the meeting room and the Town Board agreed to have them taken to the Transfer Station as they are old and outdated.

Supervisor Croce stated that he has been trying to find someone who would want to take the old voting machine that is located in the back of the meeting room. The Historian doesn't want it, Mr. Wager has spoken to the people at the antique area of the UC Fair who do not want it and he googled several companies on the internet and cannot find anyone who wants it. We do not have any other place to store it and it does not have any value to anyone else.

\* Councilman Putnam made a motion, because we have not been able to dispose of the old voting machine, that it has no value and that it be scrapped.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that Mr. Wager has agreed to allow us to store the tables at the Highway Dept. until the storage room is redone with new shelving.

SECTION 7 – PARK EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Councilman Matthews stated that the Park Committee had discussed coming in to the Town Hall meeting room on May 7<sup>th</sup> to do a trial run for their first presentation. That night this room is free of other meetings and they can practice what they will do and say. Then they will be ready to attend the Town Board Meeting on May 15, 2019 to give the presentation.

The Town Board all agreed that this was a good idea to practice that night and then come in to the May 15, 2019 regular Town Board Meeting the following week.

SECTION 8 – INTERVIEW DATES – TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Supervisor Croce stated that he has not received any applications for the Transfer Station Attendant position. He stated that he did reach out to people who had been attendants in the past and is trying to reach out to someone who put in an application the last time we advertised for the position, but he has not had much luck. So he is still working on this issue and is waiting to hear back from one past attendant who might be interested.

Mr. Wager reminded the Supervisor that the person who was the attendant last summer also cleaned up the park pavilion on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he will include this extra hour a day with whoever will be there on the weekends.

Supervisor Croce asked if the water had been turned on, at the Pavilion, yet?

Mr. Wager stated no, they will be doing this soon. He was not sure of the first date that someone is using the Pavilion.

Supervisor Croce asked the Town Clerk to let him know the first date when someone is using the Park Pavilion?

Mr. Wager stated that there are also Soccer people and others are there during the day. They all use the bathrooms.

Supervisor Croce stated that he realizes this so if the bathrooms are in bad shape before people get there to use the pavilion, then we know it is the soccer people.

SECTION 9 – PARK EXPANSION SIGNS

Councilman Matthews stated that he had given the Town Board members copies of what the signs would look like that they would like to put up at the Park to make people aware that the Park Committee exists and how to voice their opinions to the Park Committee. This evening they were looking to have the Town Board's approval to purchase and put up the larger, 4' X 8' sign. The smaller ones could wait until needed.

They discussed that the large sign would cost approximately \$225.00 to produce. The backing for the sign was being donated and the letters would be able to be removed or covered over if they decided at a later time that they wanted to change it.

There was discussion on the wording that would be on the sign and Councilman Matthews stated that they took this idea for the sign from other Towns that have done the same thing.

\* Councilman Putnam made a motion to approve the 4' X 8' sign at a cost of \$225.00 for the Park Expansion Committee.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

There was some discussion on approving the smaller signs so that they could be made when needed.

\* Councilman Putnam made a motion to approve a future purchase of 2 smaller signs, for the Park Expansion Committee, at a cost of \$100.00 each.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Mr. Wager asked where the funding would come from for these signs?

Supervisor Croce stated that they would probably take the funds from the Park budget line.

Mr. Wager stated that he just wanted to make the Town Board aware that there may seem to be some extra funds in this budget line, however things happen and we may need to purchase a new water heater or get mulch for under the playground equipment or any other number of things may need to be done.

Councilman DePew stated that he does feel this is the beginning of something good and we are going to have to develop a budget line for this. We are getting a lot of feedback on this and we will have to develop it as we go. This is the first step and he 100% understands what he is saying.

Councilman Putnam asked if this funding could come from the unallocated fund balance or some other budget line.

Supervisor Croce stated that we can keep this in mind for budget season in the fall.

The Town Board discussed that they have to keep in mind that anything new will have maintenance with it. We will need to set up budgets and stick with them for that year.

Councilman Matthews stated that the Committee does realize this and they have been trying to do what they can on a volunteer basis with minimal costs.

The Town Board continued to discuss how the budget lines were set up and how the departments have to stay within their budget.

Councilman DePew questioned about the money in the Park Reserve Fund and stated that he thought they could use the funds for this committee.

Supervisor Croce explained that the money in that special fund can only be used for permanent expansion improvements; not for signs or to purchase a tractor or do maintenance. Those funds could be used for an addition to the back of the Pavilion; something permanent.

Councilman DePew stated that he was getting a better idea of what the funds in that account can be used for and he appreciates this conversation as he thought there was a fund that would pay for these extra things. He stated that the Town Board has made a motion and approved these things and we need to move forward from here.

Supervisor Croce stated that what he is trying to say is that we need to know what the Committee may be looking to do beforehand so that when we are making up the budget, we will know what needs to be funded in the budget line. There are always things that come up, but it is better to know and plan ahead.

#### SECTION 10 – FIREWORKS EVENT

Supervisor Croce stated that he sent proposals to several companies for doing the fireworks display at our Red, White and Blue Event. He stated that he has only heard back from Fireworks Extravaganza who we have used for many years. The other companies do not want to do a small display. He stated that

he felt we should contract with this company because we need to get them scheduled for the dates we need.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion that we use Fireworks Extravaganza at a cost of \$7,000.00 for our Red, White and Blue Celebration on July 13, 2019.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – HUDSON VALLEY RUGBY CLUB

Supervisor Croce stated that he sent an e-mail to the Rugby Club people on March 25, 2019. He read his e-mail to the Town Board which stated “Please be advised that the field at Felten Park, that you have used in the past, is no longer available.” He wanted the Town Board to know that he did not hear anything back from them. He stated that there is a Boy Scout, Eagle Scout project going on and a GaGa Pit also going in there somewhere, so they literally cannot use the field because we are making additions.

Mr. Wager suggested that since we have had other issues with them too, we should probably alert the Police Dept. to check on days that we know they could show up there.

There was discussion that the Rugby players would take the soccer goals without permission, move the tables from under the pavilion onto the fields without putting them back, leave garbage blowing around and used questionable language near the children’s playground area. They will not be missed.

SECTION 12 – BANDS FOR RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

Councilman DePew stated that he sent out requests for bands and received 5 responses back.

- 1) Crown Theory – 4 piece band – 3-45min. sets = \$600.00  
- 4-45min. sets = \$800.00
- 2) Power Drive – 5 piece band----- -\$700.00
- 3) Soul Purpose -7 piece band-----\$700.00
- 4) Jungle Love --7 piece band-----\$1,400.00 (but will do for \$700.00)
- 5) Fish Bowl The Band – 6 piece band-----\$1,000.00

Councilman DePew stated that he told all the bands that they needed to be loud and have speakers to put out on the fields. His suggestion would be to go with Power Drive as they are a local band and have played for the Town before.

Councilman Putnam and Councilman Matthews agreed to using Power Drive as the band for the event since they are local and we have used them in the past.

Supervisor Croce stated that the amount that was budgeted for the band at this event was \$650.00 so he would also agree that we use Power Drive as their cost is close to what we budgeted.

\* Councilman Putnam made a motion to employ the band Power Drive for the Plattekill Fireworks Celebration on July 13, with a rain date of July 14, 2019.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 13 – GRIEVANCE DAY

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to remind everyone that Grievance Day is May 30, 2019 and he will check with the Assessor to make sure that we have all our members of the Grievance Board and that whoever needs training receives it.

SECTION 14 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:09 PM and enter into Executive Session to discuss a personal matter with Councilman DePew.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Executive Session and re-open the regular Town Board Meeting at 8:29 PM.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 15 – VOUCHERS

\* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 4/17/2019, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$15,227.24, the Highway Fund amount of \$6,700.48, the SD-Drainage District amount of \$6,067.82 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$795.13 for a total amount of \$28,790.67 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 16 – ADJOURNMENT

\* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.