

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 5, 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

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 15, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 15, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had two additions to the evening's agenda. One was to adopt a resolution to amend the 2019 Budget and the other was about a PBA Grievance request. He stated that both of these items could be discussed under new business, at the end of the evening.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Morse asked Councilman DePew if he had gotten an answer to her question about the historian items and the insurance on them.

Councilman DePew stated that he had contacted Libbie Werlau, our Town Historian, and she will be attending the next Town Board Meeting to discuss all of the questions. She has stated that she finished the inventory and has also taken photo's of all the items.

Mrs. Morse stated that she heard the Grange is reviving and other Granges in the area are looking at using the building. How safe will our items be?

Councilman DePew stated that he feels better knowing that the items are safe at the Grange building and that other people will be seeing them. When Ms. Werlau is here at the next meeting, she can answer all these questions.

Mrs. Morse asked if the Town has an umbrella policy that will cover the items too?

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he does believe that they are covered no matter where they are displayed or kept.

Mrs. Morse stated that she also wanted to say that she felt the Memorial Day Parade went well.

Supervisor Croce stated yes, he agreed with her and he felt that we had one of the largest turnouts of people watching.

Donna King, who works for a health care company, stated that she had contacted the Town Clerk, who told her she should come to this Town Board Meeting to discuss a Tournament that she wanted to hold to raise money for an area fire department. She stated that she wanted to ask for permission to use the baseball field to hold a fire department baseball tournament on the weekend of July 27 and 28th. She was contacting local fire departments to see if she could get teams to play against each other and the winner, at the end, would receive all the money collected from entry fees. This way they could purchase any needed equipment for their fire department. She stated that she already has food and port-a-potties donated for free and she will be selling T-shirts.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt this was a good idea, but he would have to get in touch with the softball league that currently uses the field to see if it is available that weekend. The league pays the Town to use it and they maintain it, so we will need to check with them to see if it could be available that weekend. He stated that she would also need to give the Town a certificate of insurance.

Supervisor Croce gave her his e-mail address so she could forward all this information to him and he stated that he would get in touch with Mr. Scotto to check on the availability.

Councilman DePew stated that there may also be soccer league people having games that weekend, but there is plenty of parking in the lower parking lot to accommodate the fire departments.

Ms. King stated that she would forward her information to the Supervisor.

Mrs. Esther Coppola asked the Town Board if there had been any further action or updates on the sale of the Library building?

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board gave them a price and there has not been any contact from them as yet.

Mrs. Coppola stated that the Seniors are concerned about not having a Senior Center.

Supervisor Croce stated that they have not heard back from them as yet, but if there is an agreement to sell the property to them, the agreement will include a senior center either equal to what they have now or better.

Mrs. Coppola asked if there will be a kitchen and the same square footage that they have now? She stated that actually, the water kind of drizzles out in the kitchen. That could be better.

Councilman DePew stated that they should let the Town Hall know when there is an issue. We will look into that and let the Highway/facilities people know so they can look into fixing it.

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 7:18 PM.
Councilman DePew seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – WALDEN PLAYBOY MX TRACK REQUEST

Supervisor Croce read an e-mail from the Walden Playboy Race Track Club asking for one more weekend of racing for this year’s schedule.

There were representatives from the Club in attendance and they explained that there was another group of riders that used to be a part of the Walden Club and they have asked if they could use the track for one weekend. They explained that this other group raced motorcross just like they do, however they are in a separate league. They could use the extra money as several races were canceled last year due to the weather.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would agree to this additional weekend as long as the participants are in agreement with the current rules and regulations.

The representatives stated that they would also be there to make sure everything is done the same as if the Walden Club was running the track.

The Town Board was in agreement to allow them to add the additional weekend, on a trial basis, as there have not been any recent complaints or concerns.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow the Walden PlayBoY Race Track Club to add one additional weekend, September 28th and 29th, for this year on a trial basis.

Councilman Matthews seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 2 – LANDFILL WELL MONITORING

Supervisor Croce explained that many years ago, the DEC had the Town close the landfill and open the Transfer Station. After the Landfill was closed and covered, they set up a yearly monitoring schedule and it is time to have the wells monitored for this year.

Supervisor Croce stated that the engineering firm Barton & Loguidice, who has done the monitoring for us for the past two years, had agreed to test the wells at the same price for three years. This would be the last of those three years at this same price.

Supervisor Croce asked the Town Board if they wanted to stay with Barton & Loguidice for this year or try to obtain another price quote from another company.

The Town Board was in agreement that the Town use Barton & Loguidice for another year.

Supervisor Croce stated that he had asked this company to try to persuade the DEC to change the yearly monitoring to once every two or three years, however in the past, other administrations did not do the monitoring at all and the DEC was not ready to change the schedule.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to sign the contract with Barton & Loguidice to do the well monitoring at the Town Landfill for 2019 at the proposed cost of \$9,500.00.

Councilman Putnam seconded.
On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 3 – 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Croce gave the Town Board a list of dates for presenting PBA Scholarships and DARE Graduations. He wanted to request that any Town Board member, who could make it to any of these events, be there to hand out the awards.

The Town Board discussed who could make the presentations and it seemed that at least one person could make it to each event.

SECTION 4 - \$20.00 JULY COUPONS FOR TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Croce explained that in past years, in July, the Town Board has agreed to give those residents who use our Transfer Station and have a valid sticker for their vehicle, a free \$20.00 coupon to take items to the Transfer Station. He asked the Town Board if they were in agreement to do this again this year.

The Town Board agreed that they wanted to offer the \$20.00 coupon to residents as long as they have a valid transfer station sticker for their vehicle.

The Town Clerk stated that she would make the coupons and have them available the last week of June, to be used in the month of July.

SECTION 5 – 2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION – (REFUND-ULSTER ALLIANCE)

Supervisor Croce explained that the Southern Ulster Alliance was a group of area Towns who were working together to promote tourism and the rail trail system. Since the group goals have been met, the final meeting was held and it was decided to distribute the funds left in the bank account to those towns involved in the group. Each of the Towns would be receiving \$2,984.86 and therefore we have to adopt a resolution to amend the 2019 Town Budget.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution #5.

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
RESOLUTION #5
2019 Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill has approved to increase revenue line #A 2770 Miscellaneous Revenues, and

WHEREAS, this is necessary to show unexpected revenue received from the dissolution of the Southern Ulster Alliance,

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 #A 2770 Miscellaneous Revenues of \$2,984.86, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by receipt of check #158 in the amount of \$2,984.86 from the Southern Ulster Alliance on May 31, 2019.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 6 – PBA GRIEVANCE

Supervisor Croce explained that he has given the Town Board a copy of a Grievance form that he received from the Police PBA in regards to expanding the “C” line differential pay. He explained that the

Chief receives the Grievance first and he has rejected it, so it is then given to the Town Board. It is now up to the Town Board to either reject it or not.

Supervisor Croce stated that he feels the Town Board should reject it and if we do, then it will go to arbitration.

* Councilman Farrelly made a motion that the Town Board rejects the PBA Grievance.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would call our labor attorney and let the PBA know our decision.

SECTION 7 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 6/5/2019, which includes the General Fund amount of \$31,789.42, the Highway Fund amount of \$24,393.06, the SA-Clintondale Light District amount of \$678.97, the SB-Modena Light District amount of \$1,291.07 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$4,371.31 for a total amount of \$62,523.83 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 7:47 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.