

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 15, 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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 MS4 STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2018 MS4 Stormwater Annual Report.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce explained that the Town has to draft an Annual MS4 Stormwater Report each year and hold a Public Hearing before filing it with the State. He stated that the report has been available for review on the Town Website and a copy could be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office. He went on to explain that this report was an accounting of the Stormwater inspections done by our Code Enforcement Officer and Highway Superintendent and work done by the Highway Dept. to keep all the drainage districts and Town drainage ponds working properly. He stated that it is a rather lengthy report and we enlist the help of our Town engineer to put it all together.

Supervisor Croce stated that the public notice was published in the town newspaper, the Southern Ulster Times. He stated that this Public Hearing is being held to take any comments or questions the public may have about this annual report.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2018 MS4 Stormwater Report at 7:04 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

MINUTES

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 17th and the May 1st, 2019 Regular Town Board Meetings.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Abstained
Councilman Matthews	Yes
Councilman DePew	Yes

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 17th, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Abstained
Councilman Matthews	Yes
Councilman DePew	Yes

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 1st, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: Supervisor Croce	Yes
Councilman Putnam	Yes
Councilman Farrelly	Abstained
Councilman Matthews	Yes
Councilman DePew	Yes

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Pearl Morse, chairperson for the Veteran’s Committee and Memorial Day Parade, reminded everyone that the Parade will be on Saturday, May 25th, with line up at the Town Hall at 12 noon and step off is at 1 PM. We will march down Rt.32 to the Park and Veteran’s Memorial for a ceremony and refreshments.

Mrs. Morse continued saying that she wanted to say “Thank You” to our County Legislator Kevin Roberts. He has obtained a bus that will allow marchers to park their cars at the Park and the bus will shuttle them down to the Town Hall to line up for the parade. This way they will not have to walk or try to get a ride to their vehicles after the ceremony.

Mrs. Morse stated that she had a question. She stated that she heard there was a new law on the books that if you do not cut your lawn, you will receive a violation from the Building Dept.

Supervisor Croce stated that this is not new. If the Building Dept./Code Enforcement Officer receives a complaint that the grass is very high, the person would receive an ORT (order to remedy). The person is given time to remedy the situation and if they do not, then they will receive a violation. He explained that this is used mostly with homes that have been abandoned by the owners and the Bank takes possession of the property. The Clerk gets in touch with the Bank and it is the Bank’s responsibility to get the grass mowed.

Mrs. Morse stated that she has also had someone ask her about the insurance on the items the Town has loaned the Historical Society. Does the Historical Society’s insurance cover our items or does the Town have coverage?

Councilman DePew stated that he has asked Ms. Werlau, our Town Historian, to send us the pictures and the list of the items loaned to the Historical Society. She stated that the pictures and list were done and she would get them to him. This will also include information about the insurance. He stated that the Historical Society does have insurance that will cover our items while in their possession.

Supervisor Croce explained to the audience that Mrs. Morse is the person in charge of the Veteran's Committee and the Parade. He stated that the Town owes a lot to Mrs. Morse for all that she does for the Community.

Mrs. Morse said Thank You, but there is a whole team of people behind her that is not often seen.

Mr. Willie Castillo asked what the item, Soccer Field Use, listed on the evening's agenda was about.

Supervisor Croce stated that the Town Board has received a request to use the field behind the pavilion and playground area. The request is on the agenda for discussion.

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 7:10 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORTS – MARCH & APRIL 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Police Dept. Monthly Report for March 2019. He read that there were 185 documented calls for service with 152 traffic tickets issued. There were 4 motor vehicle accidents handled with 1 injury reported.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter and reminded everyone that these monthly reports can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office. He continued reading the Detective report section which stated that there were 2 Burglary cases, 1 Unlawful surveillance case, 1 Bad Check case, and 3 Assists to other agencies including the Beacon PD, EMS and a motor vehicle accident. The Detectives closed 2 Larceny cases with an investigation.

Supervisor Croce continued reading that the 7th Annual Bruce Loertscher Memorial Scholarship Pig Roast has been scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd at 1:00 PM at the Thomas Felten Park. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be obtained from officers or at the Town Clerk's Office. The Ulster County Police Chiefs Association Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 8, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Novellas in New Paltz.

Supervisor Croce finished reading the report stating that the vehicles were all reported as being in good or fair condition.

Supervisor Croce read the Police Dept. Monthly Report for April 2019. He read that there were 176 documented calls for service with 148 traffic tickets issued. There were 7 motor vehicle accidents handled with 2 injuries reported.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective report section which stated that there were 3 Burglary cases, 1 Unlawful Surveillance case, 1 Trespass case and 1 assist CPS case worked. No cases were closed.

Supervisor Croce read that Chief Ryan attended a Sexual Harassment "Train the Trainer" seminar. He also read that the 7th Annual Bruce Loertscher Memorial Scholarship Pig Roast was scheduled for June 23rd at 1 PM at the Thomas Felten Park.

Supervisor Croce read that Officer Raftery and Officer Myers were still out due to off duty injuries and they will be conducting interviews for possible new hires during May.

Supervisor Croce finished reading the monthly report stating that all the vehicles were in either good or fair condition.

SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Report for April 2019. He read that there were 16 calls including 7 calls from the Plattekill PD, the UC Sherriff's Dept. or the State Police. He read that the Dog Control Officer responded to 5 active complaints or cases which are now closed or resolved, 1 open case that has been addressed but is ongoing, 1 stray dog was redeemed by its owner and 1 Appearance ticket was issued.

Supervisor Croce finished by reading that there were numerous complaints of dogs running loose and another dog went missing on Fosler Road. It is believed that the dog went missing due to the work of coyotes. Everyone needs to be careful about letting their dogs run loose!

SECTION 3 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Building Dept. Monthly Report for April 2019. He read that there were 25 Permits issued, 23 Violations taken, 8 Violations closed, 21 Complaints, 4 Complaints closed, 15 Complaints to Violations, 9 Municipal Searches done and 6 CC & C of O's issued. There were 108 inspections including complaints, building, violations, fire safety and C of O's & C of C's . These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance.

SECTION 4 – RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the Recreation Monthly Report for April – 2019. He read that the Summer Camp registrations are coming in and most are taking advantage of the pay half option. The final payments are due by June 5th. There will be a mandatory Camp Staff meeting on June 12th at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Croce read that the T-Ball fliers were distributed at the school and several posts made online, but only 4 kids have signed up. So there will only be one session on Wednesday, May 29, at 5:30 PM behind the library. This will just be a hands on, hour long session for the 4 kids and there will not be a charge. There is no need to hire a coach as Ms. Doland will do this one session herself.

Supervisor Croce finished reading the report stating that the Senior Luncheon will be held on May 26th at 12 noon at Casa Milanese. There are 55 guests signed up and there is enough in the budget for cake and door prizes.

Supervisor Croce stated that he spoke with Ms. Doland and if she does get more T-Ball sign-ups she will do a full session.

SECTION 5 – ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Assessor Dept. Monthly Report for April 2019. He read that there were 22 Transfers, 5 Foreclosures and 5 Residential Sales. The sale price of residential homes only was \$221,400.00.

SECTION 6 – BUILDING & GROUNDS MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report for April 2019. He read that the window blind was replaced and a desk was repaired in the Court room, a leak was fixed in the boiler room, employee posters were hung in all the Town buildings and work was begun for expanding the building dept. in the Town Hall.

Supervisor Croce read that in the Highway Dept. the phones were checked for a second time this month. There seems to be a continuous problem whenever it rains. Verizon was dispatched and repaired the line. Copies of keys for the restroom were also made.

Supervisor Croce continued reading that at the Park, the salt was purchased and installed and the water system was opened for the season, a broken bench was repaired, the motor cycle side car at the playground was fixed and the bathrooms were cleaned for use.

SECTION 7 – PARK EXPANSION PRESENTATION

Supervisor Croce introduced the audience to several members of the Park Expansion Committee who were present to put on their presentation that was a shortened version of their original presentation given last year. This shortened presentation would be used when the members give it for organizations and groups throughout Town to make everyone aware of the mission of the Committee and that they are looking to get as much feedback from as many people as possible. There is a survey available on the Committee's Facebook page, through a link on the Town Website and in paper at the Town Hall. Soon, a paper version will also be available at the Town Park.

Supervisor Croce thanked the Park Expansion Committee for doing their first presentation here at the Town Hall, this evening. He stated that the members have put a lot of work into this project and they are volunteering their time and expertise to get us moving in the right direction. They have put in a lot of time to get to this point and once they have enough information from residents then they can start to work on a Master Plan for the park property.

SECTION 8 – TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS

Supervisor Croce stated that we have a new attendant at the Transfer Station who is currently working four days a week. He stated that he did receive two more applications and he wanted to know if the Town Board wanted to do interviews or just let him do this on his own.

The Town Board decided that they did want to do interviews on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Croce stated that he would have his secretary try to set up the interviews for that evening.

SECTION 9 – CAMP BUSES

Supervisor Croce stated that he was still working on the bus situation with Ms. Doland and the Highland School District. There was another glitch in setting this all up and he will let the Town Board know what they work out.

SECTION 10 – (2019 TO 2020) SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER AGREEMENT

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a new contract agreement from the Wallkill School District to supply an Officer for the Plattekill Elementary School to be present at the school during regular school

hours. Currently we have up to three Officers who have been trained to work at the school and one of those Officers is scheduled to spend the day there, on their availability. The rate of pay will remain the same.

Supervisor Croce explained that there was a new section #7 that was added to the contract and the Chief has stated that he is good with this change. We have gotten positive feedback on having the Officers there.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the new School Police Officer Agreement for 2019 to 2020.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – FIELD USE REQUEST

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received a request from the LIGA International del Hudson Valley Soccer Organization to use the field behind the playground and pavilion at the Park for practice and games.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not think this was a good idea as we have some Eagle Scout Projects going on in the same area, the close proximity to the playground and the lack of space for their estimated 80 adults and 40 children. He stated that he did give Mr. Arias, Jr. the phone number to the Soccer League that leases the middle field for their soccer activities to see if they could possibly use that field. He stated again that he did not feel this was a good idea due to the lack of space.

The Town Board was in agreement that there was too much activity and projects in construction going on to use the upper field for large sport events. We are also renting the pavilion to residents for parties and events. There is just not enough room to accommodate more team events on the upper level.

* Councilman Putnam made a motion to deny the use of the park field on the upper level to the LIGA International del Hudson Valley Soccer Organization.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 12 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 5/15/2019, which includes the General Fund amount of \$33,229.50, the Highway Fund amount of \$3,031.38, the Capital Projects amount of \$369.00, the SA-Clintondale Light District amount of \$741.17, the SA-Modena Light District amount of \$1,455.12, the SD-Drainage District amount of \$426.70 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$1,020.00 for a total amount of \$40,272.87 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 13 – ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Croce thanked everyone in the audience for coming in this evening for the Park Expansion Committee presentation.

* Councilman DePew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.