

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 18, 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 September 4, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had three additions for the evening's agenda:

1. Boy Scout Presentation:

Supervisor Croce introduced Mr. Dustin Colombo, who is a local Boy Scout, to make a presentation to the Town of Plattekill. There were many other Boy Scouts and their families in attendance also.

Mr. Colombo presented the Town Board with a large plaque which included the names of all the Boy Scouts who have done Eagle Scout Projects in the Town of Plattekill and there was plenty of room to add more names for future Eagle Scout Projects. This plaque would hang in the Town Hall and be updated every year by the Scouts.

The Town Board thanked Boy Scout Troop #95 for their generosity in donating this plaque and promising to keep it up-to-date. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a great honor and the boys who accomplish this rank will be honored by adding their names to this plaque. Pictures were taken.

2.Eagle Scout Project Request For Change:

Supervisor Croce introduced Mr. Patrick Leonard, a local Boy Scout, who has been working on his Eagle Scout Project to install workout equipment at the Town Park.

Mr. Leonard stated that it became evident, as he was installing the workout equipment at the Park, that his original idea to have mulch under the equipment, was not going to be the best material to use. He was requesting that he be allowed to change from the mulch to stone dust, which will be easier to pack down and maintain.

The Town Board was in agreement with this change of material.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow Patrick Leonard to use stone dust instead of mulch on his Eagle Scout project at the Thomas Felten Park.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

3.Car Show At Plattekill Day:

Supervisor Croce stated that Mrs. Byrnes had collected donations from local businesses for the Plattekill Day Car Show and she would like to give these funds to the Veteran's Committee. She collected \$1,100.00.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was in agreement that these funds would be very helpful to the Committee as they do a lot for our Community and sponsor the Memorial Day Parade.

Mrs. Morse, the Chairperson of the Veteran's Committee thanked Mrs. Byrnes and Mr. Wager, the Highway Superintendent, for all the work they do throughout the year.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to approve that the donation money of \$1,100.00, be deposited into the Veterans Committee Account.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

Supervisor Croce stated that each sponsor donated \$50.00 and "Kudos" to Mrs. Byrnes for contacting these businesses for donations.

Councilman Putnam stated that one of the donors was not a business; he was an Eagle Scout.

Supervisor Croce explained that Mrs. Byrnes has ordered a banner with all the names of people who donated money and she will be hanging it near the trophies at Plattekill Day.

Supervisor Croce stated that he also wanted to say "Thank You" to Mrs. Morse for chairing the Veterans Committee and to all its members who do so much for this Community.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input at this time.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input Section of the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Police Dept. Monthly Report for August 2019. He read that there were 190 documented calls for service and 99 Traffic Tickets were issued. There were 9 motor vehicle accidents handled with 8 injuries reported.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Blotter and informed everyone that if they wanted the full report, it was available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective Report which stated that they worked 1 unlawful surveillance case, 1 Petit Larceny case, 1 Grand Larceny case, 1 Larceny case and 1 Criminal Mischief case. They also closed one case for issuing a bad check with an arrest and closed another Grand Larceny case with an investigation.

Supervisor Croce continued to read that Officer Raftery and Officer Myers were still out on medical leave, Officer Papo will be returning from a Leave of Absence on Sept. 18th, Officer Dixon has accepted a full time position with the City of Kingston Police. The vehicles were all reported as being in good or fair condition.

Supervisor Croce explained that one of our Officers was out of his vehicle, at a traffic stop, with his lights flashing, when a reported "erratic" driver hit the back of the police car. The State Police were called to investigate the accident and we should be getting a report from our insurance company within the next few days.

SECTION 2 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Report for August 2019. He read that there were 15 active calls including 2 calls to service from the Plattekill PD, the State Police or the Ulster County Sherriff. He responded to 1 active complaint which is now closed or resolved and there is 1 open case that has been addressed but is still ongoing or un-resolved. There were no stray dogs impounded and 2 appearance tickets were issued.

Supervisor Croce finished by reading that a dangerous dog proceeding was concluded successfully. This case was about a dog bite that took place on Meadow Lane in June 2019. A stipulation agreement between the Town and the dog owner is with the Town Supervisor.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt Mr. McKee handled the situation appropriately.

SECTION 3 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Building Dept. Monthly Report for August 2019. He read that there were 19 permits issued, 11 Violations, 1 Violation closed, 9 Complaints, 1 Complaint closed, 8 Complaints to Violations, 14 Municipal Searches and 11 CC and C or O's issued. There were 101 inspections done including complaints, building, violations, fire safety and C of O's and C of C's. There were no Storm Water Out Falls inspections and no County Tax Sale inspections done. These numbers do not include returning phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and Zoning and Subdivision issues.

Councilman Farrelly asked about the Storm Water Out Fall Inspections and if they would all be done by the end of the year?

Mr. Wager, the Highway Superintendent, explained that there was a schedule set up to do approximately 25% of them per year. The Building Dept. has done their quota for this year and then next year others will be done. All of them do not need to be inspected every year.

SECTION 4 – RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Croce read the Monthly Recreation Dept. Report. He read that the Budget for next year has been completed, the Rocking Horse Ranch Day tickets did not sell out on the first day of sales so the remaining tickets will be sold at Plattekill Day, there will be a Recreation Booth at Plattekill Day with Ranch tickets, Summer Camp information, Winter Sports information and information on Halloween at Hurds Farm and Indoor Sports for Soccer is set for Thursday nights at the Plattekill Elementary School. He finished by reading that Ms. Doland was trying to set up a night for a “Teen Scene – game night”. More information on this will be coming soon.

SECTION 5 – ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Assessor Monthly Report for August 2019. He read the Sales Report which stated that there were 25 transfers, 1 foreclosure, 11 armslength transactions and 11 Residential sales. He read that the sale price of residential homes only was \$290,536.

SECTION 6 – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report for August 2019. He read that work at the Town Hall included hanging an “employees only” sign on the side entrance door, remedying a strange odor in the Town Clerk’s Office, fixing the Clerk’s drawer in the Building Dept., fixing a leaking hose, removing a dead tree and continuing work on the Building Dept. expansion project. Work at the Park included checking and cleaning the restrooms weekly and hanging no smoking and Tick signs. At the Police Station a damaged flag was replaced, at the Transfer Station a hornets nest was removed and at the Garage a pedestal fan was fixed.

Supervisor Croce explained that the Building Dept., Assessor Dept. and Planning and Zoning Department expansion project was almost done. Mr. Dougherty is just finishing up on a few more things. It looks good and seems to be working out well.

SECTION 7 – RESOLUTION FOR 284 AGREEMENT

Supervisor Croce read a memo from the Highway Superintendent asking for the Town Board to transfer funds to support general repairs and permanent repairs (paving) as per the Highway 284 Agreement.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #10 OF 2019

Transfer of Highway Funds

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested the transfer of funds necessary for highway paving projects as per the 284 agreement for 2019 that the Town Board approved at the June 19, 2019 Town Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this work will increase the budget appropriations for 2019,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the 2019 Highway Fund Budget line item DA5110.400 General Repairs Contractual by an increase of \$20,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by a transfer from the Highway Unappropriated Fund Balance in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from DA0917 Highway Unassigned Fund Balance to DA5110.400 General Repairs Contractual for highway paving projects as per the 284 Agreement for 2019.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 7 – RESOLUTION FOR HIGHWAY TRUCK PURCHASE

Supervisor Croce also read, within the previous Highway memo and in the 284 Agreement of 2019, that the Highway Superintendent was requesting that the Town Board transfer funds to purchase a 2020 Freightliner M2-106 Truck with a plow, a removable dump body and other equipment.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #11 OF 2019

Transfer of Highway Funds

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested to increase the expense line of DA5130.200 in the amount of \$125,209.00 that the Town Board approved at the June 19, 2019 Town Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, this transfer is necessary to cover the cost of a truck and equipment purchase and will increase the budget appropriations for 2019,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the 2019 Highway Fund Budget with an increase of line item DA5130.200 Machinery Equipment in the amount of \$125,209.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by a transfer from the Highway Unappropriated Fund Balance in the amount of \$125,209.00

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to transfer \$125,209.00 from DA0917 Highway Unassigned Fund Balance to the Highway Budget line DA5130.200 Machinery Equipment to cover the cost of a truck and equipment purchase.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 8 – ASSESSOR REAPPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Croce stated that he had received a letter from the State notifying us that the Assessor’s term of office would end on September 30, 2019. We would need to re-appoint our Assessor to another 6 year term.

Supervisor Croce stated that he spoke with Mr. Sabia and he stated that he would stay on in this position.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #9 of 2019

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SOLE ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill had appointed Mr. Matthew Sabia as Sole Assessor for the Town of Plattekill on October 23, 2018, with a term to expire September 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sabia is willing to serve an additional term as Sole Assessor upon expiration of his current term,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §310, and upon expiration of his current term on September 30, 2019, Mr. Matthew Sabia is hereby reappointed as Sole Assessor for the Town of Plattekill with a term to expire September 30, 2025.

Councilman Farrelly seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – GATEWAY MEETING REPORT

Supervisor Croce stated that he attended a Gateway Meeting for the New Paltz Center For Rehabilitation and Nursing project to put in a new replacement facility for a current 77 bed residential health care facility with 123 new beds that is in New Paltz. This facility is being proposed for the Moran Rest Home property located on Rt. 32 in the Town of Plattekill. They have been in front of the Planning Board several times and they are progressing through the process to see if this is feasible. They are planning a 240 bed facility that will be two stories high with three wings; approximately 230 thousand square feet. They will use approximately forty five thousand gallons of water per day. They are testing the three wells there now and will be drilling a forth for testing soon. He stated that, from attending the Planning Board meetings here, it seems that a lot hinges on them obtaining a Certificate of Means from the New York State Dept. of Health and they should know if they are getting one within the next 60 days.

Supervisor Croce stated that he just wanted to keep everyone up to date on how the project was progressing, so he has given the Town Board a copy of the minutes so that they can see what was discussed. There were a lot of issues discussed with one of the bigger issues being that they are currently working with the DEC on obtaining permits to put in a waste water facility and where the discharge would be. They will also be doing a traffic study. He stated that he felt this project would be good for the Town as it will bring in many jobs.

Supervisor Croce stated that as soon as our Attorney comes back from vacation, he will be scheduling a conference call with him and the Planning Board Chairperson and engineer to discuss any possible zoning concerns.

Councilman DePew asked if there were any more meetings coming up as he would like to attend them.

Supervisor Croce stated that he was not aware of when any future meetings have been scheduled and he will keep the Town Board informed. He stated that these meetings are set up with the Chairperson of the Boards; the entire Board does not attend. No agency sends their entire board.

**At this time:

Councilman DePew stated that he would like to be given the opportunity to start an exploratory or feasibility committee to explore the possibility of putting a Community Center on our Town Park property. Not saying that we are going to build it, just the feasibility of it. He stated that he has already spoken to Councilman Matthews and he would like to ask one other person to help him see what the possibility would be to do that. With the Board's blessing, he would like to move forward with that.

Supervisor Croce stated that his thoughts are that we have talked about doing this and we currently have a committee that is doing a master plan of the entire park property and he would think that we would be going in too many directions at once.

Councilman DePew stated that his intention is not to hamper or to stop what the Expansion Committee is already doing. He stated that he is just looking to enhance and give another option. He stated that if he was just a resident he would just go ahead and do this on his own, but since he is part of the Town Board, and he is including the Chairperson of the Expansion Committee, he is not looking to steer the Committee or take anything away from the Committee, this is just another way to enhance or add to plans down the road.

Supervisor Croce stated that he did not say it was going to do anything to the Committee, he just felt that we would just be going in too many directions at one time. He stated that he would prefer that Councilman Matthews dedicate his efforts and time to the Committee that he currently chairs.

Councilman DePew asked what the Supervisor thinks he should do with his proposal? Just back off and let this go? He has someone who is interested in looking into this and has information that may be useful, so you don't want to do this?

Supervisor Croce stated that he has stated his thoughts.

Councilman Farrelly stated that he has looked into this too and if we were to put it on the corner property it has to be 130 feet off the crown of the road.

Councilman DePew stated that we have 79 acres of park property and it doesn't have to be in that one spot. All he is saying is, because he has already been spoken to about doing things on his own, that he would like to formally look into this and have the ability to look into this. He stated that it was suggested that he not do things on his own and that he should let the Town Board know what he is doing or wants to do, so that is what he is doing tonight.

Supervisor Croce stated that he remembered speaking about putting a community center on the Stune Property. He is just saying that he is not in favor of starting another committee.

Councilman DePew stated ok, but does the Town Board have a problem with him asking a few, one or two others, to work with him on researching this?

Councilman Farrelly stated that if he was going to pick someone who is not a part of the Town Board then he should let the Town Board know. That is only his opinion.

Councilman Matthews stated that his committee is planning on being at Plattekill Day to obtain the final survey's and will be ending the gathering of surveys on Oct. 31, 2019. Then they will be sitting down to go over the surveys to see what the residents of the Town are suggesting they would like to see at the Park.

Councilman DePew stated that he would then wait until after Oct. 31st, when the survey is over and see what the Town residents are proposing.

SECTION 10 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 9/18/2019, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$24,124.62, the Highway Fund amount of \$167,905.95 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$2,647.19 for a total amount of \$194,698.76 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

**At this time:

The Highway Superintendent was in the audience and stated that there was an error in one of the Resolutions and one of the Transfers as previously read and showed the paperwork to the Supervisor.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to amend Resolution #11 to state that the transfer was to DA5130.2 Machinery & Equipment.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to amend the transfer from Resolution #10 to say the correct date of 2019.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 11 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.