

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 20, 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 October 3rd Special 2020 Budget Meeting and the November 6th Regular Town Board Meeting and Budget Public Hearing.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 3rd, 2019 Special 2020 Budget Meeting.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

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

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 6th, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting and Budget Public Hearing.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

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

ADDITIONS

Supervisor Croce stated that he had one addition to the evening’s agenda:

1.Request From “Everyday Angels”

Supervisor Croce stated that he had been contacted by the organization called the "Everyday Angels" and they are doing a community toy collection along with the Plattekill Elementary School. They would like to put a collection box in the Town Hall. They are also contacting the local Rotary Organization to help.

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted to make sure that the Town Board was aware of the project and was willing to have them put a toy collection box in the Town Hall.

The Town Board stated that they thought this would be a good idea.

Mrs. Pearl Morse, the chairperson of the Plattekill Veteran's Committee, stated that she would contact them also and see if they can be of any help.

Councilman Matthews suggested that we might be able to put something on the website to get the word out that there is a donation box here.

Supervisor Croce stated he would speak with the Publicist.

Mrs. Morse stated that she also wanted to thank the Town Board for all their support with the Veteran's Memorial Event on Veteran's Day. She also thanked the local newspaper reporter for putting a wonderful article in the newspaper about the event.

Councilman DePew stated that he wanted to thank Sis for all that she does for the Community. She is always there to help whenever something is needed.

Mrs. Morse thanked Councilman DePew, but stated that she does not do this alone. She has a wonderful group of people in the Veteran's Committee who are always ready to jump in and help with their time and energy.

Supervisor Croce stated that he thought the event was very well attended; more people were there than last year, and it is great that so many people come out and attend these events to honor our veterans. He stated that he felt it was great to see the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts there also.

There were no further comments from the public.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Input section of the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Councilman Matthews seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 1 – POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Police Dept. Monthly Report for October 2019. He read that there were 161 service calls handled by the Plattekill Police with 106 traffic tickets issued. He read that there were 9 motor vehicle accidents handled with 3 persons reporting injuries.

Supervisor Croce did not read the Arrest Summary and stated that the full report could be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Croce read the Detective Report stating that they worked 1 Unlawful Surveillance case, 1 Grand Larceny and 1 Larceny case, 1 Neighbor dispute and 1 Burglary 2nd case. They closed 1 Larceny case with an uncooperative complainant.

Supervisor Croce read that the Police Dept. purchased 4 semi-automatic long rifles for patrol service response to an active shooter. All officers will be certified before authorization to carry the rifle while on duty. Other Firearms qualification and Article 35 Use of Force training was concluded at Bethlehem

Rod and Gun Club. Sexual Harassment Prevention training was completed for the majority of the Officers, PO's Finch, Gorham and Casile attended CAD Training at the Sheriff's Office and Chief Ryan attended training classes on Fentanyl Awareness and Response, Combating the Opioid Epidemic, Leadership Approach in a Crisis Situation and Leadership in Action.

Under Personnel, Supervisor Croce read that PO Raftery and Myers were still out on a medical leave, PO Jiminian is out on a leave of absence and Kevin Doyle has been hired as a probationary Police Officer who will be completing Phase 2 of the Police Academy soon.

SECTION 2 – BUILDING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Building Dept. Monthly Report for October 2019. He read that there were 34 Permits issued, 8 Violations with 0 closed, 4 Complaints with 0 complaints closed, 4 Complaints to Violations, 19 Municipal Searches and 27 CC & C of O's issued. There were 145 inspections done including complaints, building, violations, fire safety and C of O's and C of C's. These numbers do not include phone calls and residents coming in for assistance with codes, building permits and Zoning and Subdivision issues.

SECTION 3 – DOG CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Dog Control Monthly Report for October 2019. He read that there were 24 calls this month including 5 calls to service from the Plattekill Police, the State Police and the Ulster County Sheriff. He read that there were 6 active complaints or cases which are now closed or resolved, 1 open case that has been addressed but is still ongoing, 1 stray dog was impounded, 3 appearance tickets were issued and there are currently no dogs in the kennel.

Supervisor Croce finished by reading that there is 1 potential Dangerous Dog case under investigation involving an aggressive dog on Pressler Road and there is 1 potential Dangerous Dog case under investigation involving a number of chickens that were allegedly attacked by a stray dog on Rt. 32.

SECTION 4 – ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

Supervisor Croce explained that he did not receive a regular report from the Assessor for last month. Instead he received a letter from Mr. Sabia, which he read. The letter explained that there would not be a listing for sales for the month of October as most of the Assessors and the NYS Assessors Association were having their annual conference in Lake Placid this month. The letter did state that his office was busy inspecting properties that had received CO's from the building department to be inspected, additional improvements measured, verified, sketched and then valued for the 2020 tentative tax roll. The letter also stated that the Office of Real Property had released an analysis indicating that sales price trends were up again this year which would indicate that the value of homes was up in Ulster County and individually within each Town. Mr. Sabia wrote that next month's sales list will be doubled as it will include both October and November figures.

There was a short discussion on the State Department taking over the STAR Exemption applications and that it is very confusing, especially to the senior's as to who they have to file with. Some are here at the Town level and others have to apply to the State. Then some people are receiving checks and others have not. It is very confusing.

SECTION 5 – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

Supervisor Croce read the Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report for October 2019. He read that a faucet was fixed and trimming was done on the vines at the Town Hall. In the Court a fax line was repaired and in the Building Dept. a cabinet drawer was fixed. At the Library the water heater was replaced and two tables were fixed in the Senior Center. At the Dog Kennel the heat was turned on and batteries were replaced in the thermostat. At the Garage the air purifier, in the office, was replaced and at the Transfer Station the A/C was removed and the heat was turned on. At the Park a soffit was fixed on the pavilion and the park was cleaned on a weekly basis.

SECTION 6 – RESOLUTION #16 – ADOPTION OF FINAL 2020 TOWN BUDGET

Supervisor Croce stated that after the 2020 Budget Public Hearing that was held on November 6, 2019, he went back through the Preliminary Budget and made some adjustments such as taking out funding for newly elected officials training and some funding that had been put in the budget to cover maintenance on the Library Building which the Town sold to the Plattekill Library at a closing held on November 15th. He stated that he took out \$5,000.00 from the Buildings & Grounds budget line, the cost of the phone at the senior center for the year and \$500.00 out of the Town Board budget line for training. This brought the budget overall increase down to .67% from the Preliminary Budget amount of .83%. He stated that this was the first time the Town Board Budget showed an increase since 2013. He stated that he wanted to thank the Town Board for all their time and effort to put this budget together.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt the following Resolution #16:

RESOLUTION #16
TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
2020 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION

WHEREAS, The Budget Officer, Supervisor Croce, received the 2020 Budget Requests from all Town Departments and compiled the 2020 Tentative Budget, which was then presented to the Town Clerk on September 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Town Clerk presented the 2020 Tentative Budget to the Town Board Members at a regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting on October 2, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board met with all Town Departments to review and make adjustments to their 2020 Budget Requests, and

WHEREAS, the revised Tentative Budget was then adopted by the Town Board on November 6, 2019 as the Preliminary Budget to be used for the Budget Public Hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held the Budget Public Hearing on November 6, 2019, at 7:00 PM, on the 2020 Preliminary Budget which notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in the Southern Ulster Times, the Town Newspaper, and comments and questions were received,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York hereby adopts the 2020 Preliminary Budget, with changes that were discussed at the Nov.6, 2019 Budget Public Hearing and adjustments made by the Budget Officer, as the Final Budget for the Town of Plattekill for the Year 2020.

Councilman Putnam seconded.

On the Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Supervisor Croce	X			
Councilman Putnam	X			
Councilman Farrelly				X
Councilman Matthews	X			
Councilman DePew	X			

Adopted: November 20, 2019

SECTION 7 – SALE OF LIBRARY BUILDING – 2047 RT.32

Supervisor Croce stated that he wanted everyone to know that the closing on the sale of the property located at 2047 State Rt. 32 was held on November 15, 2019. The building housed the Library and Senior Center and now officially is owned by the Plattekill Public Library. He stated that the checks received for payment of the property have been deposited in the General Fund to show as a revenue for this year and the Town Board will have to decide if we want to transfer these funds to a reserve fund. He stated that we do have a Capital Buildings Reserve Fund, but there are some questions as to how this Fund was set up and he has some questions on what the money can be used for if it is transferred to this account. He stated that he is checking with our accountants and this transfer can be discussed at a later date.

SECTION 8 – WALDEN PLAY BOY RACING TRACK REQUEST

Supervisor Croce stated that he has received a request from the Walden Play Boy Race Track Members to hold an Open Practice on May 9th, 2020. He stated that the request says they are running a new series and they do not have many days that they can run just a Saturday Open Practice.

Supervisor Croce stated that he felt they have been very good neighbors and he has not had any complaints about them.

Councilman DePew stated that he did not see a problem with their request.

The other Town Board members agreed.

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to allow the Walden Play Boy Race Track to hold an Open Practice on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

Councilman DePew seconded.

On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 9 – VOUCHERS

* Councilman DePew made a motion to pay the Voucher Detail Report dated 11 /20/2019, which includes: the General Fund amount of \$79,534.42, the Highway Fund amount of \$13,341.46 and the Trust & Agency amount of \$10,301.45 for a total amount of \$103,177.33 recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Councilman Putnam seconded. On the vote: all ayes.

SECTION 10 – ADJOURNMENT

* Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Councilman DePew seconded. On the vote: all ayes.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!