

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2020

Time – 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE 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 - Absent
Councilman Farrelly
Councilman Depew
Councilman Matthews

MINUTES:

- Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for September 2, 2020 meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote: All Ayes

- Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes for September 2, 2020 meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS:

- Supervisor Croce recommended to the Board members for the Town to switch the contract for Zoom web conferencing from monthly to yearly billing.

He believes Zoom has been and will continue to be a useful tool that can be used by all Departments at the town. Switching from monthly to yearly billing would save the Town \$30.00 to \$40.00 a year

Councilman Depew wanted to know the cost before going forward.

Supervisor Croce agreed to get back to the board with the actual cost along with yearly savings.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Sis Morse would like to organize a ceremony at the Town Park for Veteran's Day. There would be no gathering afterwards.

She asked Supervisor Croce to be the Master of Ceremonies. He agreed.

She requested for Councilman Depew ask Stu Smith to be guest speaker. He agreed.

Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11th. It was suggested to celebrate the weekend before Veteran's day.

Councilman Depew suggested asking Michael Baum, from Aloha Acres, to determine when they are planning on having their celebration.

Sis Morse and the board agreed to wait to get Mike Baum's feedback before selecting the date for the Veteran's day celebration.

- Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Public Input at 7:14

REPORTS:

- Town of Plattekill Police Monthly Report

Supervisor Croce reported on information dated August 2020. A Copy of the report is available upon request from Town Clerk's Office

- Building Department Monthly Report

Supervisor Croce reported on information dated August 2020. A Copy of the report is available upon request from Town Clerk's Office

- Dog Control Monthly Report dated for August 2020

Supervisor Croce reported on information dated August 2020. A Copy of the report is available upon request from Town Clerk's Office

- Recreation Monthly Report –

Nothing presented

- Assessor Monthly Report dated for August 2020

Supervisor Croce reported on information dated August 2020. A Copy of the report is available upon request from Town Clerk's Office

- Buildings & Grounds Monthly dated for August 2020Report

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OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Ethics Board Update

Supervisor Croce stated 5 individuals have accepted to sit on the Ethics board.

The individuals are Barbara Dawes, Judge Robert Murphy, Cindy Delgado, Dean Depew, and Pastor Phil Johnson.

Supervisor Croce suggested appointing Councilman Dean Depew as Chairman of the Ethics committee due to his experience in this field.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to appoint Barbara Dawes, Judge Robert Murphy, Cindy Delgado, Dean Depew, and Pastor Phil Johnson to the Board of Ethics with Dean Depew to be acting Chairman.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote:

Supervisor Croce: Aye
Councilman Farrelly: Aye
Councilman Matthews: Aye
Councilman Depew: recused himself

➤ Town Mailboxes

Supervisor Croce requested the status for updating the Town Mailbox provider.

Councilman Matthews presented the different packages offered by Optimum. Before the Town can get pricing, he stated the current services being provided by Optimum must be reviewed.

He requested the Town's Optimum account number along with a copy of a current bill. Once having this information, he could make a recommendation for which package provides the best bang for the buck.

During discussions it was agreed going forward Councilman Matthews would take the lead on this project. Councilman Matthews will report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Replacement of Town vehicles

Supervisor Croce read a Memo, dated 9/15/20, from Highway Superintendent Wager regarding the selling of outdated, no longer needed Town vehicles.

After discussion the Board agreed to go forward with selling the vehicles to Auctions International.

Supervisor Croce and Town Clerk Donna Hedrick have been working together to obtain the Motor Vehicle paperwork for the vehicles.

➤ Fuel Tanks:

Both Fuel and Diesel Tanks at the Town Highway Department need to be replaced.

Highway Superintendent Wager says the tanks are 25 years old. He has concern they will start leaking. If a leak was to occur the Town would have to deal with clean up. New tanks will be sealed double-walled tanks. Concrete pads will have to be replaced as part of this project.

Comptroller's Office is requiring new software for better record keeping/tracking of fuel dispensing. Highway Department is currently using paper.

Highway Superintendent Wager plans on adding this to the 2021 Highway department budget. He estimates the new tanks to costs \$50,000 to \$60,000, but doesn't expect this to increase the overall budget amount.

Highway Superintendent Wager will continue to collect information, get quotes and report back to the Board.

➤ Highway Superintendent Salt Shed Upgrade

Highway Superintendent Wager recommended to the Board members replacing the current salt trailers with a Lean-to shed.

There are currently three storage trailers in the yard with no roofs or sides on them. There have been complaints from residents asking why the Town doesn't conform to local codes.

Highway Superintendent Wager has collected the materials for the shed so there will be no cost to the Town other than the labor. The plan is to have the highway guys do this work in October.

The new shed will be 7 feet wide by 100ft long, doubling the current floor space of the current storage trailers.

Highway Superintendent Wager has spoken to and gotten approval from the Building Department to complete this work.

After a brief discussion Councilman Depew made a motion to approve this project.

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the vote: All Ayes

TRANSFERS:

- Short in Attorney Line

Supervisor Croce requested the following transfer on a memo dated September 16, 2020 from Contingent Account, A1990.4 for the amount of \$10,000.00 to Attorney Contractual Account , A1420.400

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the vote: All Ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

VOUCHERS:

- Councilman Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated September 16, 2020 which includes:

The General Fund amount of	\$20,669.59
The Highway Fund amount of	\$54,017.44
The Trust & Agency amount of	\$7,079.87
For a Grand Total of.....	\$81,766.90

Councilman Depew made a motion to accept the vouchers, recognizing that the Audit Committee has reviewed the claims and found them acceptable for payment.

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the vote: All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes