

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2021

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
Councilman Depew
Councilman Farrelly

The following Town Board Member were absent:

Councilman Matthews

PUBLIC HEARING:

➤ State Highway Floating Zone

Supervisor Croce read the legal notice for the State Highway Floating Zone that was put in the Southern Ulster Times and the Times Herald Record.

Supervisor Croce turned the meeting over to Mr. Pat Hines to review the details of the project.

Mr. Hines stated they have been working on this project for several months. During that time, they had met with the Town Board, the Planning Board, and the Code Enforcement Officer.

He noted that the Town of Plattekill Town Board declared themselves as the Lead Agency for the environmental review dated April 7 2021, and that all requirements for the Lead Agency have been met.

Mr. Hines stated that the intent for this State Highway Floating Zone is to provide flexibility for economic development within the Town. The State Highway Floating Zone pertains to lots that are at least 15 acres in size and have access to State Highways. There will be about 45 lots able to qualify for the Floating Zone.

Mr. Hines stated The Town currently has no regulated floodplains. Mr. Hines also stated the Floating Zone does not include affordable housing

Supervisor Croce stated the Ulster County Planning Board sent recommendations for the Town Board members to review.

Councilman Depew asked if a senior housing facility is allowed in this Zone, and Mr. Hines replied yes, although it is considered a senior care facility by new definitions, in fact there are new definitions of what is considered a nursing home, health care facility, hotel, medical office, professional office, warehouse, store, and usable areas.

Supervisor Croce asked if there was any public input, and there was none.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Ulster County Planning Board regarding floodplains and 15 degree slopes but excluded affordable housing.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote:

- Supervisor Croce - Aye
- Councilman Putnam - Aye
- Councilman Depew - Aye
- Councilman Farrelly - Aye
- Councilman Matthews - Absent

Supervisor Croce made a motion for the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill be the Lead Agency for the State Highway Floating Zone.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote:

- Supervisor Croce - Aye
- Councilman Putnam - Aye
- Councilman Depew - Aye
- Councilman Farrelly - Aye
- Councilman Matthews - Absent

Supervisor Croce made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the State Highway Floating Zone at 7:17pm.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote: All Ayes

Mr. Hines presented the Environmental Assessment Form for review by the board members.

Supervisor Croce read through 18 items, stating there weren't any negative environment impacts created by zone change.

Supervisor Croce made a motion for the Town Board to adopt the negative declaration for State Highway Floating Zone.

Seconded by Councilman Putnam

On the vote:

- Supervisor Croce - Aye
- Councilman Putnam - Aye
- Councilman Depew - Aye
- Councilman Farrelly - Aye
- Councilman Matthews - Absent

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt State Highway Floating Zone with amendments discussed.

Seconded by Councilman Putnam

On the vote:

- Supervisor Croce - Aye
- Councilman Putnam - Aye
- Councilman Depew - Aye
- Councilman Farrelly - Aye
- Councilman Matthews - Absent

MINUTES:

- No minutes were presented.

ADDITIONS:

- Supervisor Croce made the following announcements.

The Town Veteran's committee received a letter from the NY/NJ Veterans Administration Healthcare Network dated June 4th sharing their appreciation and thanking the Veteran's Committee for the food product donations.

Supervisor Croce attended the Supervisor Association meeting, and at the meeting Dan Proctor of the Ulster County Department of Health stated they are now willing to travel out to communities to provide COVID vaccinations. Supervisor Croce suggested having them provide vaccinations at the Firework Spectacular at the Town Park on July 10th.

After some discussion, the Board members agreed. The plan is to setup of the vaccination tents in the parking lot area. All Board Members agreed to have Supervisor Croce make the arrangements.

PUBLIC INPUT

- Highway Superintendent Wager announced to the Board Members that working with Legislator Kevin Roberts they were able to get the \$225,000 grant reinstated for drainage pipes on Huckleberry Turnpike. All agreed this is good news.

Legislator Roberts stated he had sent an email to Supervisor Croce and Councilman Depew and asked if it could be shared with the other Town Board members. Legislator Roberts is looking to provide additional support to the Town, working on other grants that had been stalled by Covid. He is looking into a grant for the Plattekill Fire Department and the Community Center. He stated the County is interested in helping the Town get estimates and a make a formal proposal.

- Dawn Wager expressed concern regarding which vaccines are to be issued out at the Firework Spectacular at the Park. She requested them supply the Pfizer vaccine as it has been approved for children. Parents are trying to get their children to get vaccinated before school starts in September. Supervisor Croce agreed with this request.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to close public input at 7:42 pm.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote: All Ayes

REPORTS:

➤ Town of Plattekill Police May 2021 Monthly Report

No Report Given.

➤ Building Department Monthly Report

Supervisor Croce presented report for May 2021. Copies of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office

➤ Dog Control Monthly Report

Supervisor Croce presented report dated May 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office

➤ Recreation Department

Supervisor Croce presented report dated May 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office. Supervisor Croce stated that he spoke with Stephanie, and she has already met with the new Recreation Director a couple of times.

➤ Assessor Monthly Report

No report given.

➤ Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report

Supervisor Croce presented report dated May 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Tank Replacement Bids:

Highway Superintendent Wager reached out to 5 companies for the removal and replacement of the diesel and gasoline tanks at the Highway Garage. He received only 1 bid. It was from American Petroleum for \$149,700. This amount was \$40,000 higher than expected, but after review Highway Superintendent Wager was satisfied with the bid proposal.

The bid included a single fireguard tank that stores both diesel fuel and gasoline. Station will have a new concrete pad, and 2 pumping stations that are activated by key fobs with electronic tracking.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adopt Resolution #14 and award the bid to American Petroleum for \$149,700 for the removal and replacement of the diesel fuel and gasoline tanks at the Highway Department Garage.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes

Resolution #14 is approved by the Town Board and to be signed by the Town Clerk.

Highway Superintendent Wager notified the board of several projects going on that are causing unexpected expenses. He gave examples of paving of New Hurley and Crow Hill roads. He would like to meet with the board to review his entire budget. Based on this, his recommendation was not to transfer the funds for the new fuel tank at this time stating it would be better to get is budget aligned first. Supervisor Croce agreed to wait to review Resolutions #11 & #12 which are Highway Budget Adjustments.

➤ Purchase of a new trailer.

Highway Superintendent Wager requested the Town Board to approve the purchase of a new trailer. He recommended the purchase of a 2020 Felling trailer purchase from Tracey Road Equipment off the Sourcewell Bid for \$29,474.04.

Councilmen Depew made a motion to purchase the trailer.

Seconded by Councilman Putnam

On the vote: All Ayes

Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept Resolution #13 WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested to increase the expense line of DA5130.200 Machinery Equipment in the amount of \$ 29,474.04. WHEREAS, this transfer is necessary to cover the cost for a 2020 Felling trailer purchase from Tracey Road Equipment off the Sourcewell Bid.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes

Supervisor Croce reported the funding for the purchase of the trailer is supported by transfer of \$29,474.04 from DA0915 Highway Assigned Unappropriated fund balance to account DA5130.200 Machinery Equipment.

➤ Equipment for Auction

Highway Superintendent Wager reported to the Board that he and Dwight Dougherty have reviewed the old equipment at the Transfer Station, (cardboard press, tub grinder, etc.) and that he will contacting Auction International.

➤ New vehicles for Buildings and Grounds

Highway Superintendent Wager gave the Board notice that he is looking into replacing the vehicles for Buildings and Grounds Department.

Supervisor Croce recommended him look into a municipal lease program as this has worked for them in the past.

The Board agreed for Highway Superintendent Wager to continue forward putting together his recommendations.

➤ Boy Scout Request – Felten Park

Brandon Kurda approached the Board members discussing additional work to be performed at the Town Park Campsite. He was looking for material for covering the paths, new shed, well house and fire pit areas. Mr. Kurda estimated 1-2 dump trucks of material would be required.

Highway Superintendent Wager stated there was plenty of stone dust (crushed stone) available and that he would supply the material to the boy scouts when they are ready.

Mr. Kurda notified the board the Scouts will be seeking donations for the purchase of a shed. The shed would be approximately 8' x 8'.

Mr. Kurda requested use of the Town Park for Scout Summer meetings on Thursday evenings starting July 8th continuing until early September. The Board asked where the meetings are to be held within the Park. The Board members agreed meetings could take place at the Pavilion, however if the Pavilion is not available, the Scouts would move the location to another area of the park.

Mr. Kurda suggested having Scouts support parking for the July 10 fireworks. There was concern from the Board of having children under the age of 16 doing this. The Board asked how many adults and how many children would be working the event. Mr. Kurda responded 10 adults and 10 children. Based on this, the Board Members felt the Scouts could support the parking within the Park as long as the local Police and Fire Departments could support the efforts on the road. The Scouts will guide individuals within the Park. Supervisor Croce noted coordination and communication was the key. He offered to contact the 3 local fire departments.

Mr. Kurda requested approval for the Scouts to do fund raising at the park the day of the fireworks. It was suggested for 1-2 Scouts in the parking area and 1-2 Scouts walking around the park carry donation buckets. Board members approved this.

Mr. Kurda offered the Boy Scouts provide support for the K9 demonstration on July 17th. The Board Members welcomed the idea.

Mr. Kurda requested updating the plaque at the Town Hall Wall. The Board members approved this.

Mr. Kurda requested his troop use the campsite on August 12. The Board members also approved this.

➤ Tuesday night events at the Park

Supervisor Croce read memo to do a transfer of \$4,000 from account A.7310.4 Summer Camp to account A7550.4 celebrations, to cover the cost of Tuesday night events at the Felton Park for the month of July. The Tuesday night events were approved by the Town Board at the June 2, 2021 meeting.

All Board members approved of the transfer

Councilman Depew asked the board to consider adding a band for a fifth night the first week in August. This would be at an additional cost of \$800.

Supervisor Croce, Councilman Farrelly and Councilman Putnam all agreed to stick with the current plan. Councilman Depew withdrew his question.

➤ Bands for Fireworks Event

Councilman Depew reported 5 bands initially responded for playing at the Firework Celebration on July 10th. 3 of the bands have pulled out. The two remaining bands are the MOB band for \$750 and the Mustang 65 band for \$450.

Councilman Depew made a motion to hire Mustang 65 to play at the town fireworks on July 10th, rain date July 11th for \$450.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote: All Ayes

➤ Community Center

Councilman Depew stated 3 members from Park committee and 3 members from Town Board visited the Maybrook Community Center. This was for members to get ideas for the Town's proposed Community Center.

Councilman Farrelly and Sis Morse said tour was educational, Dwight Dougherty agreed, stating it was great to see things.

There was a general discussion regarding items to be considered. "Building size, 200 people, divider, full kitchen, geothermal heating, etc."

Councilman Depew made a suggestion for the Board Members and the Park Committee to have weekly workshops to further along the RFP (request for proposal) for the Community Center. Following a discussion, Councilman Depew agreed to investigate this further before making a formal recommendation. One of the issues is to determine if when 3 Board members attend a meeting, is it required for it to be a public meeting.

Councilman Depew made a motion to move forward to have the possibility of building a Community Center in the Town of Plattekill.

Seconded by Councilman Putnam

On the vote: All Ayes

Councilman Depew is working on planning a visit to see another Community Center. Supervisor Croce suggested Councilman Depew provide more notice and requested multiple dates for the visit.

Highway Superintendent Wager suggested the Board consider hiring an Engineering firm. He suggested considering Herbie Litz. Mr Litz is familiar with this type work as well as getting grants and funding for projects. After discussion Supervisor Croce agreed to invite Mr. Litz to attend the next Town Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing presented at this meeting.

TRANSFERS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

VOUCHERS:

- Councilman Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated June 16, 2021 which includes:

The General Fund amount of.....	\$26,332.68
The Highway Fund amount of	\$9,885.09
SA – Lighting District amount of	\$759.98
SB – Modena Lighting District amount of	\$1,401.38
For a Grand Total of	\$38,379.13

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 Putnam

On the vote: All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes