

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 21, 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 Farrelly
Councilman Depew
Councilman Putnam

The following Town Board Member was absent:

Councilman Matthews

PUBLIC HEARING:

MINUTES:

- Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for June 16 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote: All Ayes

- Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes for the June 16 Town Board meeting

Seconded by Councilman Putnam

On the vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS:

- Easy Up Tent for Plattekill Day
See New Business

PUBLIC INPUT

None

Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Public Input at 7:03 pm

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote: All Ayes

REPORTS:

- Town of Plattekill Police June 2021 Monthly Report
- Supervisor Croce presented report for June 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office
Chief Joe Ryan did mention the need for hiring 4 new police officers. This will be discussed at a later date
- Building Department Monthly Report
Supervisor Croce presented report for June 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office
- Dog Control Monthly Report
Supervisor Croce presented report dated June 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office
- Recreation Department
Supervisor Croce presented report dated June 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
- Supervisor Croce presented report dated June 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office

- Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report
Supervisor Croce presented report dated June 2021. A Copy of the report is available upon request from the Town Clerk's Office
Supervisor Croce stated that the Fireworks on July 10 at the park went well, and also that the Cub scouts did a great job that night

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Towing Law

Supervisor Croce stated that we are currently using 2 Towing companies. We are getting requests from other Towing Companies to be on our call list. We cannot arbitrarily tell a Towing Company that they cannot be on list, but adding Towing Companies will decrease the profit of the Towing Companies on our call list.

Supervisor Croce asked Chief Ryan to look at the Towing Companies list, and to give his suggestions, recommendations.

Chief Ryan stated that we can limit response to new Towing Companies by the Towing Company's location to Town. A 25-minute response time is what we are asking for. The Town is working on drafting a Law.

Councilman Depew asked Chief Ryan about an impound lot. Chief Ryan is urging the Town Board Members to include, in the Law being drafted, having an impound lot, even if outside of Town.

Also, Chief Ryan recommended to put in the Law, that a Towing Company cannot just show up at the scene of the accident, they must be called by Police. He also stated that he will be checking to see how Tow Company is doing, evaluate them. If they do not hold up to their criteria each year, they will be removed from the list.

Sis Morse asked what if person had accident, and requested a certain Tow Company, can they do it? Chief Ryan said yes, as long as vehicle is not obstructing the scene, although if the vehicle needs to be impounded, our Police have jurisdiction over who does the towing.

Supervisor Croce likes the idea of limiting Towing Companies on our list. Although, there are a few areas that need clarification. What and how many Towing Companies are in Town. Chief Ryan said we currently have three Towing Companies in Town, only two wanted to be on our list. He stated two is okay, but three would be better. Councilman Depew said he doesn't want to hurt the Town People, and Chief Ryan, and Supervisor Croce both agreed.

Councilman Farrelly asked if Chief Ryan would recommend one impound yard, or one for each Towing Company. Chief Ryan stated each Towing Company should have their own impound yard.

Supervisor Croce urged the Town Board to go through with the Law,

Chief Ryan also recommended to the Town, regarding this Law, that the Towing Companies cannot price gouge people, and that there should be set fees for all.

Supervisor Croce asked Chief Ryan to get the number of Towing Companies, and the Town Board needs to make a decision in the future to go on with this Law.

➤ Cablevision Audit

Supervisor Croce read the agreement dated 12/11/17 from Municipal Audit Services (MUNI), Joseph Messina, and Town of Plattekill regarding Cablevision Audit. It is about reviewing the receipts from and reporting of Cable TV Companies pursuant to contractual agreements between Town and the Companies. The goals are to recover historical revenue including penalties and interest due the client for any past errors resulting in under reporting/payments by the companies, and to increase revenue payments from under reporting of fees that are due to the client, and from revenues resulting from MUNI recommendations that are implanted. The agreement states that MUNI will earn of fee of 45% of any amount covered by historical review. It also states that there will be no charge to Town if MUNI is unable to recover historical revenue if applicable

Messina sent Supervisor Croce an e-mail if the Town wants him to pursue at no cost. Cablevision is not responding to his report

Councilman Depew stated yes, it would be a wise thing to have Mr. Messina pursue and follow protocol. Councilman Farrelly and Councilman also said yes. Supervisor Croce will contact Mr. Messina

Animal Clinic

Supervisor Croce has gotten no further information. Dr. Ackworth has been hard to get a hold of. She is closed this week for vacation. He said he will ask her to send an email asking her what she would like to do for this Clinic when she gets back.

➤ Juneteenth

Supervisor Croce stated nothing really new. Just reiterating that the President signed, on June 17, Juneteenth as a Federal Holiday

Supervisor Croce, Councilman Farrelly, and Chief Ryan got together with the PBA and Juneteenth would not affect their current contract. Councilman Croce made a counter proposal to PBA to eliminate Halloween and add Juneteenth as a holiday. He stated that depending on the PBA the Town Board might need to make a resolution if we have to give the PBA Halloween and Juneteenth.

➤ Community Center Update

Councilman Depew wants to have 2 workshop meetings, August 11th and August 25th, at 7:00pm regarding the Community Center, and would like to include the Park Committee. He would like to establish what we are looking for. Capacity, heating, ceiling heights, office space, storage etc. He would also like to include the Town Board which would mean advertisements because it would be considered a public meeting. He would like these two meetings at he Town Hall. Town Clerk, Donna Hedrick would have to put a notice in the paper.

➤ Tuesday Night Event Update

Councilman Depew reported that the third band at the Park for the Tuesday Night event was great. The first Tuesday night event drew about 80 people, the second Tuesday night event drew in about 250 people, the third Tuesday night event drew in about 300 people. He said that he has been approached by people to see if this can keep going. Councilman Depew said that he has a balance of \$700.00 left in account to continue with one more night. Councilman Depew is asking for the Town Board permission to do so.

Supervisor Croce was not in favor of this because of the cost of advertising. Councilman Depew said he will take care of that. Councilman Putnam said word of mouth and Facebook is great advertisement. Councilman Farrelly also said that his feedback from people is that they loved these Tuesday night events.

Councilman Putnam made a motion to have Councilman arrange to have another Tuesday night Event August 3.

Seconded by Councilman Farrelly

On the vote: All Ayes

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Request to use Field at Felton Park

Supervisor Croce received a request from Joe Deck with the Coerver New York LLC. For use of the park for a First Skills Weekly Soccer Clinic Program. The dates needed would be Tuesdays, September 9th, 14th, 21st, 28th, October 5th, and October 12th from 4:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. There would be about 25 to 50 people. Mr. Deck said he would charge participants, but the monies will be going to the coaching Staff.

Supervisor Croce asked the Board if we should charge him for use of the Field. He read over our fees to the residents for use of the park to the Board Members.

Councilman Depew suggested \$300.00 (\$50.00 per night) because this Soccer Program is not for profit. Councilman Putnam agrees.

Supervisor Croce will contact Mr. Deck with this proposal. He asked Town Clerk Donna Hedrick to see if those dates are available at the park.

E-Z Up Tent for Plattekill Day

Linda Byrnes asked the Town Board for permission to purchase a Tent for Plattekill Day. Her tent has broken. It would be 10' X 20'. This tent will be used for trophies. Price she is looking into would be between \$200.00 - \$400.00.

Supervisor Croce believes we have the monies from Recreation. Councilman Putnam said these tents can last 10 years. Supervisor also stated we could use the tent for other events. Example: Veterans etc.

Councilman Depew made a motion to grant approval for purchase of Tent.

Seconded by Councilman Putnam

On the vote: All Ayes

TRANSFERS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

VOUCHERS:

➤ Councilman Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated July , 2021 which includes:

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| The A-General Fund amount of | \$29,707.27 |
| The DA-Highway Fund amount of | \$12,886.59 |
| The H-Capital Projects amount of | \$394.00 |

For a Grand Total amount of **\$42,987.86**

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 8:30 p.m.

Seconded by Councilman Depew
On the vote: All Ayes