

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 5, 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 Depew
Councilman Matthews

The following Town Board Members were absent:

Councilman Farrelly
Councilman Putnam

PUBLIC HEARING:

➤ None

MINUTES:

- Supervisor Croce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for September 15, 2021 Town Board Meeting.
Seconded by Councilman Matthews
On the vote: All Ayes

- Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept the minutes for the September 15, 2021 Town Board meeting.
Seconded by Councilman Matthews
On the vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS:

➤ Cannabis

Supervisor Croce approached the Board members for a decision for use of Cannabis in the Town of Plattekill. He noted that a decision is required for Opting In or Out to allow time to create a law by end of this year. Supervisor Croce commented that if this was to be allowed in the Town, it should be regulated. If Opting out, the Town could always Opt back in at a later date.

After a brief discussion, Board members agreed there were too many unknowns and that it would be best to Opt out at this time.

Supervisor Croce will contact the Town's attorney to kick off the process.

PUBLIC INPUT

➤ Judy Mayle asked about the Tentative Budget. How much of an increase on the appropriations fund from last year to this year?

Supervisor Croce stated 2021 was \$2,414,364 and 2022 is \$2,636,342

Judy Mayle asked what the amount was that was going to be used to offset the amount to be raised for appropriations to offset the budget. Supervisor Croce reported \$420,000. Supervisor Croce noted this information is based on the Tentative budgets and that he is certain the values will change after review.

➤ Ulster County Legislator Kevin Roberts reported Ulster County has approved \$3 million to be awarded to non-profit Organizations throughout the County. \$1.5 million in 2022, \$1 million in 2023 and \$500,000 in 2024. Legislator Roberts has already approached Southern Ulster Rotary. He asked the Board members to pass on the word. Board members mentioned the Boy Scouts, local food pantries, and church groups.

The maximum amount to be awarded per grant is \$50,000.

If someone does have interest, they are to contact Legislator Roberts or the County Executive's office.

➤ Kenny Rodriquez approached the board asking if the Zoning of the Drag Strip has been resubmitted to the Town Board for reconsideration. He asked the Board to revisit the Zoning law to protect original intent of the law. Mr. Rodriquez stated a residential area is no place for a drag strip. Drag racing is a use of motorized vehicles. Please protect the citizens of our Town.

Supervisor Croce stated the Board has not been asked to take any action at this time. When this does come in front of the Board they will act on advice of the Town's attorney.

Scott Mandoski stated the Zoning law is not clearly of written. BD80 states "no commercial use motor vehicles, 4 wheelers, motorcycles, and 3 wheelers in residential areas."

Controversial discussion followed about BD80 and "Outdoor entertainment".

Supervisor Croce ended the discussion by stating this is not going to be resolved this evening and that it will have to be addressed in the future when brought back to the Board.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Public Input at 7:26pm.
Seconded by Councilman Depew
On the vote: All Ayes

REPORTS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing reported

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tentative Budget 2022

Supervisor Croce noted Tentative budgets have been submitted to the Board members for their review on October 5th, as required.

Internal meetings are being scheduled to review the budgets with each department during the upcoming weeks.

Public hearing for Preliminary Budget will be scheduled for the Town Board meeting on November 3rd.

- Code Enforcement Presentation

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Mandoski presented to the Board the Ulster County requirement for Electrical installations to be licensed and inspected. This will be in effect January 1, 2022.

Mr. Mandoski stated it's the Towns responsibility to enforce the new law. This requires separating the Electrical permit from the Building permit. He recommends Residential permits costing \$75 and Commercial permits \$100.

Supervisor Croce asked if this is to be enforced; how do they know work has been performed by a licensed electrician. Mr. Mandoski said the application must include the Ulster County license number of the electrician performing the work.

Councilman Depew ask if this is NYS Law? Scott Mandoski stated it is an Ulster County law.

It was agreed by Board for Mr. Mandoski to create the application forms and come back to Board to get approval.

- Highway Department Schedule

Supervisor Croce read memo from Highway Superintendent Wager notifying the Board that the Highway department will be going to winters hours starting November 15, 2021. Hours are 6:30am – 3:00pm M-F

TRANSFERS

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - UPSEU Negotiations

Supervisor Croce made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45pm.

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the Vote: All Ayes

Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Executive Session and reopen the Town Board Meeting at 8:12pm.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the Vote: All Ayes

VOUCHERS:

➤ Councilman Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated October 4, 2021 which includes:

The A-General Fund amount of	\$60,167.04
The DA-Highway Fund amount of	\$81,023.97
Capital Projects amount of	\$182.00
Drainage amount of.....	\$3,419.97
For a Grand Total amount of	\$144,792.98

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 8:12pm.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes