

The
TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 17, 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 Matthews

Councilman Depew

Absent: - Councilman Farrelly

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Supervisor Croce stated the Cannabis Opt-Out Law was on the agenda for this meeting but is not able to reviewed because there was not an official notice published in the local paper. He stated that it is to be postponed until the next meeting on December 1st.

Supervisor Croce requested Town Clerk Donna Hedrick to place a legal notice put in the local paper.

MINUTES:

- Supervisor Croce stated the minutes for the November 3, 2021 were not available in time for this meeting and therefore will have to be reviewed at the next meeting on December 1st.

ADDITIONS:

- Resolution #23

Supervisor Croce read a memo from Highway Superintendent Wager requesting a transfer of \$1,500.00 from A7110.2 Park Equipment to A7110.4 Park Contractual. This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of a lift rental for the tree lighting ceremony and other unforeseen bills until the end of the year.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to accept Resolution #23 requesting a transfer of \$1,500.00 from A7110.2 Park Equipment to A7110.4 Park Contractual.

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the vote: All Ayes

A copy of this Resolution is attached.

PUBLIC INPUT

Supervisor Croce opened Public Input at 7:05 pm.

- A resident, Scott Meyer, questioned the Board about what seems to be an abandoned car by the old Plattekill General Store located on 18 County Road.

Supervisor Croce agreed to reach out to the Town of Plattekill Police Department to have them look into this.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to close Public Input at 7:08 pm.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes

REPORTS

➤ Town of Plattekill Police Monthly Report

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

➤ Recreation Department Monthly Report

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

Recreation Director Way reported the Southern Ulster Rotary will be donating Hot Chocolate, cookies, and or donuts for the Tree Lightening Ceremony on Saturday, December 11th. The Town Board agreed for the Town to supply crafts for the Tree Lighting Ceremony for \$51.18 for 120 kits. Town Board also agreed to purchase a backdrop for to be placed behind Santa for \$62.40.

➤ Building Department Monthly Report

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

➤ Assessor Monthly Report

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

OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Introduce Town Towing Law-Set Public Hearing

Supervisor Croce noted the Town's proposed Towing Law has been reviewed by the Town's Attorney and provided copies of the final version of the Towing Law along with the allowable fee to be charged.

Supervisor Croce noted the Town's attorney did review the request made by Mr. Coleman representing Autos by Joseph.

Mr. Coleman asked the Board to consider 4 items. He discussed several of the items that had appeared to have already been addressed by the Town's Attorney. Supervisor Croce requested the list be emailed to him directly, for forwarding to the Town's Attorney.

Mr. Diblanca from Autos by Joseph ask the Board to consider allowing the Towing companies to be able to charge fees for additional work performed when towing a vehicle. He gave examples of towing disabled vehicles or more performing extensive clean up at an accident scene.

After conversation Councilman Depew stated the intended guidelines for the Law is to get a vehicle removed from the scene of an accident safely at a fair rate. What happens between the towing company and an insurance company after the fact is not covered.

The Board Members agreed to set the date for the public hearing for the Town Towing Law for December 1st.

Supervisor Croce requested Town Clerk Donna Hedrick to place a legal notice put in the local paper.

Supervisor Croce requested again for Mr. Coleman to e-mail him a concise list of requests.

➤ Approve New PBA Contract

Supervisor Croce stated the memorandum of agreement for the PBA has not been completed. The current plan is for it to be completed and approved at the December 15th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Christmas Tree Lighting-12/11/2021

Tree Lightening has been okayed and will on December 11, from 6:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m.at the town park

➤ Approve Contracts Chief Ryan and Lt. Smith

Supervisor Croce announced, as discussed during the Police Department budget meeting, the contracts for Chief Ryan and Lieutenant Smith are up for renewal. The salaries for both will remain the same at \$35,000 per year for 3 years. The new contract dates go from January 1, 2022-December 31, 2024.

Town Board Members have approved the new contracts.

➤ Resolution – Expenditure from Capitol Reserve Fund

Supervisor Croce introduced Resolution #22, requesting approval for funding new computers/tablets for the Towns patrol cars. New computers are required for the officers to communicate effectively and communicate with the County.

During Budget meetings the Board approved up to \$30,000 from the Capitol Reserve fund to support this.

Supervisor Croce reviewed a quotation provided by Pardigm Computer Consultants for supplying the new equipment for 5 patrol cars. The total for equipment and installation is \$30,750. Based on this the Police Department will have to fund the additional \$750 from their budget.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to spend up to \$30,000 from the General Fund Building, Equipment, Repair and Facilities Reserve Fund to approve of the purchase of (5) new tablets, antennas, keyboards and installation in the Town's patrol cars by Paradigm Computer Consultants.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes

Supervisor Croce stated this is contingent on Permissive Memorandum.

A copy of this Resolution is attached.

➤ Transfer Station Charges

Supervisor Croce commented on the current status of the Transfer Station asking the Board to consider increasing the cost of the yearly permits.

He stated the Town isn't looking to make a profit and the Town Board hates to increase costs, but the Transfer Station has been running in the Red for several years and costs continue to increase.

The Town is mandated to transfer all refuse through UCCRA and their fees continue to increase.

The cost of tires is increasing to \$1 each

There is a new price increase of \$5 per mattress. This cost to Town is \$125 - \$130 per month.

The Transfer Station was required to purchase new boxes.

Supervisor Croce recommended the Board to review the current expenses at the Transfer Station and consider increasing the cost of the Yearly permits.

➤ Detective Riley Retirement

Supervisor Croce read a letter from Detective Riley resigning from his position at the Plattekill Police department effective December 17, 2021. Detective Riley enjoyed his years of service, being part of the growth of the Department and noted that it was a privilege to be part of it.

Mr. Riley was first hired as a policeman in May of 1985. He became the Dare officer in 1985 and was promoted to Detective in 2008.

Supervisor Croce acknowledged Mr. Riley's many years of service and noted that he will be missed by the Town.

Supervisor Croce also mentioned that Mr. Riley will be remaining on as the Dare officer.

The Board approved of Supervisor Croce purchasing a plaque for Detective Riley thanking him for his years of service.

➤ B.A.R. Appointment

Supervisor Croce informed the Board Cindy Hilbert's term has expired. He read an e-mail from Cindy requesting her to continue her position on the Board of Assessment Review with the understanding she is required to attend the 4-hour course required.

Supervisor Croce made a motion to approve reappointing Cindy Hillbert to the Board of Assessors.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the vote: All Ayes

TRANSFERS

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

VOUCHERS:

- Councilman Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated November 17, 2021 which includes:

The A-General Fund amount of	\$23,990.43
The DA-Highway Fund amount of	\$11,114.66
SA Clintondale Lighting amount of	\$775.68
SB Modena Lighting amount of	\$1,474.64
For a Grand Total amount of	\$37,355.41

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

On the vote: All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Croce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.

Seconded by Councilman

On the vote: All Ayes