

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2022

Time – 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

Supervisor Salemo opened the meeting with a salute to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

The following Town Board Members were present:

Supervisor Salemo
Councilman William Kras
Councilman Depew
Councilman Castillo Jr.
Councilman Matthews

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

MINUTES:

- Supervisor Salemo made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the July 20, 2022, Town Board Meeting.
Seconded by Councilman Depew
On the vote: All ayes

- Supervisor Salemo made a motion to accept the minutes for July 20, 2022, Town Board meeting.
Seconded by Councilman Castillo Jr.
On the vote:
 - Supervisor Salemo - Aye
 - Councilman William Kras - Aye
 - Councilman Depew - Aye
 - Councilman Castillo Jr.- Aye
 - Councilman Matthews - abstained

ADDITIONS:

- Councilman Depew stated the Veteran's Committee/Southern Ulster Rotary Club luncheon event that was held last Thursday was well attended and well done. Supervisor Salemo stated there were about 100 attendees.

Maryanne Depew reiterated that the attendance was the best it has been, and the food was also good! She expressed thanks to both Veteran's Committee and the Southern Ulster Rotary Club

- Supervisor Salemo informed everyone at the meeting the Town has a Facebook page "Town of Plattekill". The Facebook page is a good location for informing Town of Plattekill residents of things happening in the Town such as meetings, emergency closings, etc. It provides residents the opportunity to add their own posts.

Councilman Depew also mentioned they are working on improving the Town's website.

- Supervisor Salemo informed the Board that both she and Councilman Matthews will not be available to attend the August 17th meeting. She confirmed Councilman Depew, Councilman Kras and Councilman Castillo Jr. are all able to attend the meeting ensuring there are enough Board members present for the meeting to take place.
- Councilman Depew wanted to thank the Town Board Members for their support in the Music in the Park. The Town has gotten overwhelmingly positive feedback from many people, and the turnout has been greater than can be counted. He noted the Modena Fire Department has done an awesome job with the Food and Drinks. All Board members agreed the Music in the Park, Summer program has been a wonderful addition to the Town.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Supervisor Salemo made a motion to open Public Input at 7:06pm.
 - Seconded by Councilman Matthews
- On the vote: All Ayes

Supervisor Salemo made a motion to close Public Input at 7:07 p.m.

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the vote: All Ayes

REPORTS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Smart Growth Grant Update

Supervisor Salemo provided a brief update on the status of the Smart Growth Grant. She noted the Town received letters from local Town Businesses and submitted them prior to the required deadline.

➤ Transfer Station Testing of Barrel's

Councilman Depew reported the testing of the barrels at the Transfer Station is in progress. He expects all samples to be drawn this week.

➤ ARPA Funding Discussion

Supervisor Salemo stated to the Board Members her idea for going forward with ARPA funds. She stated they need to focus on getting the budget completed and then conduct workshops for a Community Center / Town Hall at the Town Park

This was followed by a general discussion by the Town Board Members.

Board members agree completing the budget is key for going forward.

Supervisor Salemo stated the Current Town Hall could become future Court House.

Councilman Depew stated these are good ideas. The Board needs to consider all options. The final decision needs to be based on cost.

The Park committee did a survey on positive feedback.

There was a discussion about touring other town's Town Halls and community centers. They mentioned Maybrook, Montgomery, Walden, and the Town of Kent.

The Board members agreed that when going through the process, the Highway building needs to be part of the discussion. They need to consider cost of maintenance vs. a new building.

Board members noted the growth of the Town needs to be considered.

Board members mentioned it would be worth considering hiring a professional Grant writer or consultant for managing ARPA funds.

Board members made mention of other monies available, possibly money from the sale of Library property, money from the County from Covid, \$52,000 overage in Sales tax. They also mentioned the raise in mortgage interest needs to be considered when reviewing the budget.

Supervisor Salemo noted this is all a very good discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ Town Hall Closed August 23rd, 2022 for Elections

Supervisor Salemo reported the Town Hall is to be closed on Aug 23rd for general elections.

Councilman Depew asked if it is mandatory for the Town to close and if there are any funds available for the loss of productivity of the employees.

Supervisor Salemo had contacted the Board of Elections and they did confirm closing the Town Hall is mandatory.

➤ Fire Prevention Week (October 9th – 15th) Discussion

Supervisor Salemo noted again the shortage of EMTs and firemen. She has been in discussions with the local Fire Chiefs working to get people excited about getting involved. The plan is to have Recruiting Day and Touch a Truck combined. The plan for the event to take place the week of October 9th. The event is to include simple drills

All 3 local Fire departments are excited and agreed to participate.

Flyers can be handed out on Plattekill Day and in local schools

Councilman Matthews suggested including the Police Department
Councilman Castillo Jr. suggested having Truck(s) upfront at Plattekill day to promote event and possibly recruit for juniors.
All Board Members were in agreement.

Transfers:

➤ None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

VOUCHERS:

➤ Councilman Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated August 3, 2022 which includes:

The A-General Fund amount of\$29,308.12

The DA-Highway Fund amount of\$17,051.14

For a Grand Total amount of\$46,359.26

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:

Before adjourning the meeting Supervisor Salemo want the publicly thank Sis Morse for all of the work she does, and specifically noting the Veterans Luncheon.

Supervisor Salemo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34p.m.

Seconded by Councilman

On the vote: All Ayes