

TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 7, 2022

Time – 7:00PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

The following Town Board Members were present:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

➤ None

MINUTES:

➤ Prior to the reading of the minutes Councilman Depew requested the meeting notes be updated to clarify the statement regarding the Town Library on page 2.

The notes are to read "Councilman Depew stated Supervisor Salemo received letter from Town Public Library dated August 12<sup>th</sup> regarding the budget for the library. This had been previously discussed at the regular held **Library** meeting on July 13,2022 where the board agreed to a 2% increase, totaling \$478,113.78.

➤ Councilman Depew made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the August 17, 2022, Town Board Meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo Jr.

On the vote:

Supervisor Salemo – Abstained (Not at the meeting)  
Councilman William Kras - Aye  
Councilman Castillo Jr. - Aye  
Councilman Matthews. – Abstained (Not at the meeting)  
Councilman Depew - Aye

- Councilman Depew made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction for the August 17, 2022, Town Board meeting.  
Seconded by Councilman Castillo Jr.  
On the vote:  
Supervisor Salemo – Abstained (Not at the meeting)  
Councilman William Kras - Aye  
Councilman Castillo Jr. - Aye  
Councilman Matthews. – Abstained (Not at the meeting)  
Councilman Depew - Aye  
Town Clerk Donna Hedrick will provide updated meeting minutes for the August 17 with the correction described above.

**ADDITIONS:**

- Supervisor Salemo announced Chief Joe Ryan had been in a car accident driving a Town Police Car. Fortunately, no one was injured. The accident has been reported to the insurance company and after investigation the Toms River police department reported that Chief Ryan was not at fault.
- Supervisor Salemo announced 2 new members on the Veteran’s committee. Carol Strauss from Clintondale and Ludla Griffen from Aloha Acres.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

- Supervisor Salemo made a motion to open Public Input at 7:05pm.
- Seconded by Councilman Depew  
On the vote: All Ayes
  
- Linnea Masson from Aloha Acres thanked the Town for the summer Music in the Park series. She stated it brought people together; it was very, very nice.  
Linnea Masson wanted the board to know this and hoped they would continue with it in upcoming years.

- Legislator Kevin Roberts spoke regarding available ARPA Funding. The County is offering \$100,000 in grant money. He noted applications are not currently available, however he will forward the information as soon as it does become available.  
Legislator Roberts had spoken with Councilman Castillo Jr. and Councilman Kras regarding the possibility of expanding services at the Town Park.  
He urged the Town Board to take immediate action when the applications become available.  
Supervisor Salemo noted the playground equipment needs updating.
  
- Legislator Roberts noted that he was happy the Police car incident is under control.
  
- Legislator Roberts commended Highway Superintendent Wager for the work completed on the bridge on Old Mill Road. He was pleased with the quick work, having the road closed only for a few days. "Great Job"
  
- Legislator Roberts asked the Town Board if they are still in search for a part-time "Building Inspector. He recommended the Town consider hiring for a full-time position. This would allow the Town to promote within, serve the public better and bring more revenue to the Town by being more efficient.  
Supervisor Salemo noted the position has not been filled and thanked him for the input.

Supervisor Salemo made a motion to close Public Input at 7:10 p.m.  
 Seconded by Councilman Castillo Jr.  
 On the vote: All Ayes

REPORTS:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Social Media Policy  
Supervisor Salemo stated that the first draft of the Social Media Policy has been completed and sent to the Town's Labor Attorney for review.  
Supervisor Salemo noted the Board with report the status at upcoming meetings.

- Barrels at Town landfill
- Councilman Depew reported on the status of the work being performed by Clean Harbors for the barrels at the land fill.

He noted the following.

- Samples have not been completed. The company was not able to open the containers.
- A nibbler (can opener) will be required to open the barrels.
- This will require overpacking (sealing)the barrels immediately following the taking of the sample.
- There will be an additional cost of \$300 delivery, \$300 pickup, and the cost of renting bobcat for lifting the barrels
- This adds up to \$550 per barrel
- They discovered an additional barrel; the total is now at 7 barrels.
- The total increase is \$5,725

Councilman Depew asked if it was possible to save money by having the Highway provide lifting assistance. After a brief discussion all agreed this was not feasible because of liability reasons. If the Town was to provide this service, they would be liable if a spill occurred during the process.

It was noted this money is not in the current budget so the Board is going to have to determine which account can be used to fund this.

Supervisor Salemo made a motion to go forward with the increase cost for the barrel sampling at the Landfill.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo Jr.

On the vote: All Ayes

Councilman Depew agreed to notify Clean Harbors.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Old Mill Bridge Project

Highway Superintendent Wager reported on the Old Mill project.

He stated the start of the project began year ago. He said he reached out to NYS Bridge Authority to perform a study on the bridge. It is a narrow 3-ton bridge with a double water crossing on a low traffic road. They applied for funding but didn't get approved until the second time around.

The NYS Bridge Authority reported the railings are not properly supported and requested adding jersey barriers for vehicle safety.

Highway Superintendent Wager reported Ulster County Highway loaned the Town barriers that are there today.

Highway Superintendent Wager requested the Town to add Greenman-Pedersen consulting company to the list of possible consulting, noting they are experienced at this type of work. He is interested in considering them performing a study on the bridge.

Highway Superintendent Wager stated it's likely to be best to maintain same pattern to minimize cost and the possibility of added regulations. The span of the bridge is 34ft. They could approve use of two 17ft barriers.

Highway Superintendent Wager stated if the Board approves them to do a study, financing will have to be determined.

Highway Superintendent Wager stated many times grants do not cover the engineering cost which could be 50% of the cost.

After discussion, Supervisor Salemo made a motion to approve Greenman-Pedersen as an engineering firm that could be used on this project.

Seconded by Councilman Depew.

On the vote: All Ayes

➤ **GASB 87 – Leasing Reporting Requirement**

Supervisor Salemo reported NYS Comptroller has new requirements for reporting real state, vehicles, heavy equipment and property leases. The new requirements will add significant cost for compiling, analyzing and reporting for leases.

Supervisor Salemo reported the Town's accounting firm recommended using Trullion software for automating these calculations based on this being the most cost effective solution.

The cost of Trullion is \$95 per lease per year. The Town has 8-10 active leases this year.

Supervisor Salemo made a motion to approve going forward with using Trullion software.

Seconded by Councilman Depew.

On the vote: All Ayes

TRANSFERS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

➤ **Personnel**

Supervisor Salemo called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:29pm.

Seconded by Councilman Depew

On the Vote: All Ayes

Supervisor Salemo made a motion to close the Executive Session at 8:35pm.

Seconded by Councilman Matthews

On the Vote: All Ayes

VOUCHERS:

- Councilman Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated September 7, 2022 which includes:

The A-General Fund amount of .....	\$57,299.60
The DA-Highway Fund amount of .....	\$21,572.19
Capital Projects .....	\$2,733.45
For a Grand Total amount of .....	\$81,605.24

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 Kras

On the vote: All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Salemo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37p.m.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo Jr.

On the vote: All Ayes