TOWN OF PLATTEKILL

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2024

Time – 7:00pm

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

The following Town Board Members were present:

Supervisor Depew

#### Councilman Castillo Jr.

#### Councilman Fazio

Councilman Hoppenstedt

Councilman O’Flaherty

MINUTES:

* Councilman Depew made a motion to NOT read the minutes from the February 21, 2024 regular meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo.

On the vote: All Ayes

Councilman Depew made a motion to ACCEPT the minutes from the February 21 2024 regular meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Hoppenstedt

On the vote: All Ayes

ADDITIONS:

* The Building Dept has requested to purchase a Radio for the Building Dept vehicles to carry with them on their inspections, etc. The reason for this radio is for safety purposes and increase communication coverage throughout the town.

The cost of the radio through the Town Highway NYCOMCO Agreement is $37.00 ($440.00 per Year)

Councilman Castillo made a motion to allow the purchase of the Radio for safety purposes.

Seconded by Councilman Hoppenstedt

On the vote: All Ayes

Supervisor DePew- When we do our budgeting and we have a certain number of radios that we sign a contract for each year. To add the Building Departments additional radio request, I will need a motion to allow me to sign the additional radio into service.

Councilman Castillo made a motion to allow Supervisor DePew to sign the contract adding the additional radio.

Seconded by Councilman Hoppenstedt.

On the vote: All Ayes

* Music In the Park-

Every Tuesday evening starting July 2nd thru August 13th. We will make an announcement within 2 weeks and get it advertised.

7:00-9:00pm

* Rocking Horse Ranch Day

April 14th. 10am-5pm

Tickets will be on Sale March 14th, 4:00-7:00PM.

* Easter Egg Hunt

March 30th. There is a flyer on the Town Website with times.

* Summer Recreation Camp

Moving Along. Dates will come out shortly. We did hire a Summer Camp Director and a Water Safety person with lifeguard credentials.

PUBLIC INPUT:

* Supervisor Depew made a motion to open Public Input at 7:10 pm.

Seconded by Councilman Fazio

On the vote: All Ayes

Reporter Mark Reynolds- There were 2 grants, one for Phase I and one for Phase II? How much were they for?

Supervisor DePew- I am not 100% sure. The first grant we received; the Town was obligated to come up with a portion of that money. Phase I was received and completed. Phase II took about a year to receive. There was an opportunity to increase the grant and we are working on that. Hopefully by the end of July we will know if we received.

Supervisor Depew made a motion close public input at 7:50pm.

Seconded by Councilman Castillio Jr.

On the vote: All Ayes

REPORTS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

* Advertise Mowing Bids Per Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor DePew made a motion to have the Town Clerk advertise the Town Mowing as well as the Hay Field out to bid.

Bids will be opened Monday, April 1 at 11:00am and awarded at the April 3, Town Board Meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Fazio.

On the Vote: All Ayes

* Highway Summer Hours

The Highway Department will be starting their Summer Hours on Monday, April 1, 2024. The hours will be Monday-Thursday 6:30am-5:00pm.

* RESOLUTION #38- Driveway Fee’s

Increase in Fee’s for Driveway Permits

Current Non-Refundable Inspection Fee is $50.00

Increasing to $150.00

Current Cash Bond/Certified Check is $500.00

Increasing to $1,000.00

Supervisor DePew made a motion to adopt Resolution #38, amended fees.

Seconded by Councilman Hoppenstedt

On the Vote: All Ayes

* Updating Playground

We will be updating the Playground this year. Our Highway Superintendent got us estimates to rebuild our entire playground. We then had the opportunity to go with a matching grant from Ulster County. We applied and received a matching grant of $100,000 to put into our park, replace our playground and bring it up to ADA standards. We are intending to remove the current playground and the new equipment will be brought in, installed and complete start to finish in 6–8-week timeframe. The anticipated start date would be the Monday, after the close of Summer Camp. It wouldn’t interfere with our Summer Camp Program. It will give us the chance to make sure all the equipment can be ordered. There is a contract send by Ulster County that we will need to sign. We will remove the current equipment and mulch chips and make the playground ready to go for the playground installation.

We are also looking at putting in a basketball court, moving it from the Town Hall to the park and pickleball courts.

Councilman Castillo made a motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the contract for the Playground Grant and installation.

Seconded by Councilman Fazio

On the vote: All ayes

OLD BUSINESS:

* Comprehensive Plan Phase II Update

Kickoff Meeting for Phase II of the Comprehensive Plan, is April 10, 2024 at the Town Hall.

We did receive a grant for Phase I and completed Phase I. The II Phase grant was received. The Town Board established a committee of 8-10 people to work with Barton & Loguidice. We Re-Established our committee of existing members with Cindy Hilbert as Chairperson for Phase II.

Cindy Hilbert, Dean DePew, Derrick Doubrava, Cindy Delgado, Gladys Figueroa, Micheal Baum, Brian Vanduser, Joseph Lafriandra

There will be a Power Point Presentation given by Barton Loguidice as a blueprint to what we will follow to achieve this.

Phase II should be completed end of 2024/ Beginning of 2025. We also talked about doing a secondary grant for Phase II to give us more opportunity. As well as a third Grant to cover our zoning and our codes. We want to link that in with our Comprehensive Plan and have that whole package done by the end of 2025.

Councilman Fazio mentioned that anyone from the public can come to the Kickoff Meeting.

TRANSFERS:

NONE

VOUCHERS:

* Supervisor Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated March 6, 2024, which includes:

The A-General Fund amount of $128,729.78

The DA-Highway Fund amount of $3,223.41

For a Grand Total amount of $131,953.19

Supervisor 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 Castillo

On the vote: All Ayes

Councilman Castillo- I should have brought this up during public input but regarding the playground equipment, I would like install blacktop path towards the new playground maybe 3-4ft wide. It is difficult going though the grass and mud. Also, on the side where the hill is, up towards the bathroom to make it easier to access and make it all ADA Compliant. We will already have current construction going on.

Supervisor DePew requested this all be in writing and he will pass onto Buildings and Grounds.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Depew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo Jr.

On the vote: All Ayes