TOWN OF PLATTEKILL

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2025

Time – 7:00pm

1. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

The following Town Board Members were present:

Supervisor Depew

Councilman Fazio

Councilman Castillo

ABSENT- Councilman Hoppenstedt

Councilman O’Flaherty

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

3. MINUTES:

Supervisor DePew made a motion to NOT read the minutes from the July 2, 2025 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo

On the Vote: All Ayes

Supervisor DePew made a motion to ACCEPT the minutes from the July 2, 2025 Town Board Meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Fazio

On the Vote: All Ayes

4. ADDITIONS:

* Veterans Lunch- July 19th at the New Paltz Elks Lodge. 12:00PM.

Veterans and Guest are free

* Apuzzo Road Realignment- Barclay Road

Supervisor DePew- Myself and Councilman Fazio went to the attorney this afternoon. We did research and background. Through discussion and the straw poll that we did at last board meeting, it was determined, as well as with the letter we received from our Highway Superintendent, I would like to make a motion.

Supervisor DePew made a motion to reject the offer of dedication for future road realignment that was discussed on a map filed with Ulster County on January 16, 2009 in the names on the estate, Nicholas J. Apuzzo.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo

On the Vote: All Ayes

Supervisor DePew- Now that that motion is set forth, tomorrow I will send a letter to the Planning Board as well as the Planning Board attorney.

* Music in the Park

Begins Tuesday, July 29th at 6:30-8:30PM. Every Tuesday. Food will be available. We have sponsors for 3 of our bands, we are grateful.

TEG Bank, Finklestein and Associates and Walden Savings Bank

* Police NNO:

August 5th. They are having their first annual Nation Night Out with Hillbilly Parade as the performance.

5. REPORTS:

* Supervisor Depew read the monthly department reports and noted they are all available at the Town Clerk’s Office upon request.

Supervisor DePew made a motion to NOT read the monthly reports.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo On the Vote: All Ayes

The following reports for the month of June 2025 were available.

Plattekill Police Monthly Report

Dog Control Monthly Report- Not Given

Buildings & Grounds Monthly Report

Building Department Monthly Report

Assessor Report Monthly Report

Recreation Report- Not Given

6. TOW LIST FEE’S- RESOLUTION **#46**

* Supervisor DePew made a motion to adopt Resolution #46. The Town Towing Application Permit Fee will increase from $200.00 to $400.00 annually.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo

On the Vote: All Ayes

7. Battery Storage Law:

* Supervisor Depew said that we also had a discussion with our Towns Attorney. Our anticipation is to receive that back, vetted and checked. We did come up with a proposed battery storage law that will be sent up to Ulster County Planning Board for review. Their meeting is August 6, 2025.

Once it comes back from Planning, we will set a public hearing and move forward with that.

8. Short Term Rental:

* Supervisor DePew said this law is also in the process of being reviewed. We will also have to send that up to the Ulster County Planning Board on August 6, 2025.

9. Sign Law Discussion:

* Supervisor DePew- we had talked about this sign law last year; this is concerning all the signs fastened to all the utility signs around town. This law is almost completely written and will be presented to the entire board soon for its vetting.

Councilman Castillo- It is an eye sore. Do we have to get permission to hang the Veterans banners on the poles?

Supervisor DePew- Yes, they are currently working on getting permission with Verizon, Central Hudson and the cable company. It is not an easy task.

Councilman Fazio- When you are doing a business, you are able to stick a sign in the law while you are working there but it doesn’t get to stay there.

10. Town Hall Camera:

* Camera was received. We are in the process of setting up a YouTube Channel and we will start filming soon.

11. Fireworks:

* Fireworks were this past Saturday. The crowd keeps getting bigger and better for the community.

Thank you to everyone involved.

PUBLIC INPUT:

* Supervisor Depew made a motion to open Public Input at 7:15PM.

Seconded by Councilman Castillo

On the vote: All Ayes

1. Annette Laskowsky- The presentation for the new town Hall, that was 26 million? Will you have a permissive referendum?

Supervisor DePew- The final numbers will come down drastically with the committee that was established. You can come to the meetings that they have if you want. That is a long way away, yes, we are though. That is the law.

1. Kathy Beinkafner- You talked about a road realignment in the beginning of this meeting?

Supervisor DePew- Back in 2006, there was a start of a subdivision and there was a comment that was made to set aside a certain amount of area for future road realignment. There has never been a formal dedication or step in that path and after due consideration it doesn’t look like there ever will be. The Town Board has no desire to keep and utilize that.

Kathy B- Where is this imaginary road?

Supervisor DePew- Barclay Road. The maps were signed in 2009 but this was started in 2006.

1. Brian Benjamin- I would like to about the fireworks, is there a committee that gets together to discuss changes or the event itself?

Supervisor DePew- The fireworks are put on by the Town Board. As it gets closer, the Town Clerk puts out a notice to the vendors and people involved in the logistics. As far as the vendors, they were decided on many years ago to be strictly not for profit. Years ago, we decided to not step on anyone’s toes, we don’t want vendors that are close in sales. There is a lot of work that goes into this.

Brian B- From my view, the vendor standpoint, the event if getting bigger and bigger every year. Thousands of people attend the fireworks. Watching the food line, PFD is the only food vendor and the line was going down towards the softball field. People weren’t happy. Food was running out; people left the line. I think it would be beneficial to the town and the residents to have more vendors. MFD and CFD, more options are good for our residents.

Supervisor DePew- Both departments have been asked and said no. We are open to new ways. This stuff has to be taken care of ahead of time. It creates havoc and unbalance last minute and it isn’t fair.

Brian Benjamin- This was my first time from a vendor standpoint, I am usually working this event. I never really saw the logistics of it. There was a lot of people that were not happy with the food line.

Councilman Fazio- Some people waited 40 minutes online and they did run out. It should be split up, one does sausage and peppers, hotdogs, etc.

Brian B- We need more options. This event is for the residence.

Supervisor DePew- Clintondale FD mans the lower parking lot. Modena FD, the event is in their district. They are responsible for fire suppression and handling their district. Plattekill FD always handles the food. I get people were disappointed with the line and waiting for a hotdog. Without a doubt, we have to look at things differently, tweak and make things better

Brian Benjamin- I would like to be a part of making it better. The whole thing is great. All the Fire departments should have an opportunity to fundraise. More options.

Councilman Castillo- If you get together with Plattekill, they can do something, and the PBA can do something else.

1. Reporter- The signage law, was there a specific incident that brought this about or has it been on the table for some time? It is for business advertising?

Supervisor DePew- That has been on the table for about 4 years. Last year, we gave more consideration to it. It is tough to get everything through but we are trying to chip away at things one at a time. When you pull up to the intersection, you see tons and tons of signs in the grass and on the poles. It does go against property management codes for NYS. Nothing is really enforced but depending on the time of the year, that is when we start getting a lot more complaints. People put signs up and don’t take them down.

* Supervisor Depew made a motion close public input at 7:25PM.

Seconded by Councilman Fazio

On the vote: All Ayes

**TRANSFERS: RESOLUTION #45**

The Highway Superintendent requested a transfer in the amount of $310,000.00 from the Highway Unassigned Funds to DA.5130.200 Machinery Equipment.

The transfer is necessary to cover the cost of the two (2) cabs and chassis that was approved at the Town Board Meeting on 12/18/2024.

Supervisor DePew made a motion to adopt Resolution #45,

Seconded by Councilman Castillo

On the Vote: All Ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

VOUCHERS:

* Supervisor Depew reviewed the Voucher Detail report Dated July 16, 2025 which includes:

The A-General Fund amount of …….$40,944.57

The DA-Highway Fund amount of $7,082.72

For a grand total in the amount of **$48,027.29**

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 Fazio

On the vote: All Ayes

Councilman Castillo- We did everything great up at the fireworks but it was very disappointing that certain vendors didn’t pick up their garbage. There was a garbage container 50 feet from where they were.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM

Seconded by Councilman Fazio

On the Vote: All Ayes

**Town of Plattekill**

**Resolution #45 of 2025**

**Highway Budget Amendment**

Supervisor DePew made a motion to adopt the following Resolution #45 of 2025.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested a transfer in the amount of $310,000.00 from Highway Unassigned Funds to DA.5130.200 Machinery Equipment

WHEREAS, this transfer is necessary to cover the cost of the two (2) cabs and chassis that was approved at the Town Board meeting on 12/18/2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town

Board of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, to amend the

2025 Highway Fund Budget with an increase of the DA.5130.200 Machinery Equipment in the amount of $310,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding shall be supported by

a transfer from the Highway Unassigned Funds in the amount of $310,000.00

Councilman Castillo seconded.

On The Vote: YES NO Abstained Absent

Supervisor Depew X

Councilman Castillo Jr X

Councilman Fazio X

Councilman Hoppenstedt X

Councilman O’Flaherty X

I hereby certify that the above Resolution #45 of 2025 was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Plattekill at a regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting held on 07/16/2025 , that it is entered in the minutes thereof and is on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

**Town of Plattekill**

**Resolution #46 of 2025**

**TOWN OF PLATTEKILL TOWN BOARD**

**TOWING FEE**

Supervisor DePew made a motion to adopt the following Resolution #46 of 2025.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that, pursuant to §103-7 of the Town Towing Code, in order to help defray the Town’s expenses with respect to Town towing permits and administration, the towing permit fee shall be increased from $200 to $400.

On a motion by Supervisor DePew, seconded by Councilman Castillo,

the foregoing Resolution was adopted on a vote of \_\_3\_\_ Ayes, \_\_0\_\_ Nays.

Dated:

Councilman Castillo seconded.

On The Vote: YES NO Abstained Absent

Supervisor Depew X

Councilman Castillo Jr X

Councilman Fazio X

Councilman Hoppenstedt X

Councilman O’Flaherty X

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