

Monthly Town Board Meeting
November 7, 2019

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. at 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison, New York.

PRESENT

Richard Shea	Supervisor
John Van Tassel	Councilman
Michael Leonard	Councilman
Robert Flaherty	Councilman
Judith Farrell	Councilwoman

Supervisor Shea opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Monthly Town Board Meeting of October 3, 2019.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of October 3, 2019 are hereby approved as presented.

Special Town Board Meeting of October 11, 2019.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell that the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 11, 2019 are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation Board – Councilman Leonard stated that board met on October 29th at which time they continued to review issues that had been before the Board previously. The DEC's reviewed drainage issues at Lake Surprise with the board. He noted that they also cut through some wooded areas which is not permitted, and they are now restoring that area. He then touched on the Walman application, which is a proposed single family home, however, most of the parcel is not buildable, and so they are limited to a certain portion of the property.

He also stated that Roberto Muller is now working on the Natural Resource mapping..

Recreation – Councilwoman Farrell reported that the winter programs are now open for registration. She stated that the Castle to River Run was a success. The senior luncheon will be held on November 20, 2019. There will be no Commission Meeting in November, the next meeting will be December 3, 2019.

The Philipstown Hub – Councilwoman Farrell stated that the Hub had its grand opening on October 19th and was well attended by businesses, and residents.

Planning Board - Councilman Flaherty reported that there were two public hearings, the first being Chundu-Moth a minor site plan for the construction of a new 5,000 ft. single family home. The challenges facing the applicant is that the property is located

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on a steep slope and in the ridge line area. One neighbor expressed some concern with regard to drainage, but overall was in favor of the project. It is expected to be approved next month (November).

The other public hearing was Schaublin and Fortunato seeking approval to construction a new single-family residence and a detached garage. This home is going to be a passive solar home, reducing our carbon footprint. It is expected to be approved next month also.

Under old business 1122 Route 9D Realty, LLC seeking approval to construct a canopy over the gasoline pumps and sell used cars. He noted that they withdrew their application to sell used cars. The construction of the canopy has been approved.

Under new business, Hunt and Potter seeking approval for the construction of a pool, and enlargement of a deck along with landscape improvements. This project has been referred to the Conservation Board for review. The next item was CRS International Self-Storage Warehouse/Office seeking an amended site plan, re-approval of the existing self-storage site plan. They are going to construct a 21,000 sq. foot building for storage and 7,000 sq. ft. of office space. This move from Jaycox and Route 9 will be less dangerous. The main facility will remain at the Jaycox Road site.

Zoning Board – Councilman Van Tassel reported that there were three public hearings, the first being Robert & Susan Freeman seeking a side yard setback. The hearing was held and the variance was approved. The next applicant, George Lansbury seeking a side yard setback, the hearing was held and the variance was approved.

The third hearing was for Rick and Mark Ventura which was a lengthy discussion but at the end, no one was satisfied with the discussions. The continuation of this public hearing will be held on November 18, 2019.

Highway - Councilman Van Tassel read the Monthly Report submitted by Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Councilman Van Tassel took a moment to thank the Highway and Recreation Personnel for all their assistance in moving the court and the Town Hall. Supervisor Shea also thanked the highway department for paving a parking area for the temporary town hall.

Building & Land Acquisition – Councilman Van Tassel stated that we are close to construction/renovations to the Town Hall.

Putnam County Legislator – Legislator Montgomery reported that she is going to be co-hosting with MISN, which is a not-for-profit agency. They are a health care navigator and open enrollment began November 1st. They will come to town on November 16th at 10 North Street from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for anyone who needs assistance with finding possible health coverage and other matters of concern.

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Legislator Montgomery was also working with the Manitou School with regard to request an extension of the 30 mile per hour zone further south for ¼ of a mile. She also reported that she attended a meeting with the seniors which addressed the Office of Senior Resources four year plan. It was a very promising to see what plans they have for the future.

Cemetery Committee – Councilman Leonard reported that the committee visited the Mountain Avenue and Cedar Street cemeteries and realized that limbs had fallen in both areas and needed to be taken care of. They have visited the North Highlands Cemetery hoping to identify graves that have structural issues. He added that MeKeels cemetery is also experiencing the same issues.

Another issue that the committee is following up on is ground radar. The costs associated with this has to be carefully reviewed. This radar will determine whether or not there are remains buried at certain sites. He stated that the Mountain Avenue and Cedar Street cemeteries aren't clearly defined as per the 1852 maps. Hopefully the ground radar could help define that area.

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**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Bldg. Fees 9/19	\$22,239.70
Justice Fees 9/19	4,080.00
TC Fees – Dogs 9/19	409.50
AW Scrap Metal	221.00
NYS Fjord Trail	80,902.91
Bldg. Fees 10/19	41,579.65
Justice Fees 9/19	3,528.00

HIGHWAY

PC Gas	1,758.22
PC Gas	435.00
Gen Gas	426.93

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

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AGENDA

1. Resolution from the Town to the NYS Department of Transportation requesting extending the 30 mile per hour zone to ¼ of a mile south of Manitou School on Route 9D.

RESOLUTION #144-2019

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Farrell, seconded by Councilman Leonard;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown at its November 7, 2019 meeting addressed the concerns of Philipstown residents and Manitou School Administration, requesting the extension of the 30 mile per hour zone on NYS Route 9D in front of the Manitou School, 1656 Route 9D, to be extended south for ¼ of a mile; and

WHEREAS, past traffic studies may not necessarily reflect the increased traffic on NYS Route 9D since the opening of the Manitou School and the increased mixed use by pedestrians, bikers and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the increased activity on this road has also increased the amount of motorists who travel in excess of the speed limit in front of the school.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown respectfully requests the New York State Department of Transportation extend the 30 mile per hour zone to ¼ of a mile south of Manitou School.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Richard Shea, Supervisor,	voting	AYE
John Van Tassel, Councilman,	voting	AYE
Judy Farrell, Councilwoman,	voting	AYE
Michael Leonard, Councilman,	voting	AYE
Robert Flaherty, Councilman,	voting	AYE

Resolution adopted by unanimous vote.

2. Discussion with regard to the Cold Spring Trolley.

Eliza Starbuck, Chairman of the Trolley Committee highlighted the important parts of the Trolley Proposal. She explained that the committee's goal is to make the trolley more functional to residents and visitors. She noted that the committee has received input from the institutions such as Manitoga, etc. and has distributed a survey to the community. The main goal is to improve services, and increase ridership. Supervisor Shea noted that it's about time that the County place signs at the bus stops. He thanked the committee for all their work. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

- 3. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando and Highway Superintendent Frisenda to sign the Linear Speed Limit request for Winston Lane and forward said request to the New York State Department of Transportation.**

RESOLUTION #145-2019

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Flaherty, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando and Highway Superintendent Frisenda to sign the Linear Speed Limit request for Winston Lane and forward said request to the New York State Department of Transportation.

- 4. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the 2020 agreement between the Town and Judith Mayle for legal services.**

RESOLUTION #146-2019

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the 2020 agreement between the Town and Judith Mayle for legal services.

- 5. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Filming Permit for Colors of Spirit on November 9, 2019 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at Manitou Station Road.**

RESOLUTION #147-2019

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the Filming Permit for Colors of Spirit on November 9, 2019 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at Manitou Station Road.

- 6. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.**

Town Clerk Merando read the Monthly Report.

- 7. Schedule Workshops/Meetings**

The Town Board will adopt the final budget on November 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

- 8. Any other business that may come before the Town Board.**

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Supervisor Shea announced that the Youth Award nominees must be submitted to the Putnam County Youth Bureau's Website by November 27, 2019

Supervisor Shea read a letter from Anthony Merante who is resigning effective immediately. Members of the Town Board praised the work he has done for many years.

RESOLUTION #148-2019

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Anthony Merante, as the Planning Board Chairman and member effective immediately (November 7, 2019).

There was a brief discussion with regard to the house fire in the North Highlands area. Councilman Van Tassel expressed how important it is that everyone has a working smoke detector. He also thanked Town Clerk Merando and all the Clerk's at the Town Hall in assisting with the move to the Old VFW Hall. Supervisor Shea interjected that members of the Town Board also pitched in and wanted to thank them also.

Councilman Van Tassel also spoke of the Medication Take Back Box, noting that there is a certain protocol to house the box, but the Town will continue to explore all their options.

Councilwoman Farrell wished all Veterans a Happy Veterans Day and thanked them for their service. Councilman Flaherty announced that Our Lady of Loretto will be holding a breakfast for the veterans Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Councilman Flaherty asked the status of the proposed logging project. Supervisor Shea responded saying that they have submitted their escrow check and plan on beginning in the near future.

Paula Clair asked the Town Board to consider holding a workshop to discuss 5G technology either on December 4th or the 11th. Ms. Clair will contact experts on this subject to see which date will work for them.

VACANCIES

Recreation Commission (1)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$163,321.44 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 10A & 11.

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Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$134,434.92 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 10A & 11.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$1,561.45 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 11.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$2,566.84 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 11.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty to close the Monthly Meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk