

Monthly Town Board Meeting
December 1, 2011

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 8:00 p.m, at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Betty Budney	Councilwoman
Barbara Scuccimarra	Councilwoman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman
Edward W. Doyle	Town Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of November 3, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of November 3, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Bid Opening of November 9, 2011, Highway Department – Bank Stabilization for East Mountain Rd. South and Philipse Brook Rd., were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Bid Opening of November 9, 2011, Highway Department – Bank Stabilization for East Mountain Rd. South and Philipse Brook Rd., are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, CVPD & CVWD, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, CVPD & CVWD, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Philipstown Ambulance Corp., were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Philipstown Ambulance Corp., are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corp., were reviewed.

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Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corp., are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, CV Fire Department, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, CV Fire Department, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Garrison Fire, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, Garrison Fire, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, General, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2011, Budget, General, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of November 17, 2011, to Adopt Budget, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of November 17, 2011, to Adopt Budget, are hereby approved as presented.

FRIENDS OF PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION, INC. DISCUSSION

Claudio Marzollo was there to ask approval from the Town Board on behalf of the Friends of Philipstown Recreation, to have signs put up in the gym, which would have local businesses' logos, as one of their money raising efforts. He said that all of the funds would go to the building of the pavilion. Supervisor Shea said that this would have to be referred to Attorney Doyle. Attorney Doyle asked where these signs would be placed and what size they would be. Mr. Marzollo replied that they would go on the windows and the size would be 3' x 5'. The

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businesses would pay approximately \$1,000 for each sign and the contracts would be renewable each year. Councilwoman Montgomery asked where the monies would go after the pavilion project and Mr. Marzollo said that working with the recreation department all funds would go to other projects. Attorney Doyle said that he understands what they are asking, but would need some time to review the legality. An audience member asked if there would be some restrictions on what the signs could say. Mr. Marzollo responded that it would definitely have to be approved. Joe Regele said it is a shame that we didn't sell the naming rights.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Councilwoman Scuccimarra reported that they met on November 8, 2011. The first item was for Orlandi/Flanagan, next item was for Elizabeth Henderson, and the last item was for Michael Cooper. The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2011.

Recreation – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that she attended the Recreation Committee meeting on Tuesday. The commission conducted interviews for the vacant positions. She reported that the commission received a letter from the Garrison Landing Association with regard to the renewal of the lease for the Depot Theatre. Director of Parks and Recreation, Amber Stickle, reported that Pidala Electric would install temporary lighting in the parking lot at the Community Center. Philipstown Park is closed for the season. “A Wonderful Life” will be playing this weekend and next at the Depot Theatre.

Recycling - Councilwoman Budney confirmed that leaves could be taken up to the Recycling Center. No other debris.

Planning Board – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that they did not meet in November, but will meet on December 8. There are a number of items on that agenda.

Zoning – Councilman Van Tassel attended the November 14, 2011 meeting. Appeal #876, William Mordhurst for interpretation. The application was reviewed to be complete and went directly to Public Hearing. Discussion ensued and the Public Hearing was continued for January 9, 2012, which is also the date of the next monthly meeting.

Highway - Councilwoman Budney read the monthly report submitted by Highway Superintendent Roger Chirico. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone wishing to review.

Building & Land Acquisition - No report.

GVFD – Councilman Van Tassel read the report for Jamie Copeland, who could not attend. He noted that Breakfast with Santa would be on December 3, 2011, with seating at 9:30 am and 10:30 am at the Garrison Fire House station.

Butterfield Library- Councilwoman Scuccimarra reported that December is forgiveness month for patrons with lost or damaged items – their bills will be forgiven when they bring in canned goods for the food pantry. Keep in mind that this is only for Butterfield Library materials and

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will only take place in December. The library is a stop on the Candlelight Tour on December 3, 2011. The "Friends of Butterfield" will hold a bake sale during that day and craft bazaar. Santa will visit at 11:00 am. The library's proposed budget is posted on their website. The library will implement a "quiet hour" in 2012. For details, visit the website.

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR

MONIES RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2011

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

C.T.V. Fees	\$18,119.00
AW Scrap Metal	1,363.00
Justice Fees 10/11	5,866.00
Justice Fees 10/11	6,090.00
Town Clerk Fees-Dogs	246.00
Town Clerk Fees	616.48
Rec. Fees 10/11	75,412.78
Bank Interest	71.83

HIGHWAY FUND

P.C.Sheriffs gas	\$726.95
P.C.Sheriffs gas	2,343.60
Bank Interest	178.08
Gen. Fund Ck Gas	579.08

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	\$.95
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse	\$100.00
Bank Interest	18.82

AGENDA

1. Resolution appointing William Polhemus to a position at the Highway Department effective November 21, 2011.

Supervisor Shea said that this is to replace someone who left.

RESOLUTION #211-2011

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints William Polhemus to a position at the Highway Department, effective November 21, 2011.

2. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection services for the year 2012.

Town Clerk Merando said that she understood that the Board would like to table this item. Supervisor Shea confirmed that they would like to table this item because they just received an addendum to the contract tonight and would like to have Town Attorney Doyle review before signing.

RESOLUTION #212-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby tables this item for further review.

Joe Regele said that he put together a short list of questions (which he handed to Town Board). He said that over the last couple of years there has been a lot of going back and forth, and it occurred to him that the biggest issue, other than dollars is the lack of good information. He said that we don't actually know what the fire department spent in 2011. In contrast, the Recreation Department knows exactly what they spend each month. He suggested that there should be requirements in the contract for reporting on a monthly basis so that the town can understand where the fire department is on their budget. The point behind this would be that we are approving this particular budget, which was done in November and is to be signed in December, but we will not know until June/July 2012 how much was actually spent in 2011 - ½ year behind. He asked that the Board mandate (1) the reports, and (2) a clear purchasing policy. Another issue is that when they receive their new truck will the old one be sold, because if it is sold, that money should be taken into consideration when preparing their budget. Supervisor Shea said that it wasn't a matter of them not responding, anything they asked for they got. and he indicated that it would be very helpful if they could model something after what Recreation does.

- 3. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Continental Village Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection services for the year 2012.**

RESOLUTION #213-2011

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Continental Village Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection services for the year 2012.

- 4. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps for furnishing emergency ambulance services for the year 2012.**

RESOLUTION #214-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps for furnishing emergency ambulance services for the year 2012.

- 5. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps for furnishing emergency ambulance services for the year 2012.**

RESOLUTION #215-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Montgomery, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps for furnishing emergency ambulance services for the year 2012.

- 6. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and David Klotzle for Wetlands Inspector for the year 2012.**

Supervisor Shea asked Councilwoman Scuccimarra if she had any comments. Councilwoman Scuccimarra said that she thinks he is great and does a wonderful job. She asked if he would be getting any remuneration. Supervisor Shea responded "not this year." He understands Mr. Klotzle has taken on more responsibility, so the Town Board will review.

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RESOLUTION #216-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Scuccimarra, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and David Klotzle for Wetlands Inspector for the year 2012.

7. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and Thomas Rippolon for video services for the year 2012.

RESOLUTION #217-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and Thomas Rippolon for video services for the year 2012..

8. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

- Recreation Interviews – December 7, 2011 @7:00pm
- Year-end Meeting – December 29, 2011 @ 7:30pm
- Re-organization - January 5, 2011 @7:00pm
- Monthly Town Board Meeting – January 5, 2011 @8:00pm

9. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the Monthly report, which is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

10. Award Highway Material Bids for 2012

RESOLUTION #218-2011

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby tables this item for further review.

11. Support Resolution for the Hudson Highlands Land Trust grant application.

Andy Chmar said he appreciates the Towns consideration

RESOLUTION #219-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

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WHEREAS, the **HUDSON HIGHLANDS LAND TRUST** is applying for a \$20,000 grant through the New York State Conservation Partnership Program, a partnership between the Land Trust Alliance and the State of New York; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Trust has permanently protected over 1450 acres of land within its mission area through its conservation easement work with private landowners, along with at least an additional 1000 acres added to local state parks in its role as 3rd party facilitator with NYS agencies, thus furthering the conservation interests of the State of New York and the residents of Philipstown; and,

WHEREAS, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust has been a trusted partner with, and supporter of the TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN on a variety of projects during the past decade, including: sponsoring the Philipstown 2020 forum, development of a community-wide Natural Resources and Open Space Plan, completing the first-ever Philipstown Build out Analysis, underwriting the Townwide Cleanup in 2010 and 2011, and assisting with residents' work from 2006 to 2011, which resulted in the adoption of Town-wide zoning in 2011, a local law that will ensure the protection of our community's character and natural resources for decades to come; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Trust makes assisting local municipalities, with its unique resources, one of its primary goals for achieving its mission of protecting natural resources, rural character, and scenic beauty in the Hudson Highlands; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of an updated organizational five-year strategic plan will further ensure HUDSON HIGHLANDS LAND TRUST continues its unparalleled work on behalf of the TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN and other municipalities in the Highlands; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing be it resolved that the governing board of the TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN hereby does endorse the application for a grant under the New York State Conservation Partnership Program for a project known as the Hudson Highlands Land Trust Strategic Plan Project—The Next Level!

12. Resolution authorizing Roger Chirico, Highway Superintendent to prepare the necessary documents for the purchase of a new truck for 2012.

Supervisor Shea said that this is something they went over during budget discussions. He is in favor of this.

Joe Regele said that one thing that strikes him is that there is an extraordinary amount of equipment in the yard up there. He asked, "Will we be divesting ourselves of some of this equipment?" Supervisor Shea said that there is different equipment for different jobs and there are some loaners from the County. He said that there are a number of trucks that are not road worthy and will be used for parts. Andy Chmar said that Roger Chirico has rescued a lot of vehicles and through his good mechanical abilities, has saved the Town tons of money over the years.

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RESOLUTION #220-2011

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Roger Chirico, Highway Superintendent to prepare the necessary documents for the purchase of a 2013 International Truck, Combination Dump Body/Sander with plow, for the purchase price not to exceed \$127,922.00.

13. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the bank stabilization project at Philipse Brook Road.

RESOLUTION #221-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the bank stabilization project at Philipse Brook Road.

14. Any other business that may come before the Town Board.

Supervisor Shea said that they attended a meeting down at Continental Village last night regarding Lakeland Schools because there is a perception that people in Putnam are paying more than those in Westchester. A representative from NYS Department of Taxation and Finance gave a presentation laying out the facts. The disparity in Putnam wasn't all that great, just a few dollars. The representative stated that what could be done is reach out and do a revaluation. First, Brian Kenney would take a look at the Continental Village area and make sure the valuations there are accurate and what the impact would be if a Townwide revaluation was done. Supervisor Shea said he would reach out to the other five towns and see what their plans are for a revaluation, and added that he would love it if the state would mandate a revaluation because everyone should go to 100%. This is an issue of fairness and accuracy. Westchester school taxes are offset by revenue sharing and the Town really needed to pursue this. Supervisor Shea stated that the Town Board would pursue what they can and will be putting up information from Sandy Galef's office on the Town's website on her pursuit on having mandated reassessments.

Councilwoman Budney said that people are letting their dogs run around loose at Quarry Pond and people are scared. Councilwoman Montgomery said that they could call the Dog Control Officer. An audience member said that people are not picking up after their dogs. Supervisor Shea said that a lot of complaints are being received regarding the dog park at Quarry Pond.

Councilman Van Tassel said that he attended a "Field Committee" meeting on November 30. They continued the discussion of the field study being prepared by Ward Associates. A representative and engineer will be here again next Thursday visiting some of the fields. They will also be hosting a meeting with the group and property owners. They have been receiving bits and pieces of the plan, but do not have the entire plan as yet. The meeting with property owners will be on December 8, 2011, at 4:30pm, at Haldane.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra gave her farewell. She said that it was an honor and privilege to have served on the Town Council, that it was a challenging and rewarding experience and as the only Republican on the Council she added balance and encouraged communication. She said that she is most proud to have been part of the finalization of the zoning law. Councilwoman Scuccimarra encouraged her successors to work on court consolidation, the historic preservation overlay and the storm water program. She thanked “the many individuals that work extremely hard to make our local government run efficiently.” Councilwoman Scuccimarra added that she will treasure the time spent representing the community and will continue working at the county level with the Fiscal Vision and Accountability Commission.

Supervisor Shea said he enjoyed working along side Councilwoman Scuccimarra on the Board and he appreciates all the work she has done. Councilman Van Tassel thanked Councilwoman Scuccimarra for all she had done for him. Councilwoman Montgomery also thanked Councilwoman Scuccimarra.

Supervisor Shea mentioned that he received the Hudson River Watershed Alliance Conference information and asked the Board to take a look at it.

Supervisor Shea announced that he also received a letter of resignation from Dotty Gilman. The Town Board thanked her for her time on the Board of Assessment Review.

AUDIENCE

An audience member asked about Winston Lane Bridge. He and his wife said that there was almost an accident today at Winston Lane and Route 9 where his child gets on the school bus, which is an emergency bus stop since the storm. He added that it is very dangerous there because it is a blind hill and people do not drive cautiously. Councilman Van Tassel replied that he sits on the Putnam Transportation Safety Board and School Bus Safety Committee and he will contact Sheriff Smith first thing tomorrow. The couple said that they had called the sheriff and the school, but so far nothing has been done. Supervisor Shea suggested a meeting with Highway Superintendent Chirico and the Putnam County Sheriff to see what could be done.

VACANCIES

Board of Assessment Review (1)
Recreation Commission (2)
CV Park District Advisory (3)
CV Water District Advisory (2)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$82,747.62 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 11A & 12

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Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$55,154.01 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 11A & 12.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$1,494.27 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 12.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$4,579.01 are hereby approved as presented in Abstract 12

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Monthly Meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk