

Monthly Town Board Meeting
December 12, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT:	Richard Shea	Supervisor
	Betty Budney	Councilwoman
	Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
	David Merandy	Councilman
	John Van Tassel	Councilman

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

Supervisor Shea asked Councilwoman Budney to come to the floor and join him. He told the audience that words fall short when trying to describe a person like Betty Budney "When you look at the breadth and depth of Betty's career and her service to the Town you can't sum that up in words." He said that whenever you meet her you would always come away with a little tidbit of information and knowledge. Supervisor Shea said that he has had the privilege of working with her for 25 years, and that she was the one who encouraged him to run. He thanked her on the Town's behalf, for her work with the Lions Club, the Town Board, helping the underprivileged, and her work at the cemeteries. Supervisor Shea then presented her with a beautiful framed map of the Town and a resolution, which reads as follows;

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1989, Betty Budney became the first woman to be elected to the Town of Philipstown Town Board and began her illustrious twenty-four year career representing the people of this Town and;

WHEREAS, Betty's years of service have been distinguished by her exemplary dedication to serve in the best interest of Philipstown, while working tirelessly for the betterment of the Town's economic, cultural and aesthetic development and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown has greatly benefited due to her unique capability, in the performance of her responsibilities as a Town Board member and that she has made numerous contributions to the Town's municipal government and;

WHEREAS, Betty's achievements as a public servant through her hard work, dedication and her love of the Philipstown community are qualities that will not soon be forgotten;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Philipstown wishes to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Councilwoman Betty Budney for her outstanding service to the Town and we wish her a happy and healthy retirement and success in all her future endeavors.

Councilwoman Budney thanked everyone saying that it has been a privilege and honor to serve, but due to some personal issues it made it necessary for her to step down. She

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stated that she would still be around doing things she has done in the past. She went on to say that she thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone and wished everyone a happy, healthy New Year.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef said that she did not know Betty before representing this community Betty and they are like sisters now. When they first met, Betty took her all over Philipstown – up and down every road telling her stories of the town. She is so impressed with what Betty has done working with the community for all these years. Assemblywoman Galef presented Councilwoman Budney with a citation on behalf of the NYS Assembly, which says how special and important Betty's work has been to the State of New York and how they want to be a part of honoring her tonight.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said that she had the pleasure of working with Betty on the Town Board for four years and that Betty was always there to answer her questions. She went on to present Councilwoman Budney with a resolution from the Putnam County Legislature thanking her for her years of dedicated service to her neighbors and the community.

Supervisor Shea announced that there was one more person, David Brower, who wished to make a presentation to Councilwoman Budney. M. Brower said that one thing he learned from Betty was her humility. He then presented her with a bouquet of roses and thanked her.

Councilman Merandy just wanted to say that he feels privileged to be here with two of the courageous women in the Town. He said that it is incredible with all that they have gone through this year that they keep coming back with incredible strength and he is extremely proud to be a part of this.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of October 23, 2013 were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of October 23, 2013, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of October 30, 2013 were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of October 30, 2013, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Bid Opening – Highway Materials of November 6, 2013 were reviewed.

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Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Bid Opening – Highway Materials of November 6, 2013, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of November 7, 2013, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of November 7, 2013, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Michael Leonard reported that the Board would meet next Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and are dealing with the old Cybercon property – the proposal is for an 8,700-foot addition, which will be used strictly for storage.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that they met on December 9, 2013 at which time Director Amber Stickle read the minutes and financial reports (copies of which are available at the Town Hall). They are expected to meet their projected revenues for 2013 and on are on budget. With regard to programming, basketball practice begins this weekend and games start in January. The family night is scheduled for this Saturday, but only 6 families have registered so it will probably be cancelled if more people don't register. The Recreation Department has received a request to start an indoor Sunday soccer program for children and they will be reviewing that. The Senior Luncheon in November was well attended with 90+ seniors attending. Director Stickle expressed her thanks to all the volunteers. The Teen night was also successful with 70+ teenagers. The theatre board met on November 23. "To Kill a Mockingbird" grossed \$18,000 plus. Theatre improvements are continuing. The winter carnival is scheduled for February 8 at the park. Volunteers are needed to make it a success. Progress at the pavilion continues although it has been delayed due to well testing required by the Putnam County Board of Health. Donations are still coming in with a total of \$150,000 so far. The Commission held its elections. The next meeting was scheduled for New Years Eve, but another date will be picked to reschedule.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Budney had not heard anything with regard to the new vendor contract for recycling. Legislator Scuccimarra said that a contract was signed and she would get the information to Councilwoman Budney.

PLANNING BOARD - Councilman Merandy reported that there were five (5) items on the agenda: old Plumbush site, All Span (Cybercon), Mountain Trace subdivision, Bill and Susan Wood return of escrow, Nancy Olnick Spano return of escrow. No meeting is scheduled for December. The next meeting will be January 16, 2014 at 7:30pm at the JLB Library.

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel attended the November 25, 2013 meeting and there was one review for completeness for appeal #884, 20 Nazareth Way. The next meeting is

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scheduled for January 13, 2014. The ZBA will be holding a training session here on January 28, 2014 from 2-4:00 pm from AKRF.

HIGHWAY – Councilwoman Budney read the report submitted by Highway Superintendent Roger Chirico, which is on file at the Town Clerks office.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – No report

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT - Legislator Scuccimarra wanted to remind everyone that this is the last month to register for the STAR program. The Basic STAR can be done on line, the Enhanced STAR must be done in person. Another item she wanted to bring up was Manitou Station Road and it was her hope to use the FEMA funds from the Mill Road Bridge, but unfortunately time was running out. Legislator Scuccimarra stated that the negotiations are underway with the landowner and the state wants the bridge back. She is still hoping that we can still come to some solution, but the property owner has to sign off to say it is okay that he does not have a bridge. In the meantime, the County is looking at two other grants that we would be able use on Manitou Station Road. One is an environmental grant and another countywide culvert operations that would include Manitou Station. Metro North has still committed to mitigate the problem and the County is going to fund a geological study that we have to do before we can go forward with the survey. Councilman Van Tassel said that when he was down there it seemed to him that the road was actually settling into the swamp, which he feels has to do with the heavy traffic by Metro North.

Legislator Scuccimarra said that the County had a sales tax presentation, which Councilman Merandy attended, that explained the reasons why they cannot share taxes. She has the presentation and the County is willing to come to speak to the Town Board. She feels that this warrants a workshop to go over all the numbers and put everything on the table. She knows Senator Gibson has a few things before the Senate on mandate relief and she is really hoping that it will help the County. If the County gets the mandate relief it would free up so much money. She said she could set up a meeting and that County Executive, Mary Ellen O'Dell, would come over and answer any questions. Councilman Merandy said that it sounded to him like it was more like sharing services.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 12, 2013**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

P.C. Mortgage Tax	\$205,571.87
Perma Credit	4,149.00
Justice Fees 10/13	10,138.50
Justice Fees 10/13	8,936.00
VFW Rental	25.00
Bank Interest	33.00
CTV Fees	19,674.00
CTV Fees	12,760.00
Building Fees 11/13	6,967.00
Justice Fees 11/13	8,426.50
AW Scrap Metal	1,247.00
Rec. Community	20.80

HIGHWAY FUND

P. C. Gas	\$2,373.21
P. C. Gas	429.24
Bank Int.	122.56
Gen. Fund Gas	206.48
NYS FEMA	4,316.21
P. C. Gas	600.59
P. C. Gas	1,592.68

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	\$4.84
Water Collection	7,293.00

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	\$625.00
Bank Interest	15.47

AGENDA

1. Resolution releasing the escrow funds in the matter of Daniel Lutzker's Wetlands Application.

Town Clerk Merando said that she was informed today by the Code Enforcement Officer that David Klotzle can release the funds on his own per the letter, however, a resolution needs to be passed authorizing that the building permit application fees be returned to the applicant. Supervisor Shea replied that it was his understanding that the applicant did not pursue the project.

RESOLUTION #164-2013

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of the \$500.00 held in escrow in the matter of Daniel Lutzker's Wetlands Application.

RESOLUTION #165-2013

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the refund of the \$500.00 Building Permit Application Fee for Daniel Lutzker.

2. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for positions available for the Planning Board, Conservation Board and Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION #166-2013

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for positions available for the Planning Board, Conservation Board, Board of Assessment Review and the Recreation Commission.

3. Award Highway Material Bids for 2014.

Town Clerk Merando read the letter of recommendation for the 2014 bids for the Highway Department, which will be on file in the Town Clerks office for review.

RESOLUTION #167-2013

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried;

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent for the Material bids for 2014.

4. Award Highway Equipment Auction for the following;

- **1996 Dodge 3500 4-wheel Drive Truck with plow**
- **8 ft/1.5 yd Western Stainless Steel Sander with Briggs and Stratton Engine**

RESOLUTION #168-2013

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Montgomery seconded by Councilwoman Budney, with Councilman Merandy abstaining;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent for the auctioned items as follows.

- 1996 Dodge 3500 4-wheel Drive Truck with plow awarded to S.P. Equipment Inc. for \$505.00
- 8 ft/1.5 yd Western Stainless Steel Sander with Briggs and Stratton Engine awarded to S.P. Equipment Inc. for \$205.00

5. Schedule Workshop/Meetings

- Year-End Meeting – December 30, 2013 @7:30 pm
- Re-organization – January 9, 2014 @7:00 pm
- Monthly Town Board Meeting – January 9, 2014 immediately after Re-Organization.
- Weekly workshop – January 15, 2014 Adhoc Committee on the Comprehensive Plan

6. Code Enforcement Report

Town Clerk Merando read the report submitted by the Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Donohue. Copy of which is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

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

Supervisor Shea said that he saw on-line that the Town was awarded a \$100,000 grant toward the Fjord Trail, but he has not heard anything yet. He said that the Town applied for more than that, but this is a generous grant award, which came through the consolidated funding. He added that this was good news since the Town have matching funds so they can go ahead and start an actual part of the project. Supervisor Shea added that the Town Board was going to have to see how they are going to move along without

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the additional funding and try to find some make up sources, which they will since there is a good group working on that. In the spring the town may see some physical construction.

Councilman Van Tassel announced that Hudson Way has been paved.

Councilwoman Budney thanked the Town Clerks office (Tina, Theresa and Joan) for all their help throughout the years.

Councilwoman Montgomery thanked Betty for being the great example she has been as well as a mentor.

Councilman Van Tassel said that he knew Betty a long, long time and he has always been amazed at all the work she had done not only for the Town, but also for all she has done around Town. He said, "It has been a pleasure."

Supervisor Shea said that he was very proud to be the Supervisor of this Town with all that has happened this week.

AUDIENCE

Mary Ellen Finger said that there is a small group – adhoc group - going over the Comprehensive Plan and they are asking about having a workshop with the Town Board to see how the Board can direct them. Supervisor Shea agreed to meeting on January 15, 2014.

VACANCIES

Recreation Commission (1)
CV Park District Advisory Committee (3)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (3)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$222,783.13 approved as set forth in Abstract 11A & 12.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$191,787.01 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 11A & 12.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$1,893.90 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 12.

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Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$8,149.43 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel to close the Town Board Monthly Meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk