

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m., the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516.

**PRESENT:**

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| Richard Shea     | Supervisor   |
| Nancy Montgomery | Councilwoman |
| John Van Tassel  | Councilman   |
| Michael Leonard  | Councilman   |

**ABSENT:** Robert Flaherty Councilman

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of November 2, 2017 were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of November 2, 2017, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Bid Opening – Replacement Windows of November 3, 2017 were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel that the Minutes of the Bid Opening – Replacement Windows of November 3, 2017, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Public Hearing – Proposed 2018 Budget of November 8, 2017 were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery that the Minutes of the Public Hearing – Proposed 2018 Budget of November 8, 2017, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Special Meeting – Adopting the Proposed 2018 Budget of November 16, 2017 were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard that the Minutes of the Special Meeting – Adopting the Proposed 2018 Budget of November 16, 2017, are hereby approved as presented.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Due to the busy agenda Supervisor Shea requested that no committee reports be read this month.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN  
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR  
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 7, 2017**

**GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS**

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| AW Scrap Metal                | 594.00    |
| Re Community                  | 94.95     |
| TC Fees Dogs (10/17)          | 392.00    |
| TC Fees 10/17                 | 1,288.97  |
| Justice Fees 10/17            | 3562.00   |
| Justice Fees 10/17            | 5039.00   |
| Rec Fees                      | 40,677.67 |
| Bldg. Fees                    | 26,202.50 |
| Tax Coll. Bank Int.           | 186.83    |
| Tax Coll. Tax Diff            | 3,359.41  |
| Bldg. Fees 11/17              | 43,601.00 |
| TC Fees Dogs 11/17            | 223.00    |
| TC Fees 11/17                 | 388.06    |
| Justice Fees 11/17            | 3,861.00  |
| Tax Coll. Penalty Int.        | 27,786.88 |
| Tax Coll. Reminder Fee        | 1,417.00  |
| Tax Coll. Unpaid Reminder Fee | 378.00    |
| Tax Coll. Misc Credit Card    | 1,093.57  |

**HIGHWAY FUND**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| P.C. Gas              | 340.85    |
| P.C. Gas              | 1,569.26  |
| Auto Ins. Truck Parts | 19,765.00 |
| Perma R. Chirico      | 3,415.38  |

**CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Clubhouse Fee | 350.00 |
| Clubhouse Fee | 750.00 |

**CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Taxes Putnam Valley | 13,788.00 |
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## **AGENDA**

### **1. Philipstown Community Congress to present the results of their data collection.**

Jason Angell, Garrison resident and Director of the Ecological Systems project and organizer of the Philipstown Community Congress reported that they have been running this initiative over the last six (6) months. The idea behind the initiative was to try and find ways to give residents of Philipstown the opportunity to propose ideas on things they care about to help preserve and promote a strong community. The whole point of it was to propose ideas, even if not new, to find out what priorities the residents might have.

Overview; they hosted three public forums over the summer from which they received forty (40) ideas. They took those forty (40) ideas and put them on a ballot which was mailed to every resident in Philipstown. Approximately 800 residents mailed back the ballots. The top ten (10) proposals were: 1) biking and walking paths, 2) clean water, 3) teen center, 4) school consolidation 5) climate smart community 6) Putnam County to share sales taxes 7) recreation center improvements 8) essential care at Butterfield 9) drug czar position 10) update to comprehensive plan. The hope is that this would just provide a platform and give more attention to these priorities.

### **2. Resolution recommending Stephanie Hawkins to the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA.**

#### **RESOLUTION #154-2017**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby recommends that Stephanie Hawkins be appointed to the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA.

### **3. Nat Prentice to update the Town Board on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee.**

Mr. Nat Prentice reported that a little over ten (10) years ago a Comprehensive Plan was written for the Town. It can be found on the website. A Comprehensive Plan Update Review Group has been established to review the plan and offer their ideas and advice for updating. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday nights of the month at 6:30 pm. Mr. Prentice went on to say that the Philipstown Community Congress has also tossed a great number of ideas in the basket. The Review Group has found that the original plan was written well enough that it will not be a laborious plan. In six months' time he believes that they will be able to give the Board a draft for review. He hopes to be able to come back regularly to report on the progress.

**4. Discussion with regard to the attorney's draft of the Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance.**

Supervisor Shea stated that this is something that they looked at about a year ago out of concern for how people store firearms safely. This ordinance is about what responsible gun ownership is about. He imagines that most firearm owners already do store them safely. So, if the Town were to adopt this local law it probably would not impact most in any way. This draft keeps things pretty broad and is open for some interpretation. If this goes through the process there will be a Public Hearing at which residents will be able to speak. Councilman Van Tassel said that he is for this, but would like to have the Town attorney attend a workshop to clarify some issues. Councilwoman Montgomery is in favor of this and is looking to move forward on this. Councilman Leonard also agrees with Councilman Van Tassel that the Town Attorney needs to be involved and to insure that there are not any conflicts with the County's law. Supervisor Shea said that the Town Board should put their notes/comments together to discuss with the Attorney. Supervisor Shea said that a date will be posted when a workshop is scheduled. He went on to say that no comments would be heard this evening.

**5. Resolution authorizing the release of Escrow Funds to Jeremy Timmons, 90 Route 301, Cold Spring.**

**RESOLUTION #155-2017**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of Escrow Funds to Jeremy Timmons of 90 Route 301, Cold Spring, New York for monies associated with a wetland permit.

**6. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign a letter of support for Hudson Highlands Land Trust's application for a Catalyst Grant – "Land Use Planning for Clean Water."**

**RESOLUTION #156-2017**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the letter of support for the Hudson Highlands Land Trust's application for a Catalyst Grant – "Land Use Planning for Clean Water." (nunc pro tunc)

Michelle Smith, Hudson Highlands Land Trust, thanked the Board for signing the letter of support. What they really want to do is update a previous study and in the expanded

study incorporate Cold Springs' water supply. They would also like to find out what the most valuable land is to conserve for water protection purposes and build a water coalition to figure who the key stakeholders would be.

**7. Discussion with regard to the bids for the replacement windows for the Town Hall.**

Supervisor Shea noted that there were only two bids received. One was for the windows, the other for windows and installation. He had a meeting this week with the bidders to discuss separating out the work. The Board is also planning to do work on the Town Hall this next year and will have all of the window replaced. They have engaged Highland Architecture to come up with a preliminary plan for the interior which will include an elevator.

**8. Resolution authorizing Highway Superintendent to sign a property damage release form regarding road repairs to Philipsbrook Road.**

After some discussion Supervisor Shea recommended that this item be tabled until they get more information on this from Carl Frisenda.

**RESOLUTION #157-2017**

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

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

**9. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.**

- Year End Meeting – December 27, 2017
- Re-organization – January 4, 2018 @7:00 pm
- Monthly Town Board Meeting – January 4, 2018

**10. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.**

Town Clerk Merando read the reports submitted for Cold Spring and Philipstown which are on file in the Town Clerks office.

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

Town Clerk Merando had another item; amend a resolution which was done last month for the release of escrow funds for Lady's Blue Devil Lane. The clerk had made a mistake and it should have been for Philipstown Square.

## **RESOLUTION #158-2017**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby amends the resolution for the release of escrow funds for Lady's Blue Devil Lane to read Philipstown Square.

Councilman Van Tassel reported that there has been another accident at S&K (Gulf Station) on Route 9. A truck driver backed into the station causing the accident. They have been warned on numerous occasions that they cannot do this. The sheriff could not give them a ticket because there is not a sign indicating that they cannot back up into the property which is part of their site plan. The building inspector went to the site and told them that they have to follow there site plan or they would have to start over again.

Councilman Van Tassel wanted to report on the Manitou Station Road. Supervisor Shea stated that they have been trying to a project on the road for about 5 years. The Town took the project on and our Highway Department raised the road approximately two feet which should help dramatically. More work will be done to further improve.

Councilwoman Montgomery spoke about the Garrison Post Office and how nothing has been done with the issues down there.

Councilman Leonard talked about the cell tower issues that the Town is facing and suggested that the Town looks at the Comprehensive Plan with regard to this.

## **AUDIENCE**

Eric Nobile asked about fixing the water problems in front of his house at Aqueduct Road and Morris. Councilman Van Tassel said he would talk to the Highway Superintendent and would make arrangements to visit the site.

Craig Watters, Garrison, was curious to know about reconciling the NYS Constitution that no local law can supersede NYS law. He would assume that it has been taken into consideration and how it would be reconciled if the Town moves forward. He would encourage the Town Board to determine the need for expert witnesses and encourage the elected officials to follow that.

Kim Connors believes that the site plan for S&K includes some kind of restriction on the hours that they are allowed to bring in those trucks.

## **VACANCIES**

Recreation Commission (1)

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$127,639.92 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 11A & 12

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$107,994.32 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 11A & 12

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$1,026.84 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 12

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$27,732.78 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 12.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Monthly Meeting at 9:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley  
Deputy Town Clerk