

Monthly Town Board Meeting
January 6, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown 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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC – No report.

Recreation – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that the Gym ceiling and lighting is finished. She proceeded to thank the various boards and community members for the collaborative effort to achieve this task. Basketball will start this week and she noted that enrollment has increased. Councilwoman Montgomery noted that the Theatre has raised \$14,500.00 as a result of fundraising efforts.

Councilwoman Montgomery then discussed a meeting that was held at Haldane School addressing the fields in Philipstown. As a result of that meeting, a survey will be distributed and a follow up meeting will be scheduled.

Recycling – Councilwoman Budney announced that due to weather prediction, the Recycling Center will be closed January 8, 2011. It was noted that in the past, the Town paid for recycling cost to various vendors. However, in 2010, the Town received \$9,176.00 from vendors for recycling. Highway Superintendent Chirico prepared this report.

Planning Board – Councilwoman Montgomery noted that the Planning Board did not have a meeting in December, however, they met for a training session to address SEQRA, Code of Ethics, Site Plan/Subdivision reviews, etc. It was noted that Steve Gabba, Kevin Donohue and Ron Rainer were also in attendance. The next meeting will be held January 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning – No report.

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Highway – Councilwoman Budney read the Highway Report prepared by Highway Superintendent Chirico and is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office for review by the public.

Building & Land Acquisition – No report.

Garrison Volunteer Fire Department – Jamie Copeland reported that the Garrison Fire Department had 13 calls in December as follows: 2 downed power lines, 5 stand by in quarters, 2 smoke investigations, 1 alarm, 1 structure fire, 1 personal injury auto accident and 1 carbon monoxide alarm.

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TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR

MONIES RECEIVED AS OF JANUARY 6, 2011

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Justice Fees 11-10	\$4,253.00
Justice Fees 11/10	9,515.00
Town Clerk Fees 11/10	420.23
CTV Fees	11,011.00
Rec. Fees 11/10	34,188.07
PC Cemetery	1,745.00
PC VFW Rental	25.00
PC Mort. Tax	107,551.21
AW Scrap	474.00
AW Scrap	250.00
Town Clerk Fees 12/10	542.70
Town Clerk Fees 12/10	225.00
Town Clerk Fees 12/10	89.30
Rec. Fees 12/10	31,713.69
Hudson Baylor	177.00
Bld. Fees 11/10	16,872.00
Building Fees 12/10	3,665.00
Bank Interest	134.68

HIGHWAY FUND

PC OFA – Gas	\$ 467.86
PC Sheriffs – Gas	1,311.23
Gen. Fund Ck – Gas	399.47
NYS CHIPS	91,586.06
St. Ins. Fund	1,949.35
PC Sheriffs – Gas	479.82
PC Sheriffs – Gas	1,398.14
Bank Interest	329.69

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	\$ 2.63
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	\$1,040.00
Bank Interest	28.05

AGENDA

1. Resolution to set fees for Purebred Licenses.

Town Clerk Merando stated that the Town set the fees for licensing dogs other than purebred. She suggested that the Town maintain the fee schedule used by the New York State.

RESOLUTION #53-2011

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby sets the fees for the licensing of Purebred Dogs as follows:

1-10 Dogs	\$35.00	Local Fee
11-25 Dogs	\$60.00	Local Fee
26+ Dogs	\$110.00	Local Fee

STATE FEE:

\$1.00	Spayed/Neutered per dog
\$3.00	Unspayed/Unneutered per dog

2. Authorize Supervisor Shea to sign the contract with David Klotzle to serve as the Wetlands Inspector for the Town of Philipstown.

Supervisor Shea noted for the record that this contract is the same as in the past; however, he does receive .36 per mile as a contractor.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra interjected that Mr. Klotzle also serves as the Stormwater Advisor, and asked if this is included in this contract. Supervisor Shea replied that monies for Stormwater activities come from various area, it may come out of an escrow account established by an applicant, highway if he is working with the Highway Superintendent, etc.

RESOLUTION #54-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, 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 to serve as the Wetlands Inspector for 2011.

3. Authorize Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between Tom Rippolon and the Town of Philipstown for video services.

RESOLUTION #55-2011

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 Tom Rippolon for video services for 2011.

4. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

4b. Resolution adopting the Medical Insurance Policy for 2011.

Supervisor Shea stated that this is something that he felt the Town needed. He noted that the Town has never had a medical insurance policy that addresses dates of hire, contributions, etc.

RESOLUTION #56-2011

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the Medical Insurance Policy as follows:

Disclaimer: The following policy is only applicable to non-union employees. Employees who are members of a bargaining unit are directed to consult with their respective collective bargaining agreement.

Eligibility: The Town will make available medical insurance coverage to all full-time employees and to Elected Officials and their respective eligible family members. Part-time, temporary, or seasonal employees are not eligible for medical insurance coverage. Eligible employees and Elected Officials must notify the Town immediately in the event there is a change in family or marital status that may affect coverage, including, but not limited to, divorce, death of a spouse or dependent, or change in address.

When Coverage Begins: Coverage will begin the first day of the month following the employee's first day of employment or for the Elected Official, the first day of office, provided all eligibility requirements of the insurance plan are met.

When Coverage Ends: Coverage ends on the last day of the month in which the employee separates from employment or the Elected Official ends elected service. Coverage will continue for eligible employees and Elected Officials in

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accordance with COBRA regulations. Coverage will continue for eligible retirees in accordance with Town policy and Plan documents.

Premium Payments: The Town will contribute a percentage of the premium for individual or family medical insurance coverage, as the case may be, in accordance with the following schedule:

- Elected Officials, elected prior to February 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 95% of the premium for each Elected Official.
- Full Time Employee's hired prior to February 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 95% of the premium for each full-time employee whose first date of full-time employment was prior to February 1, 2011.
- Elected Officials, elected on or after February 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 90% of the premium for each Elected Official elected on or after February 1, 2011.
- Full Time Employees hired on or after February 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 90% of the premium for each full-time employee whose first date of full-time employment was on or after February 1, 2011.

All eligible employees and Elected Officials must execute a payroll deduction authorization in order to receive the medical insurance coverage. Failure to authorize the deduction will result in a denial of benefits.

Changes in Premium Contributions: The amount of the insurance premium an eligible employee or Elected Official is required to contribute is subject to change by resolution of the Town Board.

Changes in Health Coverage: The Town Board may at its discretions, change who is eligible for the health insurance coverage and the medical insurance plan at any time, including but no limited to, the type of coverage, and the type of carrier.

MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR RETIREES

Coverage: The Town will make available medical insurance coverage to an eligible full-time employee or Elected Official who retires from the Town. Coverage is also available for eligible dependents, if they were covered under the Town's medical insurance plan at the employee's date of retirement. Medical insurance coverage for the retiree's dependents will cease in the event that the retiree predeceases the dependents. Coverage of a dependent at the time of divorce or legal separation is in accordance with plan documents and COBRA requirements, if applicable.

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The Town reserves the right to discontinue providing medical insurance coverage to retirees.

Eligibility: To be eligible for coverage, the full-time employee or the Elected Official must be age fifty-five or older and in addition, the full-time employee must have applied for and have been granted New York State Retirement benefits:

- Elected Officials, elected prior to January 1, 2011 must have ten (10) years of continuous service with the Town.
- Full Time Employee's hired prior to January 1, 2011 must have ten (10) years of continuous service with the Town.
- Elected Officials elected on or after January 1, 2011 must have fifteen (15) years of continuous service with the Town.
- Full Time Employees hired on or after January 1, 2011 must have fifteen (15) years of continuous service with the Town.

The continuous service requirement is measured backwards from the date of retirement. A break in service with the Town does not count towards the calculation of years of continuous service requirement. The continuous service requirement for employees must be full time employment. Part-time employment will not be count towards the continuous service requirement. Retirees must notify the Town immediately in the event there is a change in family or marital status that may affect coverage, including, but not limited to, divorce, death of a spouse or dependent, or change in address.

Plan: The Town Board may at its discretion, change the medical insurance plan at any time, including but not limited to, the type of coverage, retiree contributions, and the type of carrier.

Premium Payment: The town will contribute a percentage of the premium for individual or family medical insurance coverage, as the case may be, for each retiree in accordance with the following schedule:

- Elected Official, elected prior to January 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 100% of the premium for each Elected Official.
- Full-Time Employees hired prior to January 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 100% of the premium for each full time employee whose first date of full-time employment was prior to January 1, 2011.
- Elected Officials, elected on or after January 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 90% of the premium for each Elected Official elected on or after January 1, 2011.

- Full-Time employees hired on or after January 1, 2011 – The Town will pay 90% of the premium for each full-time employee whose first date of full-time employment was on or after January 1, 2011.

Eligible retirees must pay the required contribution to the Town 30-days in advance of the date the premium is due. Failure to pay the premium within the proscribed time period will result in the loss of benefit.

Changes in Premium Contributions: The amount of the insurance premium a retiree or retiree's spouse is required to contribute is subject to change by resolution of the Town Board.

Medicare Part B Reimbursement: The Town will reimburse an eligible retirement and the retiree's spouse for the cost of the Medicare Part B premium. Such reimbursement will cease for both the retiree and the retiree's spouse upon the death of the retiree. Reimbursement will also cease for a spouse upon legal separation or divorce. The Town Board may, at its discretion and in accordance with plan documents, modify or eliminate this reimbursement for any retiree or retiree's spouse.

5. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

- **Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law entitled “Zoning” on February 9, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. Location – Haldane Central School.**

Councilwoman Scuccimarra announced that Putnam County Humane Society has published a “wish list” of items needed at the shelter, which she reviewed. She asked that anyone wishing to donate should drop off the items and Councilwoman Scuccimarra will deliver them to the shelter.

Supervisor Shea reported that he followed up with the DOT regarding the traffic light at Route 9 and Fishkill Road. There is still uncertainty with regard to the bond, etc. A brief discussion continued on the subject, at which point, Supervisor Shea stated that the Town is prepared to take action.

Councilwoman Montgomery announced that next week REG Consulting would begin a series of meetings with regard to the Fire EMS Study. Councilwoman Montgomery is passionate about this issue, as she feels this is one of the most important issues that need to be addressed. She then announced the meeting times, locations and attendees.

Councilwoman Montgomery noted for the record that this series of meetings are not for consolidation, but rather, to gather information and form a strategic plan for the Town of Philipstown. Councilman Van Tassel interjected that this is an

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independent study assessing strengths and weaknesses of all Emergency Services in Philipstown.

Councilwoman Montgomery added that this is a chance for the public to understand emergency services and the important role they play on our community. She urged all volunteers to attend the meeting on Thursday.

Councilwoman Budney asked that the Town Board to schedule a workshop on recycling to discuss the local law that addresses the "Landfill", which she believes to be moot. The meeting will be held on January 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

AUDIENCE

Lee Erickson reported that the Citizens of Philipstown did speak with the Putnam County Highway Department with regard to the traffic light at Route 9 and Fishkill Road. He stated that contractor has a fully executed contract and are waiting to conduct a pre-construction meeting. Final steps are acquiring a permit, and to post a bond. The projected start to this project is early spring.

Carlos Salcedo commented on the proposed zoning, stating that the Planning Board intended to conduct meetings to review the proposed law. Mr. Salcedo asked if public comments would be allowed at that meeting? It was explained to Mr. Salcedo that it is a public meeting, however, they may choose not to take public comment during that time. He then asked what the procedures for the Public Hearing, Supervisor Shea then answered his question with regard to procedures, and also noted that comments will be accepted. Written comments will also be accepted.

David Vickery commented on the new Historic Preservation Overlay District, stating that this district should be made available to all 38 properties in Philipstown on the National Registry, and not limited to only those with large acreage. John Lynch, of the Putnam County Division of Planning, also expressed this concern regarding the numbers arbitrarily selected for minimum acreage requirements.

VACANCIES

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$180,440.69 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A & 1.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$167,210.09 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 12A & 1.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$11,997.79 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A & 1.

Councilwoman Montgomery make a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$5,131.98 are hereby approved as presented in Abstracts 12A & 1.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried to close the Monthly Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk