

**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD
JANUARY 7, 2010**

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

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- Supervisor Shea reported that he did not attend the meeting and had nothing to report this month.

RECREATION- Councilwoman Montgomery reported that they did not meet in December.

RECYCLING- Councilwoman Budney reported that since we will be partnering with the Village of Cold Spring a higher and longer platform is being built at the Recycling Center. The Village will bring there recyclables to the Recycling Center where it will all be picked up, possibly at no cost or at a cost of \$35 per ton of commingled.

PLANNING- Councilwoman Montgomery reported that the Planning Board did not meet in December. The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2010. The agenda will be posted on line next week.

ZONING- Councilwoman Scuccimarra reported that there was no meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 11, 2010.

HIGHWAY- Councilwoman Budney reported that due to high winds and heavy rainstorms there were a lot of downed trees. She noted that it is the homeowners' responsibility to remove any dead trees from their property. It costs the town considerable monies to remove these downed trees. Highway Superintendent Chirico would like the Town Board to pass a resolution to charge homeowners a fee for cleaning up dead trees that fall onto Town property, after the Code Enforcement Officer has notified them. Highway Superintendent Chirico said they have been out plowing town roads and asked town resident to have patience during these winter storms. The crews are out removing the snow as quickly as they can. As a reminder, during the period of Nov. 15 thru April 15 residents are asked to remove their vehicles from roadways. At no time should snow from walkways or driveways be pushed or blown onto Town roads. Councilwoman Budney read the monthly Highway report, which was submitted by Superintendent Chirico.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION- Councilwoman Budney had nothing to report this month. Supervisor Shea said a goal for this year is to make the Town Hall more handicap

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accessible. He will work on that and see if we can get the money from the federal government or some other agency. If we cannot we will have to come up with some other way.

GARRISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. Jamie Copeland read the report of activities for the month of December.

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**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR**

MONIES RECEIVED AS OF JANUARY 7, 2010

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Town Clerk Fees - 11/09	\$ 548.27
Town Clerk Fees - 12/09	618.27
Rec Fees - 12/09	24,391.87
Justice Fees - 11/09	6,350.00
Justice Fees - 11/09	7,390.00
Justice Fees - 12/09	7,917.00
Justice Fees - 12/09	6,875.00
Bank Interest	35.17
AW Scrap Metal	180.00
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Thompson West Refund	63.02
Bldg. Inspection Fees - 12/09	6,085.00
P.C Cemetery Reimbursement	1,470.00
P.C. Mortgage Tax	148,319.00
Tax Coll. Bank Int.	382.95
Tax Coll. Fees	335.87
Tax Coll. Penalty Int.	23,854.58
Tax Coll. Misc.	237.67
C.T.V. Fees	16,562.00
C.T.V. Fees	10,837.00

HIGHWAY FUND

NYS CHIPS	\$104,733.23
P.C. Sheriff's Gas	2,632.46
Bank Interest	286.20

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	5.33
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	300.00
Bank Interest	49.84

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AGENDA

1. The following resolutions are needed to adopt proposed Local Law.

- EAF/Negative Declaration
- Adopt Local Law

Supervisor Shea asked for a motion to table this issue.

RESOLUTION #47-2010

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Philipstown hereby tables this issue.

2. Resolution awarding the bid for the fire alarm system at the Recreation Community Center.

Town Clerk Merando read a memo from Recreation recommending that EIPS, the lowest bidder at \$59,372.61, be awarded the work for this bid.

RESOLUTION #48-2010

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Philipstown hereby awards the bid for the fire alarm system for the recreation center to EIPS (Electronic Intrusion Protection Services) in the amount not to exceed that in the bid.

3. Resolution awarding the bid for the ceiling tile replacement at the Recreation Community Center.

Town Clerk Merando read the memo from Recreation recommending that Bob Dodge, the lowest bidder at \$41,500, be awarded the work for this bid.

Supervisor Shea noted that there are some concerns, valid concerns with engineering with this job and therefore will table this for now. Councilwoman Montgomery noted that they would be meeting with the structural engineer either tomorrow or Monday to get questions answered and addressed. Audience member, Joe Regele, expressed his concerns with regard to the process/format being used for this project.

RESOLUTION #49-2010

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Philipstown hereby tables this matter until further review with the engineer.

4. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the Monthly Report.

5. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

Recreation – Tues. 1/12 @7:30pm

Consolidation – Wed. 1/13 @7:30pm

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

Councilwoman Scuccimarra has a report from the Fiscal Vision Committee regarding Electronic Court Appearances. She met with District Attorney Adam Levy, Senator Liebel, Bob Bondi, Legislature Tamagna, & Odell, Tom Corless and, others from around the County were there to discuss implementation of electronic court monitoring. It is a videoconference system. This is a collective project that includes all towns and villages in the county. Councilwoman Scuccimarra noted that there are 10 courts in the county. Video communication reduces operating costs and improves efficiency. This project will start small and will be implemented in Carmel and Southeast first. This is for court appearances and arraignments.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra spoke with John Tully today and he stated that they have signed contracts for the light on Route 9. He did not say when the work would start, but said the process is underway.

AUDIENCE

David Vickery addressed the Town Board with regard to the audio at the Town Board meetings. He asked the Town Board to implement a PA system. Supervisor Shea asked Tom Rippolon whether or not the microphones could be amplified. Mr. Rippolon said he believes it is possible and he would look into it.

Andy Merante said that he and Councilwoman Scuccimarra attended a meeting with Sandy Galef on consolidation. He suggests that the Town of Philipstown, Village of Nelsonville and the Village of Cold Spring get together. He could start a mini committee - one from each of the three Boards to sit down to do something on the consolidation of services. Supervisor Shea asked Councilwoman Scuccimarra if she would be interested in joining. He suggested getting together next week, Wed., January 13 @7:30pm.

Louis Liotti wanted to commend the Town Board for taking action on consolidation of services.

Joe Regele wanted to know if he could get a public meeting schedule on the fire companies' budget since the new contract is coming up next year. He would like an agreed upon agenda so there would not be so much going back and forth. Supervisor Shea said that within the next two weeks they would set some dates.

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Chris Simone, a member of the GVFD, addressed the Town Board with regard to the claims of rancor by Joe Regele. He said that he is speaking for himself and stated that he will not go through another year being used as a railroad spike. Mr. Simone noted that volunteerism requires giving up precious time and Joe Regele does not seem to understand this.

Russ Cusick asked about the CAC. He would like to know if the CAC has become a board yet. Supervisor Shea said no that it had not, but that he would like it to happen by February. It has been a long time in coming and will bring it up again to get it done.

VACANCIES

Recreation Commission (1)
CV Park District Advisory Committee (2)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (2)
Planning Board (1)

Councilman Shea requested Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the positions for Recreation and the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #50-2010

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Philipstown hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the open positions at the Recreation Dept. and the Planning Board.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$265,796.25 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A and 1.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$273,791.08 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A and 1.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$187,670.82 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A and 1.

Councilman Shea make a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$14,558.62 are hereby approved as presented in Abstracts 12A and 1.

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There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Monthly Town Board Meeting be closed at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk