

Monthly Town Board Meeting
January 9, 2014

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:40 p.m. at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516.

PRESENT

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

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

Supervisor Shea then welcomed Michael Leonard as a member of the Town Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 6, 2013 – CV Park and Water Budget were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the minutes of November 6, 2013 are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 6, 2013 – General Budget were reviewed.

Councilman Merandy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of November 6, 2013 – General Budget are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of November 13, 2013 were reviewed.

Councilman Merandy made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of November 13, 2013 are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 20, 2013 – Six Month Moratorium were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the Minutes of November 20, 2013 – Six Month Moratorium are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Meeting of November 20, 2013 were reviewed.

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Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the Minutes of November 20, 2013 are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Bid Opening of November 27, 2013 – Highway Materials were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of November 27, 2013 are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of December 12, 2013 were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of December 12, 2013 are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that the Conservation Board did not meet in December. Councilman Leonard interjected that they were going to have a site visit at Cybercon, however the snow prevented that from happening.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that the Recreation Commission did not meet in December; their next schedule meeting is January 25, 2014 at the Recreation Center.

RECYCLING – At this time, there is no one to report on Recycling. Councilwoman Montgomery stated that she would be willing to report on recycling.

PLANNING BOARD - Councilman Merandy reported that there was no meeting in December for the Planning Board.

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel reported that there was no meeting in December for the Zoning Board; their next scheduled meeting will be on January 13, 2014.

HIGHWAY – No report had been submitted by the Highway Department, however, Councilman Van Tassel stated that they had met with County and New York State DECI with regard to Manitou Station Road. He reported that borings are being done this week, with results coming in next week, which will determine how the road is to be redesigned. Once the boring results are in, we will be able to apply for grant funding. It was noted that they expect that an old wooden plank road is beneath the existing road, and the road has sunk more than a foot over the years.

BUILDING AND LAND ACQUISITION: Councilman Merandy reported that pipes burst at the Dahlia house. As a result, the heat, electric and water have been shut off. A claim will be submitted to the town's insurance company. Councilman Van Tassel reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow with the town engineer to review the proposed changes to the Town Hall and the Dahlia House.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATOR: Town Clerk Merando stated that Legislator Scuccimarra was unable to attend this evening, as she was under the weather. Councilwoman Montgomery stated that she has been in contact with the County Emergency Services to discuss conducting EMT classes on this side of the county.

AGENDA

1. Resolution adopting the 2014 Fee Schedule.

RESOLUTION #44-2014

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2014 Fee Schedule submitted by Kevin Donohue, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Philipstown.

2. Resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds for the Olnick Spanu application.

RESOLUTION #45-2014

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of escrow funds in the matter of the Olnick Spanu's application.

3. Resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds for William & Susan Wood, "Nunc Pro Tunc."

RESOLUTION #46-2014

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of escrow funds in the matter of William & Susan Wood's application, "Nunc Pro Tunc."

4. Resolution approving increased hours for a Deputy Sheriff's presence during Vehicle & Traffic Court.

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RESOLUTION #47-2014

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

RESOLVED, that at the request of Judge Stephen G. Tomann, the Town Board hereby approves the increased hours for a Deputy Sheriff's presence during all Vehicle & Traffic Court sessions.

5. Resolution retaining Mr. Falcon of the firm of Stenger, Diamond et al of Fishkill and his alternate James Horan as prosecutors for the Justice Court.

RESOLUTION #48-2014

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

RESOLVED, that at the request of Judge Stephen G. Tomann, the Town Board hereby approves retaining Mr. Falcon and his alternate James Horan of the firm of Stenger, Diamond et al of Fishkill as prosecutors for the Justice Court.

6. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the Monthly Report, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Shea gave a brief overview of things that the Town Board would like to accomplish this year, one being, improvements to the Town Hall. This would include replacement of windows as well as the installation of an elevator. Also, consolidating services with the Village of Cold Spring. Supervisor Shea will be meeting with Mayor Falloon next week to further discuss possibilities. He noted that the State of New York is encouraging consolidation, and he would like to see this endeavor happen prior to it becoming a mandate. Some of areas the Town Board has looked at is the Building Department, Courts and any interest that the Village of Nelsonville would have in consolidation.

Supervisor Shea also stated that the Town Board's commitment to the seniors is a priority, and they will continue to enhance services to them. He went on to say that there seems to be a lot of confusion out there, and he would like to meet with all interested parties in hopes of clearing up the many questions.

Supervisor Shea also would like to move forward with alternative energy sources and what the town wants to see. He reminded everyone that there is a 6-month moratorium on wind turbine applications.

Councilman Van Tassel stated that one thing he would like to work on is joining manpower with regard to the ambulance corps, as this service is getting expensive.

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Councilwoman Montgomery expressed her concern with regard to getting information out, i.e. legal notices to all residents in Philipstown. Supervisor Shea stated that this matter would be addressed at a later date.

AUDIENCE

Robert Cutler asked if the Town Board meetings were going to be open to the public regarding wind turbines, as he would like to be involved in discussions.

Mary Ellen Finger addressed the board to once again suggest that they consider an alternate planning board member. She sees it as beneficial for everyone, the applicant as well as the board. Councilman Leonard concurred with Ms Finger, as he has found it beneficial being on both boards, Planning and Conservation.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$1,476,946.94 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A & 1 .

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$413,124.06 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A & 1.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Continental Village Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$21,877.05 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A & 1.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Continental Village Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$27,721.81 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 12A & 1.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Monthly Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF JANUARY 9, 2014**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Justice Fees 11/13	\$7,295.00
T. C. Fees 11/13 – Dogs	151.00
T. C. Fees 11/13	280.62
P. C. Cemetary	1,550.00
Rec. Fees 10/13	26,598.43
Rec. Fees 11/13	36,169.40
Rec. Fees 12/13	33,500.00
Tax Coll. Gen A Partial Payment	300,000.00
Bank Int.	59.40

HIGHWAY FUND

P. C. Gas	501.11
P. C. Gas	1,407.74
Bank Int.	167.09
Gen. Fund Gas	447.48
NYS Chips	118,958.88
Tax Collection Partial Payment	200,000.00

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	6.03
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	350.00
Bank Interest	25.71