

Monthly Town Board Meeting
February 4, 2016

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 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
Michael Leonard	Councilman
Robert Flaherty	Councilman

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Year End Meeting of December 30, 2015, were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Year End Meeting of December 30, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Philipstown Depot Theatre Development Meeting of January 7, 2016 –were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery that the Minutes of the Philipstown Depot Theatre Development Meeting of January 7, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2016 –were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 7, 2016 –were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 7, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilman Leonard reported that they did not have any agenda items for a meeting. They will discuss meeting updates next Tuesday. He wanted to suggest that the Conservation Board start to look at grounds to start to identify wetlands sometime in April because he has received a number of questions on this. The next meeting will be next Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

RECREATION –. Councilman Van Tassel attended the January 28, 2016 meeting. Minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved, as was the financial report. The Recreation department exceeded their projected income and also ended the year under on the spending side. Councilman Van Tassel commended Amber Stickle and her staff for the work and accuracy on the budget. The spring book is out and registration for residents begins on February 8 and

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February 16 for non-residents. The next Senior Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 - call the Rec center to register. The Depot Theatre is closed for renovations. Councilman Van Tassel announced that the Winter Festival will take place this weekend. He introduced Joel Conybear, Chairman who announced the activities that will take place at Winter Hill from 1-4:00 pm and then from 4 – 8:00 at the Recreation Center. There will be a pasta dinner and movies.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that there was nothing new going on. She said that the e-waste was picked up and that they will have a better schedule.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Flaherty reported that the meeting was held on January 21, 2016 and that there were four (4) items on the agenda: Joseph Tuana, Gex - 24 Hummingbird Lane, ContiFisher Construction, and County Line Equities. The next meeting is February 18, 2016 at the Butterfield Library at 7:30pm.

ZONING BOARD – Councilman Van Tassel reported January 11, 2016 meeting. There were two (2) agenda items; John/Kimberly Sabatini and James/Melanie Matero. Councilman Van Tassel thanked Kim Schewmaker for taking over as an interim secretary. The next meeting will be on February 8, 2016

HIGHWAY – Councilman Van Tassel read the Highway Report submitted by Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea said that they did have a meeting to discuss the Dahlia House.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATOR - County Legislator Scuccimarra could not attend tonight as she had a conflict.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE – Councilman Leonard reported that due to weather the meeting was postponed. They did get some work done. They had some trees down and had them removed along with some others which needed to be taken down. The Board is also working on mapping. They will meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2016

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY – Councilwoman Montgomery read the report submitted which is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

T.C. Fees – 12/15	\$452.58
T.C. Fees Dogs	\$247.50
P.C. Cemetery	\$4,810.00
Rec. Comm. Recycle	\$76.35
Justice Fees – 12/15	\$5,606.50
Justice Fees – 12/15	\$10,207.00
Tax Coll.-Garrison Fire	\$610,551.86
Tax Coll.-Gen A partial pay	\$400,000.00
Tax Coll.-Gen B full pay	\$223,410.20
Tax Coll.-Gen B Pro Rata	\$3,384.80
Tax Coll.-CV Fire	\$260,994.02
Tax Coll.-CS Fire	\$64,425.01
Rec. Fees – 12/15	\$240.47
Tax Coll.- Gen A final pay	\$2,017,870.67
Tax Coll.-NH Fire	\$740,014.91
Bldg. Fees – 1/16	\$11,476.71
Argonaut Ins. Credit	\$350.00
Tax Coll.-Gen A Pro Rata	\$1,211.39
Tax Coll.-Butterfield Library	\$275,999.57
Tax Coll.-Gen A Surplus	\$0.01

HIGHWAY FUND

P.C. Gas	\$927.83
Tax Coll.-Hwy partial pay	\$400,000.00
General Gas	\$40.89
Perma	\$168.86
P.C. Gas	\$310.81
Tax Coll.-Hwy final pay	\$2,241,204.00

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Tax Coll.-Unpaid water	\$27,504.00
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Tax Coll.- Full pay	\$104,931.90
Tax Coll.-Full pay	\$102,050.63

AGENDA

- 1. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Putnam County Humane Society for shelter services for 2016.**

RESOLUTION #51-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town of Philipstown and the Putnam County Humane Society for shelter services for 2016.

- 2. Resolution to re-appoint the following to the Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term:**

Leonard Lim Zoning 5-year term expiring March 31, 2021

RESOLUTION #52-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Leonard Lim to serve as a member of the Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals to a five (5) year term which will expire on March 31, 2021.

- 3. Resolution to re-appoint the following to the Philipstown Planning Board for a four (4) year term:**

Peter Lewis Planning 4-year term expiring March 31, 2020

RESOLUTION #53-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Peter Lewis to serve as a member of the Philipstown Planning Board of Appeals for a four (4) year term which will expire on March 31, 2020.

- 4. Resolution to re-appoint the following the following to the Philipstown Conservation Board for a two (2) year term:**

Mark Galezo	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2018
Eric Lind	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2018
Andrew Galler	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2018
Robert Repetto	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2018

RESOLUTION #54-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Mark Galezo, Eric Lind, Andrew Galler and Robert Repetto to serve as members of the Philipstown Conservation Board for a two (2) year term which will expire on March 3, 2018.

Supervisor Shea mentioned that it had been discussed previously that he would like to appoint Councilwoman Montgomery as liaison to the Putnam County Transportation Safety Board along with Councilman Van Tassel who was appointed at the Re-Organization meeting.

RESOLUTION #55-2016

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Shea hereby appoints Councilwoman Montgomery to the Putnam County Transportation Safety Board.

5. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the agreement for telephone service between the Town of Philipstown and Corner Stone Solutions.

Supervisor Shea thanked the Town Clerk for all the research she did on this.

RESOLUTION #56-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the agreement for telephone service between the Town of Philipstown and Corner Stone Solutions.

6. Resolution requesting the reform of New York State Public Education Funding.

Supervisor Shea said that this is a worthwhile initiative. He said that it is a minor movement to move from a property tax system for funding schools to a sales and income tax system. Councilman Leonard said that Assemblywoman Galef spoke about this last month. This change would help give relief to older people on fixed incomes.

RESOLUTION #57-2016

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

WHEREAS, New York State is one of only twelve states that continue to fund public schools through property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the greatest financial hurdle faced by homeowners in the State is the onerous burden of school taxes; and

WHEREAS, that burden has forced innumerable New Yorkers, including many of those transitioning to retirement on a fixed income, to sell their properties and move from the State; and

WHEREAS, most states fund public schools through sales taxes and state income taxes (both corporate and personal) and other possible avenues of funding including mortgage taxes and excess profits taxes, all of which should be considered as more equitable and less burdensome alternative to the school property tax method in New York; and

WHEREAS, even the City of New York no longer funds its public schools through property taxes and, recognizing this as a matter of equity as well as hardship, and in order to avoid a “subsidy” by the residents of one region of another, the residents of the City of New York should either be afforded a credit or excluded from any funding alternative so that fair legislation can be enacted without opposition on that score; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for the education of our youth should be more fairly and equitably distributed and not placed on the backs of our property owners; and

WHEREAS, the two percent tax cap law enacted by New York State is proof that the Governor, Senate and Assembly are aware of this crisis, but it is only a band aid approach to a worsening problem; and

WHEREAS, a more permanent solution must be found for the sake of the survival of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown in its capacity as the governing body of the Town hereby requests that Governor Andrew Cuomo, members of the New York State Senate and members of the New York State Assembly urgently address this crisis and enact reforms to school district funding in New York State that implement an equitable alternative funding system to the property tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we respectfully request that our New York State representative, the Honorable Sue Serino, Senator for the 41st Senate District and the Honorable Sandy Galef, Assemblywoman for the 95th Assembly District, advocate for the reforms hereby put forth and we thank them for their diligence in the matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a letter substantially in the form annexed hereto on behalf of the Town Board addressed to the Honorable Andrew Cuomo, governor requesting said reforms and to deliver such letter and certifier copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Senator Serino and Assemblywoman Galef; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Shea	voting	AYE
Councilwoman Montgomery	voting	AYE
Councilman Van Tassel	voting	AYE
Councilman Leonard	voting	AYE
Councilman Flaherty	voting	AYE

This Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted

7. Resolution awarding the Avery Road Bridge Replacement Project to Putnam Engineering in the amount of \$23,330.00.

Town Clerk Merando said that she received a letter from Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent explaining that this bid went out in 2014 for design and construction services and Putnam Engineering has confirmed that they would honor that price in 2016.

RESOLUTION #58-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the Avery Road Bridge Replacement Project to Putnam Engineering in the amount of \$23,330.00

8. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign a letter of support for Renewal Farm's application for funding and licensing from OASAS. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

RESOLUTION #59-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign a letter of support for Renewal Farm's application for funding and licensing from OASAS. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

9. Code Enforcement Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the report which is on file in the Clerk's office.

Town Clerk Merando read the Bid Opening for the sale of a 2004 Ford Explorer on February 4, 2016 at 2:00 pm. The bid was awarded to the sole bidder – John S. Jesek in the amount of \$201.00.

RESOLUTION #60-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the bid of the 2004 Ford Explorer to the sole bidder John S. Jesek for \$201.00.

Town Clerk Merando said that she had one more item - that being from Amy Duhl who came in asking that the Town Board pass a resolution for a Greenway Grant for the Depot Theatre. The project name is "Philipstown Depot Theatre Looking Swell Program".

RESOLUTION #61-2016

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program for a project entitled Philipstown Depot Theatre's Looking Swell to be located in the Town of Philipstown; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Philipstown hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program, for a project known as Philipstown Depot Theatre's Looking Swell and located within this Community.

Councilwoman Montgomery noted that they raised \$200,000 in private donations for this project.

Supervisor Shea had another item for discussion – the CFA grant for the Fjord Trail Washburn Parking lot that was just approved. New York State has agreed to match the grant 2 for 1. This will help get the cars off the road and the work will begin this spring.

RESOLUTION #62-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the CFA grant to accept the funds.

Supervisor Shea went on to say that they also have a Multi modal grant that Assemblywoman Galef secured for us for the Fair Street sidewalk project. There is one hurdle to overcome and then they will go out to bid again. Both projects should take place this spring.

10. Schedule Meetings/Workshops.

Workshop - Interviews	2/10/16	7:30 pm
	2/11/16	7:00 pm
Carl Frisenda	2/17/16	7:30 pm

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

Councilman Flaherty attended the Village Board meeting and there is a safety concern about the crosswalk near Haldane and the cemetery. The Village is thinking about changing the direction of that crosswalk.

Councilman Leonard attended Assemblywoman Galef's meeting on January 16, 2016 at the Butterfield Library. He gave her a summary of the Town's challenges. She asked for some feedback on the 2% cap. He told her that since we are a small town we should not be forced to keep to the 2% cap, especially in light of the fact that we are forced to deal with state increases in Medicare and workmen's compensation. Assemblywoman Galef then discussed the big issue of some relief for school taxes.

Councilwoman Montgomery said that she had some good news and that was the Medication Return Box is finally installed in the Town Hall. She thanked the two parents who initiated it and who brought it up to the Philipstown's Care Coalition.

Councilman Van Tassel reported that he, Supervisor Shea and Kevin Donohue will be meeting on Monday at 9:00 am with the Village of Nelsonville - Danielle Pack McCarthy, Trustee and the Village attorney, to discuss the consolidation of the Building Department.

AUDIENCE

Lillian Moser addressed the Town Board with regard to an issue on 9D in Garrison by the school. She said that people are running the red light which is creating a safety issue for children and parents' crossing over and for buses coming in and out of the parking lot. She did speak with

Legislator Scuccimarra who said that she would talk to Sheriff Smith. Ms. Hanson is asking for the Town's help to resolve this problem. Councilman Van Tassel said that he would reach out to the Sheriff's Department too.

Terry Zaleski, Old Roads Society, was proud to announce that they were able to secure the assistance of the #1 gravel and dirt road expert in the U.S. to come to Philipstown and do an evaluation of our historic dirt roads to come up with recommendations for cost effective maintenance strategies. He thinks it is going to be a very good opportunity and is hoping that a workshop could be scheduled when Ken Scorcer (?) is in Town in March. Supervisor Shea said that when Mr. Scorcer is here they will schedule a workshop.

VACANCIES

CV Park District (3)
Board of Assessment Review (1)
Planning Board (1)
Zoning Board (1)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$1,322,782.66 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 1 & 2.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$65,907.70 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 1 & 2.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$2,145.63 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 1 & 2.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$7,702.07 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 1 & 2.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard to close the Monthly Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk