

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:

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

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Public Hearing of January 18, 2017 – Abandonment of right-of-way were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 18, 2017 – Abandonment of right-of-way, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of January 18, 2017, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of January 18, 2017, are hereby approved as presented.

Public Hearing of February 8, 2017 – CCA Local Law, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard that the Minutes of the Public Hearing – CCA Local Law of February 8, 2017, are hereby approved with Councilman Flaherty abstaining.

Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of February 16, 2017, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of February 16, 2017, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilman Leonard said that their meeting was already reviewed at the last Town Board Meeting. Since then he has met with Carl Frisenda and Max Garfinkle to fill out the annual Storm Water Report. He said that this year is a little more challenging due to the changes in players. He noted that the MS4 is mainly comprised of the Continental Village portion of the Town. They are reviewing the report which will then be given to Supervisor Shea for his review. They hope to schedule this for the April Town Board Meeting, then schedule a Public Hearing and have it submitted no later than June 1. The committee is also looking at educational courses. There will be an annual Stormwater meeting at the Continental Village Clubhouse on March 9, 2017 @8:00 pm. The next conservation board meeting will be held on March 14, 2017.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel attended the February 28, 2017 meeting. The minutes and financial reports were read. The summer book will be available next week and registration will open on March 13, 2017. The senior luncheon was a success with 102 seniors attending. The Winter Carnival was also a success despite no ice on the rink. Thankfully the snow several days before made for great sledding at Winter Hill. The commission is exploring an upgrade of the website so as to be able to have online registration. The commission discussed mandatory training for the coaches and this will be brought to the Town Board for discussion. The Town Park is scheduled to open on April 22, 2017. The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2017.

RECYCLING – Supervisor Shea said that everything seems to be going fine at the recycling center, therefore nothing new to report.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Flaherty reported that the meeting was held on February 16, 2017 with six (6) items on the agenda: Griffin Landscaping, Paul & Ellen Johnson, Kristin Sorenson, Manitou (Plumbush), Stonecrop Gardens and David & Johanna Brenner. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2017 at Butterfield Library at 7:30 pm

ZONING BOARD – Councilman Van Tassel reported that they have not met since the last meeting.

HIGHWAY – Councilman Van Tassel read the report submitted by Highway.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea said he was supposed to meet with a Marvin rep but he did not show. They will meet tomorrow or Monday and will measure the windows. The Town has received a \$50,000 grant from Senator Sue Serino.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE – Councilman Leonard reported that the February meeting was already discussed at the last Town Board meeting. One of the assignments they are working on is to look at a temporary sign for the Mountain Avenue Cemetery. They are looking to give some attention to things like; some of the old names and the fact that it dates back to the 1750's. He explained that there is a great deal of history in this cemetery. Councilman Leonard mentioned that if anyone is interested in donating to the

Cemetery Fund you can do so through the Town. The next County cemetery meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017. The next meeting for the Cemetery Committee will be on March 14, 2017. Councilwoman Montgomery had a question about donations. She asked "do we know if we can earmark donations for cemeteries." Supervisor Shea said that we can and that we have taken private monies before and earmarked it or if it is substantial money we open a separate account. Councilman Leonard said that he sat with Susan Kenney to discuss already.

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY – Gillian Thorpe reported that she went to Albany yesterday with another Trustee and joined 800 other Library supporters to advocate for libraries. They met with Sue Serino and an intern from Sandy Galef's office. One problem this year is that libraries have been cut by 4%. Butterfield Library is partnering with the Howland and Desmond Fish Libraries to bring the community a small business workshop series; a total of six – two in each library. The library received grants to do some renovation to the children's room which they are ready to start. She highlighted some of the annual report statistics on the library.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF MARCH 2, 2017**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

CTV Fees 2016	20,577.00
Bldg. Fees 2/17	9,170.40

HIGHWAY FUND

Put. Co. Gas	290.50
Put. Co. Gas	1,494.34
Gen Fund Gas	250.18

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Change Order in connection with the Manitou Station Road Project. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

RESOLUTION #69-2017

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 the Change Order to flag and survey wetlands within the Manitou Station Road Project area in the amount not to exceed \$3,400.00. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

2. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Philipstown's Highway Department CSEA Contract for fiscal years beginning January 1, 2017 through and including December 31, 2021. (Roll Call Vote)

Supervisor Shea thanked Councilman Van Tassel for helping with these negotiations. He said that there weren't any big changes to the contract from before. They did get a cost of living raise of 2% over the next five (5) years, but beyond that not a lot of change. There were some things that the Town Board wanted from the Highway Superintendent including job classifications, probationary employees and the chain of command. Councilman Van Tassel said that the crew from the Highway Department that that attended the negotiations were very easy to work with, negotiated well and were gentlemen.

RESOLUTION #70-2017

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board ("Board") of the Town of Philipstown ("Town") and the Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, CSEA ("CSEA") engaged in negotiations to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the members of the CSEA have ratified the Memorandum of Agreement executed between the parties extending the CBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the CSEA providing for the terms and conditions for the extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement retroactive to January 1, 2017 and to end on December 31, 2021, a copy of which is annexed hereto, is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the CBA, which shall be revised in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the parties.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Nancy Montgomery, Councilwoman, voting	AYE
John Van Tassel, Councilman, voting	AYE
Michael Leonard, Councilman, voting	AYE
Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting	AYE
Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting	AYE

3. Discussion with regard to a proposal from Taconic Heating & Cooling for a hydro air heating and air conditioning equipment replacement for the second floor of the Town Hall.

Supervisor Shea said that the system in place now on the 2nd floor is old, inefficient and has numerous problems. He would also like to have a system for downstairs on the 1st floor. He went on to say that there is money in line item "Buildings" and that the Town will be doing a large bond for the annex. They are also going to replace the windows and would like to replace siding and possibly blowing in insulation. Councilwoman Montgomery asked, "Are we that far off to completely renovating this building?" Supervisor Shea said that we are looking at a number of things.

Supervisor Shea will call Comfort Master and have them come down to get an idea as to what the cost will be. So this will be tabled for now.

4. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

March 8, 2017 – Workshop - Indian Brook Road Parking

5. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

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

6. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign a Municipal Energy Service Agreement between the Town and Joule Assets, Inc., 2 Depot Plaza, Suite 402, Bedford Hills, NY.

Supervisor Shea said that there was a Public Hearing on a law which would allow us to participate in a community choice aggregation program. All of Westchester County has done this, being the first in the state. The recommendation from the group that brought this to us was to go with Joule. Supervisor Shea had a meeting on Monday with the Town of Fishkill and Beacon to discuss who they would feel comfortable going with. Their price, which does not impact our price, is lower than other companies. Supervisor Shea went on to say that if we are going to go ahead with this program we do need a company to

administer it and one who will go out and do all the research. Supervisor Shea said, "With that he would now entertain anything from the Board." The Board expressed that they were all on board with this.

RESOLUTION #71-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the a Municipal Energy Service Agreement between the Town and Joule Assets, Inc., 2 Depot Plaza, Suite 402, Bedford Hills, NY.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Nancy Montgomery, Councilwoman, voting	AYE
John Van Tassel, Councilman, voting	AYE
Michael Leonard, Councilman, voting	AYE
Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting	AYE
Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting	AYE

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

Town Clerk Merando had another item to add: She received a request for a Proclamation for a resident of Continental Village, Gary Wawrzychki, who is this year's recipient of the "Spirit of Community Award" from the Support Connection. He has worked in bringing awareness to this worthy cause – counseling and other support services to women and families affected by breast and ovarian cancers. His employer, Wells Fargo, has sponsored numerous events and has also donated nearly \$20,000 for community events. Supervisor Shea thanked Gary for his work on these projects.

Supervisor Shea said that he and Mike Leonard will meet next week with Brian Kenney to discuss a town wide reevaluation. It will be the last thing that the Town can do to aid the people in Continental Village and Lakeland School District.

Mike Leonard reported that Sandy Galef will be holding one of her workshops at the Desmond Fish Library. One of the things he will be asking her will be to take a look at taxing in other ways besides property taxes. He has also asked the Town Board to look into doing something too. The workshop will take place from 10:00am to 12:00pm, Saturday March 4, 2017. She is also spearheading a project on Ethics Reform. Supervisor Shea said that Assemblywoman Galef has supported tax reform for 20 years, the circuit breaker and ethics reform. She is a model of what you should be in government.

AUDIENCE

Audience member, Eric Stark, stated that he was at the meeting to appeal to our “Better Angels”. Two groups have been meeting the last month – Rise Up New York and Citizens Soap Box. He put a proposal before them to amend the Town Code with an amendment that would guarantee the right of equal protection to all citizens regardless of their gender religion, ethnicity, or immigration status. So he is putting this to the Board tonight. There is a section in the code now on ethics. So why not have a section dealing with this essential right of protection. This idea looks to creating a sanctuary city for the Township. He thinks that it is important at this time. What this essentially does is to force ICE to operate on their own. This is a call for us to infuse our culture with a positive nature and to ensure that everyone here is treated with respect. He hopes that the Town Board would put this forward to the community either by a public hearing or whatever way it could be put into our Town Code. Supervisor Shea said that he attended three public sessions at which this issue was discussed. He did have a discussion with Jason Angel subsequent to that with regard to a potential citizens “Bill of Rights” that he thinks could be combined and added to the Town Code/Charter. He did send it off to the Town Attorney requesting information on these items and the most effective way to proceed. He noted that we do have a police force – the sheriffs and other police agencies who do operate under the Philipstown code when in the Town. Mr. Shark asked how this could be done. Supervisor Shea explained that if we were going to codify this it would be drafted into the form of a law and a Public Hearing will be held - then get a vote. He will send this off to the attorney tomorrow and have him review it.

Councilman Van Tassel reported that Sargent Quick of the Sheriff’s Department would like to sit down at a workshop to discuss parts of the law that the Town could change which would give the sheriffs more authority with regard to the parking issues on Indian Brook Road. Councilman Van Tassel will try to arrange a meeting for a workshop next week.

VACANCIES

Planning Board (1)
Conservation Board (1)

RESOLUTION #72-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the vacancies on the Planning and Conservation Boards.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$687,012.48 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2A, 2B & 3.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$267,309.81 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2A, 2B & 3.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$2,587.44 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2B & 3.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$6,006.29 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2B & 3.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Monthly Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk