

Monthly Town Board Meeting
March 3, 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

Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of February 3, 2016, were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of February 3, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of February 4, 2016, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of February 4, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Bid Opening – Sale of Vehicle of February 4, 2016, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Bid Opening – Sale of Vehicle of February 4, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of February 17, 2016, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard with Councilman Flaherty abstaining that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of February 17, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilman Leonard reported that the Board put a request into the Planning Board to have a discussion with regard to road projects and the conservation analysis on the Hudson Highland Reserve. The applicants were not ready so they could not have a meeting. The next meeting will be on March 8, 2016.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel attended the March 1, 2016 meeting. The financial report was read and the minutes of the prior meeting were approved and adopted. Amber reported that new lighting was being installed to improve the lighting in the parking lot and if that does not improve the situation then they would consider putting pole lights on the rink side of the lot. The Winter Carnival was a success in spite of the fact that there was no snow or ice. The events were well attended and thanks to the Hudson Highlands Land Trust. A profit of \$800 was

made. The Friends group will be hosting the Spring Splat – 5K race at the Recreation Center on May 1, 2016. The senior luncheon was yesterday and had a very large turnout. Several senior events are planned. Trips scheduled: a winery, Foxwood and the World Trade Center. The Recreation Department will be hosting a “Pasta and Bingo Night” on March 11, 2016. It is a free event, please call to sign up. Claudio Marzollo reported that the theatre’s new seats are installed and are much more comfortable. The theatre has hired professionals to develop a new website, a marketing program and has enlisted a professional grant writer as well. Councilman Van Tassel thanked Amber for assisting the Highway Department last week by training the entire highway staff on the use of the AED and CPR. Red Cross officials were at the Rec Center last week for a final walk through and inspection of the facility for its use as a shelter. The Town of Philipstown has also agreed to store two large containers at the center for the Red Cross. These containers house supplies for a large amount of people and can be moved anywhere needed. The next meeting will be March 29, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Montgomery touched on the senior issue – she talked to Amber about using the grant that they got from Cablevision for computers for the seniors. Councilwoman Montgomery said that this is in the works and they are going to establish a computer lab with the help of the libraries. It will take a while because they want to do it right and make it useful.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that Carl Frisenda stopped by today and reported that everything is now being picked up on time at the Recycling Center.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Flaherty reported that he attended the meeting on February 18, 2016 and that there were eight (8) items on the agenda: County Line Equities, ConteFisher Construction, Randi’s View, ESP, Scanga Realty, Philipstown Square, Vista 44 LLC, and Hudson Highlands Reserve. The next meeting will be held March 24, 2016, 7:30 pm at Butterfield Library.

ZONING BOARD – Councilman Van Tassel reported that he attended the February 8, 2016 meeting with two (2) Public Hearings; James and Melanie Matero and John and Kimberly Sabatini. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2016 @7:30 pm. Councilman Van Tassel thanked Kim Schewmaker for her help in getting all the minutes up to date.

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 have a report from Michael Carr and will schedule a workshop in the near future.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATOR - County Legislator Scuccimarra was out of Town.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE – Councilman Leonard reported that he met with the County committee group (six towns) and had a very good discussion with regard to cemeteries. One of the things they spoke about was the reduction of the County’s expenditures from last year. The County has dropped the expenditures to \$14,000 for the six towns. Our current allotment for Philipstown is \$15,000. He informed the committee that Philipstown will be making some improvements and will look into doing some fund raising. He said that the committee was very surprised that we were doing this. John Benjamin approached him about doing some work in the cemeteries – he is a stone mason. This would be a real plus for the Town. A major problem is the trees falling and causing more damage. They will meet again next Tuesday March 8, 2016.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS MARCH 3, 2016**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

T.C. Fees – 1/16	\$687.78
T.C. Fees Dogs- 1/16	370.00
Justice Fees – 1/16	10,515.60
Justice Fees – 1/16	6,853.00
John Jesek Sale of Ford Explorer	201.00
Bldg. Fees – 2/16	9,198.00
CTV Fees 2015	19,479.00
CTV Fees 2015	12,830.00

HIGHWAY FUND

Perma – Dana Phillips	\$468.86
General Gas	40.89
PC Gas	310.81
PC Gas	241.78
PC Gas	761.99
NYS Fema	83,436.92
General Gas	112.57
General Gas	55.44

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	\$175.00
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AGENDA

1. Discussion with regard to copier proposals.

Councilman Flaherty said that they have received 3 proposals. The last one they received from Toshiba is the lowest price, but he has not met with them as yet and would like to do that before making any decisions. All the proposals would give the Town all new machines, including Highway and Justice. Councilwoman Montgomery asked if it could be arranged to have a printer for the senior center. Councilman Flaherty said that a decision has to be made by next month as the leases expire soon. He will meet with the Toshiba rep next week.

2. Resolution approving the 2015 Conservation Board's Annual Report and authorize Town Clerk Merando to forward said report to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for filing.

Supervisor Shea explained that this report shows the month by month activity and official actions taken by the Board. The report is available to the public. Councilman Leonard noted that this Board works with everyone and is opened minded. Supervisor Shea thanked the entire Conservation Board and David Klotzle.

RESOLUTION #70-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the 2015 Conservation Board's Annual Report and authorizes Town Clerk Merando to forward said report to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for filing.

3. Resolution authorizing the release of escrows for Joseph Tuana and Roland Padilla applications.

Town Clerk Merando read the letter from Anthony Merante with regard to releasing the escrows.

RESOLUTION #71-2016

WHEREAS, Joseph Tuana submitted an application to the Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown seeking approval for a proposed subdivision of property located on Old Albany Post Road, Town of Philipstown, New York, Tax Map Section 50, Block 2, Lots 50.1, 50.2 & 50.3; and

WHEREAS, Roland Padilla submitted an application to the Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown seeking approval for a proposed subdivision of property located on 1160 Old Albany Post Road, Garrison, New York, Tax Map Section 49, Block 1, Lot 59; and

WHEREAS, in regard to both of the said applications escrow funds were posted with the Town for payment of consultants' fees and processing costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received correspondence from the Planning Board confirming that the said applications have been completed and that any remaining escrow funds posted may now be released back to the applicants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the Town Board hereby authorizes the release back to the applicants of any remaining escrow funds posted on Tuana and Padilla subdivision applications.

Councilwoman Montgomery presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Leonard.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows;

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

4. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Parade Permit for David Marzollo for the Mayfest scheduled for May 27th, 28th, and 29th.

RESOLUTION #72-2016

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 Parade Permit for David Marzollo for the Mayfest scheduled for May 27th, 28th and 29th.

5. Resolution authorizing the release of \$50,000.00 to the Town of Fishkill in connection with the Consolidated Funding Application Grant for the Fjord Trail.

Supervisor Shea explained that this \$50,000 is from the Highland Land Trust to be used for signage and wayfinding for the Fjord Trail and that the Town is working with Fishkill on this project. He emphasized that this is not the Town of Philipstown's money and Fishkill will be spearheading this aspect of the project. Supervisor Shea has spoken with the Attorney and all is in order.

RESOLUTION #73-2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown is a sponsor and participant, along with other municipalities, in the creation of the "Fjord Trail" along the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 17, 2015, the Town of Philipstown received a check from the Hudson Highlands Land Trust in the amount of \$50,000 which represented the final payment of the \$100,000 originally pledged to serve as a portion of the matching funds for Consolidated Funding Application Grant approved for the creation of the Fjord Trail; and,

WHEREAS, in making the said payment, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust represented that if the said funds exceeded the amount needed to satisfy the matching requirement of the Consolidated Funding Application Grant then such portion of the funds as exceeded the matching requirement could be redirected and used for payment for the work of the signage fabrication firm selected for sign fabrication/construction for the sub-region that includes trail systems/recreational offerings, business districts, parking areas and cultural/historic sites, provided that if the said signage work is not completed or if the funds exceed the amount needed to pay for the said

signage the funds or the portion of them remaining shall be returned to the Hudson Highlands Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, the said \$50,000 donation exceeds from the amount needed to satisfy the matching requirement of the Consolidated Funding Application Grant for the Fjord Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fishkill, which is a municipality sponsoring and participating in creation of the Fjord Trail, has contracted with firm selected for sign fabrication/construction ("Timely Signs") for the sub-region that includes trail systems/recreational offerings, business districts, parking areas and cultural/historic sites, and requires the said \$50,000 to pay for the cost thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown has consulted with the Hudson Highlands Land Trust in regard to the Town of Fishkill's request for transfer of the \$50,000 to pay for the said signage and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust has consented to the transfer on the terms set forth above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby authorizes the release to the Town of Fishkill of the \$50,000 received from the Hudson Highlands Land Trust for the purpose of paying for the work of the signage fabrication firm selected for sign fabrication/construction for the sub-region that includes trail systems/recreational offerings, business districts, parking areas and cultural/historic sites; and

2. That as a condition of the said transfer of funds, it is expressly understood and agreed that if the said signage work is not completed or if the funds exceed the amount needed to pay for the said signage then the funds or the portion of them remaining shall be returned to the Hudson Highlands Land Trust.

Councilwoman Montgomery presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Flaherty,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows

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

6. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the sale of a surplus vehicle.

Town Clerk Merando said that this vehicle is from the Recreation Department – a 1998 Ford Pick Up Truck.

RESOLUTION #74-2016

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the sale of a surplus vehicle VIN#1FTZR15U6WTA42372, a 1998 Ford Pick Up Truck..

7. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign a letter to the Putnam County Youth Bureau declining funding for youth services.

Town Clerk Merando read a letter from Amber Stickle, Director requesting that the Town no longer accept the allotted money for the Youth Bureau Grants noting that the expectations are no longer something that their department is capable of meeting.

RESOLUTION #75-2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign a letter to the Putnam County Youth Bureau declining funding for youth services.

8. Schedule meetings/workshops.

March 9, 2016	-	Workshop to interview for Planning Board	@7:30pm
		Zoning Board	@7:45pm
		Bldg. Dept. consolidation with Cold Spring	@8:00pm
March 16, 2016	-	Workshop on Buildings	

9. Code Enforcement Report.

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

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

Councilman Leonard attended a meeting on February 19, 2016 in Fishkill for the Renewable Highlands Community Choice Aggregation which is a volunteer group of Towns and Villages. The group's ideal goal is to lower and stabilize utility rates.

Councilwoman Montgomery asked if a resolution could be passed authorizing the Town Clerk to submit the agendas electronically. She has not received one since November. Town Clerk Merando said she would check because she believed that they were all getting it via the Blast.

Councilwoman Montgomery said we should congratulate the girls' varsity basketball team for winning the section championship. Councilman Van Tassel went on to say the boys' varsity team will be playing tomorrow night for the regional championship. Councilwoman Montgomery then thanked Andrea Maasik who earned the Eastern NY Soccer Association personality of the month.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Bob Juby addressed the Board with regard to the recent heavy rains and the culvert which was clogged. He took pictures of what had happened and did remove the leaves and debris. He did see Carl Frisenda on the road and spoke with him about the situation.

Mr. Ande Merante asked Supervisor Shea to explain what was going on with the Board secretary. Supervisor Shea explained that one person was hired to cover all the Boards. That person will also be working in the Building Department to bring the files up to date and hopefully digitize the

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files. Supervisor Shea advised Mr. Merante that the Board hired Linda Valentine and she will be starting on March 14, 2016. Mr. Merante asked for contact information so that he could set up a meeting with her. Councilwoman Montgomery provided Mr. Merante with that information.

Councilwoman Montgomery announced that there is Narcan training scheduled at St. Christopher's Inn which will take place on the First Sunday of each month. Town Clerk Merando noted that the information has been put up on the website and the municipal channel.

VACANCIES

CV Park District (3)
Board of Assessment Review (2)
Planning Board (1)
Zoning Board (1)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$1,224,362.93 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2A & 3.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$87,026.32 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2A & 3.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$1,272.68 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 3.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$5,347.25 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 3

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Monthly Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk