

Monthly Town Board Meeting
April 9, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT: Richard Shea Supervisor
Nancy Montgomery Councilwoman
John Van Tassel Councilman
Michael Leonard Councilman

Councilman vacancy.

Supervisor Shea opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag

State of the Town Address

RESOLUTION #71-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the State of the Town Address be tabled until there is a full Board.

Philipstown Depot Theatre Development Corporation Special Meeting
(Minutes attached)

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of March 5, 2015, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of March 5, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 6, 2015 were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried, that the Minutes Special Meeting of March 6, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Bid Opening – South Mountain Pass of March 18, 2015, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Bid Opening – South Mountain Pass of March 18, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of March 18, 2015, 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 March 18, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Councilman Leonard reported that the meeting took place on March 10, 2015 with one item on the agenda: Banker. The next meeting will be on April 14, 2015. He reminded everyone of the May 1, 2015 meeting at the Continental Village clubhouse on Stormwater, which is open to the public.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that at the meeting on March 31, 2015 the February financial report and meeting minutes were reviewed. Amber Stickle reported that the summer camp registration was successful with more than 100 campers registered for every week. The maintenance staff is working to get the park fields ready for opening day – April 18, 2015. The Recreation Commission discussed several topics including the vacancy on the Commission for which they are currently accepting potential candidates. Interviews will start shortly. The Commission has formed an athletics fields committee to review and plan maintenance and possible field improvements. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee contact Amber Stickle at 845-424-4618.

Councilman Van Tassel asked Claudio Marzollo to give a little report on the Depot Theatre. Mr. Marzollo reported that the theatre had just recently completed its first classical music weekend. It was a tremendous success and they received some very good sponsorships, which will help them for future events. He went on to report that “On Golden Pond” is in its final stages.

Councilwoman Montgomery reported on the Chestnut Ridge senior exercise program and the issue with setting up and taking down the chairs/tables. They are working on it and will come up with a solution.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Montgomery said that there was nothing to report this month.

PLANNING BOARD - Councilman Leonard reported that there was no meeting this month.

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel reported that there was no meeting this month. The meeting scheduled for April has also been cancelled, as there were no agenda items. The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2015.

HIGHWAY – Councilman Van Tassel read the report submitted by Roger Chirico, Highway Superintendent that is on file at the Town Clerks office.

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Supervisor Shea discussed the South Mountain Pass Drainage project.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea reported that they are waiting to close on the VFW and things are moving ahead. They will then work on the Dahlia House upgrade and putting an elevator in the Town Hall.

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY- Councilwoman Montgomery read the report submitted.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATOR – Legislator Scuccimarra was not in attendance. Town Clerk Merando reported that Legislator Scuccimarra was representing Philipstown at a Protective Service Committee meeting tonight. She and Dr. Powers, of Haldane, were there to discuss additional funding to hire a school resource officer.

Supervisor Shea commented on Haldane school and all the good things going on there.

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**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF APRIL 9, 2015**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

T.C. Fees – 2/15	188.13
T.C. Dog Fees – 2/15	215.00
Justice Fees – 2/15	8,232.00
Justice Fees – 2/15	4,534.00
Clear Channel Billboard	25,000.00
Bldg. Fees 3/15	5,004.00
Rec. Fees 3/15	23,954.58
Justice Fees 3/15	9,574.00
Putnam Co. DFY	1,982.00

HIGHWAY FUND

Gen. Ck. Gas	155.84
Put. Co. Gas	178.24
Village of Nelsonville Salt	3,482.88
Haldane School Salt	661.12
Put. Co. Sheriffs Gas	694.22

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	350.00
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AGENDA

1. Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing on the 2015 Cablevision Franchise Agreements for a period of ten (10) years.

Town Clerk Merando noted that there has to be two Public Hearings – one for the Southern portion and one for the Northern portion.

Supervisor Shea said he has had a lot of action with Cablevision, which has been all-positive. They are going to make a sizable donation so the town can buy computer terminals for the seniors at Chestnut Ridge. Cablevision will give the seniors free Internet service and the Town will get the franchise fee.

RESOLUTION #72-2015

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

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing on the 2015 Cablevision Franchise Agreement – Southern Portion for a period of ten (10) years is scheduled for April 29, 2015 at 7:30 pm and the Northern Portion at 7:45 pm.

2. Resolution appointing Mark Galezo (term expires March 3, 2016) as Chairman of the Conservation Board effective immediately. (Eric Lind, Interim Chair will remain a member)

RESOLUTION #73-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Mark Galezo as Chairman of the Conservation Board effective immediately which term expires March 3, 2016.

3. Resolution accepting the resignation of Cecily Hall as a member of the Recreation Commission effective February 6, 2015.

RESOLUTION #74-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Cecily Hall as a member of the Recreation Commission effective February 6, 2015.

4. Resolution approving the 2014 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.

RESOLUTION #75-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the 2014 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.

A discussion went on about a Townwide cleanup. Supervisor Shea said that it is something that he will look into.

5. Resolution accepting the resignation of Dave Merandy as Town Councilman effective April 5, 2015.

Supervisor Shea thanked Mr. Merandy for all the work he did with the Town. He wished him all the best with his job as Mayor in the Village and looks forward to working with him.

RESOLUTION #76-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Dave Merandy as Town Councilman effective April 5, 2015.

6. Resolution appointing a new member of the Town Board to replace Dave Merandy.

RESOLUTION #77-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby tables this item for further discussion.

7. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for proposals for the 2015 landscaping at the Town's Cemeteries.

Supervisor Shea said that the cemeteries were in good shape. Councilman Leonard noted that the winter took a toll on the Cold Spring Cemetery. Supervisor Shea wants to look into restoring some of the head stones. He would also like to inventory the cemeteries. A short discussion took place with regard to replacing the fence.

RESOLUTION #78-2015

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for proposals for the 2015 landscaping at the Town's Cemeteries.

8. Resolution authorizing a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to the Nelsonville Fish & Fur for this year's "Kids Fishing Day" scheduled for May 3, 2015.

RESOLUTION #79-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to the Nelsonville Fish & Fur for this year's "Kids Fishing Day" scheduled for May 3, 2015.

9. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the CSEA Contract for the Highway Department.

RESOLUTION #80-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the CSEA contract for the Highway Department.

10. Code Enforcement Monthly report.

Town Clerk Merando read the monthly report.

11. Schedule Workshops/ Meetings.

April 29, 2015 Public Hearing – Cablevision – Northern portion @7:30pm
 Public Hearing – Cablevision – Southern portion @7:45pm

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

Councilman Leonard reported that he attended the Pace University Land Use meetings, that were sponsored by the County, on March 16 and 30th. Barbara Scuccimarra, Cold Spring Trustee Fadde, and members of both the Zoning and Planning Boards of Cold Spring and the Town attended. Discussions included how to get tourists to the towns on weekends. The Fjord Trail was discussed as well. He also attended a meeting in Continental Village to discuss the Lakeland School taxes. Supervisor Shea said one of the issues down there is that the Philipstown portion doesn't seem to be on par with other Westchester towns.

Councilwoman Montgomery attended the Philipstown Coalition Cares forum and will be attending a presentation tomorrow from Senator Gillibrand's office. The discussion will be "trends and challenges" regarding heroin trafficking in the Hudson Valley. This area did

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get designated as a high intensity drug trafficking area and what this does is the designation gets us more resources for law enforcement. She also attended the Agricultural Forum at Glynwood Farm. It was a great experience. They talked about what their initiatives were for the future and what they will be looking for from the municipalities. Supervisor Shea said that he has, in the past, had meetings with them and what they are looking for are temporary permits for assembly so that they can have events there allowing them to have more people than what is allowed now. Councilman Van Tassel said that he hosted a meeting with the four (4) Fire Chiefs and the topic did come up with regard to this.

Supervisor Shea reported that the work has begun on expanding the parking lot for the Fjord Trail on 9D. This will give access to approx. 50 parking spaces.

Andy Chmar announced that there will be a meeting on April 29, 2015 for the final presentation of the draft master plan for the Fjord Trail at the Chalet at 6:30 pm. You will be able to review the maps and the preferred trail. The public is encouraged to come out and participate.

Supervisor Shea in hearing about this meeting on the Fjord Trail would like to change the date of the Public Hearing, which was scheduled earlier.

RESOLUTION #81-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby agrees to change the date of the Cablevision Franchise Public Hearing from April 29, 2015 to May 6, 2015 at 7:30 and 7:45 pm

Councilwoman Montgomery mentioned that she has been talking to the Department of State with regard to CFA consolidated funding grant and noted that these grants have a very quick turn around time.

13. Resolution appointing John Sullivan to the Continental Village Park District Advisory Committee.

RESOLUTION #82-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints John Sullivan to the Continental Village Park District Advisory Committee.

14. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between Putnam County Real Property Tax Services and the Town for all required documents in connection with real property taxes.

RESOLUTION #83-2015

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 contract between the Town and the County of Putnam Real Property Tax Services to prepare all documents related to tax collection.

AUDIENCE

Claudio Marzollo said that he has spoken on a number of occasions about paving dirt roads and how he was against it. He has now changed his attitude and asks the Town to pave the rest of Lane Gate Road. Supervisor Shea said that there have been some concerns about paving and when these projects are done there are public discussions, meetings, etc. This is not done without being put out there to the public. He went on to say that nothing has been decided about South Mountain. The only work that is being done there at this time is the drainage. If people have questions they should call Town Hall or any member of the board with their concerns.

Mr. Bob Juby talked about his road that was paved and how good it has worked.

Mr. Mike Phelan said that he has two more people interested to fill the vacancies at the Park District. He has been speaking with Councilman Van Tassel with regard to the footbridge situation at the end of the lake at Steuben Road. Years ago there was a meeting on fixing it and plans were drawn up. Although the plan is adequate the fact is that a whole new footing has to be put in. With that plan the opening is going to be reduced by about 2 ½ - 3 ½ feet, which will exasperate the situation with Steuben Road washing out. The consensus is that the opening at the throat should be wider to allow the water to run into the lake. Mr. Phelan said that there is a fellow down there who is capable of designing and fabricating a curved arch bridge of about 40 feet. This will eliminate the need to rebuild the end of Steuben Road all the way to the old footing and which will allow a wider throat for the water to come down Canopus Road. In the last couple of years there have been a number of improvements. The catch basins have been cleaned up too. With these changes the volume of water will increase by about 20-25%. With the diminished throat the approach road would wash out every two to three years. They propose that we should revisit the size and scope of the bridge to facilitate having all the water stay confined in one spot so that; a) the bridge doesn't wash out again and b) the roads do not wash out every two or three years. Preliminarily they drew up some plans for pricing on just replacing the bridge. To do it 40 feet instead of the 20 feet is probably a difference of \$14,000. Supervisor Shea asked what the total cost of the bridge would be. Mr. Phelan said that it would cost about \$39,000 to \$40,000. A short discussion pursued on the safety.

Cecelia announced that the meeting that Councilwoman Montgomery attended back in March can be seen by going to "youtube" and type in "Putnam county communities that care coalition March 11, 2015."

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Andy Chmar had two announcements: first, the Hudson Highlands "Take a Hike" program: the first hike is "Take a hike to the Boardwalk." There are seven other hikes and you should go to the website and sign up www.hlt.org. The second thing is their annual sustainability forum "Food for Thought – Shopping, Cooking and Eating Sustainably" at the Highland Country Club on April 19, 2015 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and it is free.

Councilman Van Tassel said that the Fire Chiefs identified the need of a map of the trails to the district lines and one email to Andy Chmar and they had the map. He thanked Mr. Chmar

Mr. Terry Zaleski of the Old Road Society announced that the organization, which has been in existence for over 30 years, has just been designated a 501C3 corporation. They have always been a membership corporation under 501C4, but now they are eligible to receive grants and other forms of assistance. They are hopeful that they will be able to attract grants and other assistance that will enable them to work even more in partnership with the Town in researching best practices, coming up with different approaches and being very creative as to how they can go about maintaining the Town's rural heritage.

VACANCIES

Board of Assessment Review (1)
CV Park District Advisory Committee (4)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (3)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$241,693.86 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 3A & 4.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$89,553.81 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 3A & 4.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$2,813.98 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 3A & 4.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$13,038.27 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 3A & 4.

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There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Town Board Monthly Meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk

Philipstown Depot Theatre Development Corporation Special Meeting
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SPECIAL MEETING

Supervisor Shea called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Presence of a quorum was established with at least 5 of the 7 members present.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that John Maasik is appointed to the Board of the Depot Theatre Development Corporation.

There being no further business to discuss, Claudio Marzollo made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel to close the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk