

Monthly Town Board Meeting
MAY 3, 2012

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
	Betty Budney	Councilwoman
	Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
	John Van Tassel	Councilman
	David Merandy	Councilman
	Edward W. Doyle	Town Attorney

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

Before proceeding with Committee Reports, Supervisor Shea introduced Sheriff Donald Smith, who was in attendance with David Keith, Carmel Superintendent of Highways, and several Deputy Sheriffs, to present a special commendation to Highway Superintendent Roger Chirico for his assistance in the wake of Hurricane Irene and for other instances when Superintendent Chirico assisted the Sheriff's Department. A brief presentation took place followed by congratulations from Board Members and the audience.

Supervisor Shea then present Gary M. Ritchie, former Assessor, with an Honorary Resolution recognizing Gary for his years of service to the community.

RESOLUTION #86-2012

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

WHEREAS, Gary M. Ritchie is an outstanding person who has contributed so much to our community since January 1, 1981, serving as an Assessor for the Town of Philipstown and on February 3, 1984, was appointed Chairman of the Board of Assessors; and

WHEREAS, during a long and distinguished career in public service, he has accumulated an impressive record of service and has been a powerful influence for good in our community; and

WHEREAS, Gary 's service in both his public and private life has been given willingly and cheerfully, and he has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of the quality of life for all residents in the Town of Philipstown; and

WHEREAS, Gary, through various endeavors, has won the highest regard of all his associates and the admiration of the citizens of the Town of Philipstown; and

WHEREAS, he will be missed both professionally and as a friend, and we extend our very best wishes for his continued success in his life's pursuits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned members of the Town Board and Town Officers of the Town of Philipstown, by this Resolution, do hereby pay tribute to Gary M. Ritchie for his many years of service provided to our community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Councilwoman Montgomery reported on the item addressed at the April 9th meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for May 8th, 2012. Councilwoman Montgomery reported that the CB was planning to set up a workshop to review procedures and applications. No date has been set for this workshop at this time.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported on the items addressed at the May 1, 2012 meeting.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Budney reported on the 2012 Spring Town-wide Cleanup being held on Saturday, May 12 at the Garrison Fire House, and reported that the Putnam County Health Department was holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 19th at Fahnestock Park.

PLANNING BOARD - Councilwoman Montgomery reported on the items addressed at the April 19, 2012 Planning Board meeting.

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel reported on the items addressed at the March 12 and April 19 meetings.

HIGHWAY – Councilwoman Budney read the monthly report submitted by Highway Superintendent Roger Chirico. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone wishing to review. Superintendent of Highways Chirico reported that the bond had been received with regard to the Lane Gate Road project and that work would be proceeding within the next few weeks once the approval is received.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – No report.

GVFD – Jamie Copeland reported on activities for the month of April 2012. Mr. Copeland reported that the new pumper had arrived just in time, as the old pumper broke down. Mr. Copeland requested that the Town Board consider looking at building codes, as the new materials used in building are not as safe today as in past years. Fire Department Member, Steve Rosario, thanked the Village of Cold Spring Fire Department for the use of their 1522 (Pumper) for a fire training course since the GVFD's pumper broke down.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF MAY 3, 2012**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Town Clerk Fees – March 2012	\$ 847.10
Town Clerk Fees – Dogs – March 2012	291.50
Justice Fees – March 2012	10,390.00
Justice Fees – March 2012	12,018.00
A/W Scrap	620.00
Recreation Fees – March 2012	56,107.11
Bank Interest	232.29

HIGHWAY FUND

New York State FEMA	\$ 4,627.28
Putnam County – Gas	2,185.23
General Fund – Gas	303.62
Bank Interest	364.77

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	\$ 8.77
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	\$ 525.00
Bank Interest	25.59

AGENDA

1. Honorary Resolution for Gary M. Ritchie.

This item addressed after the Salute to the Flag.

2. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Deputy Town Clerk Clauss read the monthly report, which is on file in the Town Clerks office for review.

Supervisor Shea questioned if the Town was now able to issue permits for pyrotechnic devices. Town Attorney Doyle stated that it is now permitted under State Law.

3. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

Workshop – Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 – 7:30 P.M. - discussion on proposals for the RFP for Recreation park fields. Councilwoman Montgomery stated that she was not sure that Amber Stickle would have information ready by that time. Councilman Merandy stated that he would still like to meet, as he was still unclear on some decisions regarding the amount being spent and questions about going out to a referendum, plus other issues.

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

Supervisor Shea reported that an issue with unregistered vehicles and dumpsters on residential properties was brought to his attention. Town Attorney Doyle will look into regulations pertaining to this. Supervisor Shea will also address with Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Van Tassel reported that he attended the NY State (inaudible), at which the representative from the DOT was in attendance. Councilman Van Tassel asked the DOT representative about the paving of Route 9 and the rumble strips requested by Joe Giachinta. Councilman Van Tassel was informed that no rumble strips would be installed, as neighbors complained about the noise.

Secondly, Councilman Van Tassel announced that a representative from the Red Cross would be attending the August meeting of the Town Board to give a presentation on Shelter Preparedness. Councilwoman Montgomery asked if this training included training people to help with a Town shelter. Councilman Van Tassel responded, “no” this was strictly for public outreach and for residents to know how to get the best shelter within their own homes.

Councilwoman Budney reported that she was canceling the Cemetery Tour scheduled for June 30th due to lack of interest and assistance.

Councilwoman Budney then reported on her attendance of the “CATS” performance by the Foot & Mouth Players from Recreation. Councilwoman Budney thanked Deputy Town Clerk Clauss, Frank, Marylou and Amanda Caccetta family for all their hard work in preparing costumes, etc., to make the play the success that it was.

Councilwoman Montgomery reported that all Town Board Members e-mails are now available and are on record with the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Shea reported that he attended a meeting of the Hudson River Fjord Trail Group and is trying to move forward with connecting the trail. Presently, there will be a regional trail running from Bear Mountain Bridge through Beacon

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across Newburgh and back down on the other side. Focus right now is to get a section started. At this time, Scenic Hudson has taken the lead on this and will be filing for a grant for feasibility and actual installation of the trail.

AUDIENCE

Audience member, Steve Rosario, reported that he had attended the County Legislator's meeting and a resolution had been passed re-naming Route 301 to Hudson River Turnpike.

Audience member, Liz Armstrong, asked if anything was being done to reduce the speed on the stretch on Route 9D outside of the Village of Cold Spring to the tunnel before the trail goes in. Supervisor Shea responded that there has been a perennial push to lower the speed limit and that the Village of Cold Spring has also petitioned for this. Supervisor Shea stated that the Town was successful in getting the speed limit lowered to 40 in the Garrison area of Route 9D to the Bear Mountain Bridge. Councilman Van Tassel corrected Supervisor Shea stating that the speed limit was 45 and added that it is very difficult to get a speed reduction on a state road. Supervisor Shea added that one of the projects of the Hudson River Fjord Trail Group would be looking into a speed reduction for the area.

Hudson Highlands Land Trust member, Andy Chmar reported that the HHLT would be moving their services to a new location, the Winter Hill Facility (formerly the Nazareth Life Foundation Center), joined by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival & Garden Conservancy. Mr. Chmar added that the Annual Family outing will be held on June 9th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Claudio Marzollo Recreation Center. Mr. Chmar also expressed the HHLT's congratulations to the Town Board for funding the Spring Town-wide Cleanup and for the cleaning up of Fishkill Road.

Supervisor Shea reported that Haldane School was holding its' Ecco Fair all this week and encouraged people to attend. He added that there would be a debate on Friday evening on Hydrofracking.

VACANCIES

Board of Assessment Review (1)
CV Park District Advisory Committee (3)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (2)

Councilwoman Montgomery asked if we could have Town Clerk Merando advertise for the vacancies on the BAR, CVPD & CVWD Advisory Committees.

RESOLUTION #87-2012

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

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the positions on the BAR, CVPD & CVWD Advisory Committees.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$233,417.99 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 4A & 5.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$52,933.11 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 4A & 5.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$63,879.07 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 4A & 5.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$4,052.15 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 4A & 5.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney to close the Town Board Monthly Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joan B. Clauss
Deputy Town Clerk