

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.

**AGENDA**

Supervisor Shea read the Honorary Resolutions and thanked each girl for their volunteer work and contribution to the community. He then presented the Honorary Resolutions to Marissa DiPalo and Alexandria Gariepy (Marina Martin was not present) and congratulated them for their accomplishments.

**1. Honorary Resolution for Marissa DiPalo.**

**WHEREAS**, all across the county youth volunteers are serving as a catalyst for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our youth volunteer force is a great treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, they dedicate time and resources to their community and find opportunities to make a difference in the lives around them; and

**WHEREAS**, Marissa DiPalo has graciously donated her time and talent serving on the Putnam County Youth Forum Planning Committee, coordinator for the shoe drive for the Walter Hoving Home, Haldane School Peer Mentoring as well as Elementary Tutoring, Food Pantry Events, and participated in the Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County; and

**WHEREAS**, through Girl Scouting, every girl, everywhere, grows strong and gains self-esteem skills needed to take active roles in the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the undersigned members of the Town Board and Town Officers of the Town of Philipstown, do hereby inscribe upon the minutes of the Town Records, our sincere congratulations to Marissa DiPalo upon her achieving the "Gold Award" for Girl Scouting.

**2. Honorary Resolution for Marina Martin.**

**WHEREAS**, all across the county youth volunteers are serving as a catalyst for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our youth volunteer force is a great treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, they dedicate time and resources to their community and find opportunities to make a difference in the lives around them; and

**WHEREAS**, Marina Martin has graciously donated her time and talent serving on the Little Stony Point Citizens Association as a student liaison to the Board of Director's, Passive House Alliance as Secretary to the Board of Director's, and volunteering for events at the Hudson Highlands Land Trust;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Philipstown urges our citizens to recognize the endeavors made by our youth volunteers to enhance the quality of life in our community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the undersigned members of the Town Board and Town Officers of the Town of Philipstown, do hereby inscribe upon the minutes of the Town Records, our sincere congratulations to Marina Martin upon her giving of herself for our community

### **3. Honorary Resolution for Alexandria Gariepy.**

**WHEREAS**, all across the county youth volunteers are serving as a catalyst for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our youth volunteer force is a great treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, they dedicate time and resources to their community and find opportunities to make a difference in the lives around them; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexandria Gariepy has graciously donated her time and talent organizing and implementing fundraisers for Habitat for Humanity for Haldane Central School District as well serving as Stage Manager for five shows and organized and coordinated the 1st Annual "Outrun for Autism";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Philipstown urges our citizens to recognize the endeavors made by our youth volunteers to enhance the quality of life in our community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the undersigned members of the Town Board and Town Officers of the Town of Philipstown, do hereby inscribe upon the minutes of the Town Records, our sincere congratulations to Alexandria Gariepy upon her giving of herself for our community

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

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

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CONSERVATION BOARD** – Councilman Leonard reported that the Board met on April 12, 2016 having two (2) items on the agenda: 1) Riverview and 2) Hudson Highlands. There was also a discussion on Stormwater – Barret Pond and the beaver dams. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2016.

**RECREATION** – Councilman Van Tassel attended the May 3, 2016 meeting. The minutes were read and approved along with the financial report. He noted that the summer camps are near or at capacity and if anyone is still interested they should contact the Recreation Department as soon as possible. A Senior Luncheon is scheduled for May 11, 2016 featuring summer salads and sandwiches. The Depot Theatre is in the planning stages for plaza improvements. Work is scheduled for late summer. Claudio Marzollo announced that the Depot Theatre is planning a three week show of "HMS Pinafore". On Saturday May 21, 2016 there will be a gala event before the show with food being provided by Jimmy Ely. Councilman Van Tassel said the "Spring Splatt" which took place on May 1, 2016 raised approximately \$1,500. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 31, 2016.

**RECYCLING** – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that there is nothing new to report. She met with a recycling organization from Beacon to get some ideas on how to expand and/or do something different.

**PLANNING BOARD** – Councilman Flaherty reported that the Board met on April 21, 2016. There were seven (7) items on the agenda: 1) A Public Hearing for Sabatini 2) Philipstown Square 3) County Line Equities 4) Vista LLC (Garrison Café) 5) Garrison Station Plaza (Guinan's) 6) Griffins Landscaping 7) ESP. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2016.

**ZONING BOARD** – Councilman Van Tassel reported that they met on April 11, 2016 with one item: Robert Manzella. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 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 reported that he would be signing the zoning exemption for the Dahlia House.

**PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATOR** - County Legislator Scuccimarra said that she attended the monthly meeting on May 3, 2016. One of the proclamations for May 2016

was "Older Americans Month" recognizing the contributions they make to the community. She announced that the Butterfield lease for the County has been signed for the senior center.

Sheriff Don Smith and D.A. Tandy warned about a new IRS scam going around which is targeting seniors, but can be directed to anyone. This scam demands payment by a prepaid card. DO NOT send any money, just hang up on the caller.

On April 14, 2016 there was a forum sponsored by the Solomones – "The Judicial Prospective on our Drug Epidemic" which was attended by Sheriff Smith, Judge Rietz and D.A. Tandy. The three of them work together and analyze everyone who comes before them. So many people are helped through the drug court (an alternative to being incarcerated.) This is usually a two year program with extensive treatment and at the end of the program their sentence is usually reduced and sometimes dismissed.

On April 28, 2016 Legislator Scuccimarra had an update meeting on Breakneck Mountain. The discussion was on how to help the situation and also to figure out how to divert the crowd to other locations like Mt. Beacon and Fahnestock. They will also lobby to reduce the speed in the area and there are plans to repair some of the trails.

A "Children's Expo and Public Safety Day" is planned for May 14, 2016 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the TOP center. This is a fun way to discover how Putnam County keeps your family healthy and safe.

This Saturday there is a "Hazardous Waste" cleanup at Canopus Beach from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Legislator Scuccimarra was hoping that the town could have a town wide litter cleanup day during the summer. The Health Department would provide bags and help pick up. She knows that Alternative to Incarceration and PARC does this and she has asked them to look at Route 403.

Supervisor Shea thanked Legislator Scuccimarra for her assistance with the Fjord Trail parking lot. There will be a kickoff tomorrow with a cleanup.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE** – Councilman Leonard said that they met on April 12, 2016 and thanked the committee for all the work they have done. He also thanked Town Clerk Merando for the General Morris information. He reported that he met with the stone mason on April 20, 2016 at the Cold Spring Cemeteries. The work at the Mountain Avenue Cemetery will begin next week. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2016.

**BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY** – Councilwoman Montgomery read the Butterfield Library report which is on file in the Town Clerks office.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN  
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR  
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF MAY 5, 2016**

**GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS**

T.C. Fees – 3/16	99.12
T.C. Fees Dogs- 3/16	268.50
Justice Fees – 3/16	12,398.50
Justice Fees – 3/16	7,378.00
ReCommunity Recycle	83.25
Rec. Fees – 3/16	56,859.90
US Bank Copier Credit	288.13
ReCommunity Recycle	71.85
T.C. Fees – 4/16	800.93
T.C. Fees Dogs – 4/16	348.00
Justice Fees 4/16	8,118.00
Justice Fees 4/16	8,898.00
Bldg. Fees	10,847.00

**HIGHWAY FUND**

P.C. Gen. Fund Gas	94.53
Gen. Fund Gas	185.16

**CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

**CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT**

Clubhouse Fees	350.00
Taxes Town of Cortlandt	43,384.68

## **AGENDA**

### **4. Resolutions needed to adopt proposed Local Law to change the zoning designation from "RR" to "HC:"**

- Resolution accepting the Developer's Agreement and authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the same. (Roll Call)
- SEQRA/Negative Declaration (Roll Call)

Supervisor Shea noted that there was a Public Hearing on this earlier this evening and that the Town has been working on this for years. There has been a very novel solution that the business owners and neighbors are happy with. The Board did notice one thing that they would like to have on record that being the establishment of an escrow account.

#### **RESOLUTION #97-2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Philipstown Town Board has received a proposed Developer's Agreement from BRUCE KEHR and DONNA KEHR in regard to use of certain real property located on New York State Route 9 in the Town of Philipstown as a site for a combined "retail/service/warehouse" business called Expanded Supply Products (ESP); and

**WHEREAS**, the said Developer's Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney for the Town as to both form and content; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the said Developer's Agreement is to take certain measures and impose certain limitations on use and development of the property to address potential adverse impacts of the proposed use of the property which would otherwise exist if it were not for the terms and provisions of the Developer's Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby approves the proposed Developer's Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, and agrees to enter into the same; and
2. That the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement on behalf of the Town.

Councilman Leonard presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Flaherty.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION #98-2016**

**WHEREAS**, heretofore the Town Board has introduced Local Law No. 1 of the year 2016 entitled: A Local Law to amend the Town Code, Chapter 175 by amending Town Code Section 175-8 "Zoning Maps" to change the zoning designation from "RR" to "HC" ; and

**WHEREAS**, this is an action subject to SEQR, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is the sole Involved Agency, and such has caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has conducted a public hearing on the proposed local law and heard all persons interested in the subject matter of the same,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

That after considering all of the information presented to it including the short EAF the Town Board determines that the adoption of the Local Law No.1 of the year 2016 will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and does hereby adopt the Negative Declaration attached hereto.

Councilman Van Tassel presented the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Flaherty.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

**5. Resolution adopting Local Law to change the zoning designation from “RR” to “HC.” (Roll Call)**

**RESOLUTION #99-2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has considered the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of the year 2016 entitled: “A Local Law to amend the Town Code Chapter 175 by amending Town Code Section 175-8 “Zoning Maps” to change the zoning designation of a certain property from “RR” to “HC” ; and

**WHEREAS**, following due notice the Town Board held a public hearing on the proposed local law; and

**WHEREAS**, a Negative Declaration under SEQRA has been adopted upon the proposed local law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

That the Town Board does hereby adopt Local Law No. 1 of the year 2016, which said local law shall be effective upon publication, posting and filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

Councilman Van Tassel presented the foregoing resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Flaherty.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**6. Resolution accepting the resignation of Kevin Donohue as Code Enforcement Officer effective April 29, 2016. (Nunc Pro Tunc)**

Supervisor Shea said that with real regret the Town Board accepts this and they wished Kevin Donohue the very best.

**RESOLUTION #100-2016**

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



**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Kevin Donohue as Code Enforcement Officer effective April 29, 2016.

**7. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for an available position of Code Enforcement Officer.**

**RESOLUTION #101-2016**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the position of Code Enforcement Officer, filling the vacancy left by Kevin Donohue.

**8. Resolution appointing Melissa Carlton as a member of the Board of Assessment Review filling the vacancy left by Jamie Adams, whose term will expire September 30, 2020.**

**RESOLUTION #102-2016**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby appoints Melissa Carlton as a member of the Board of Assessment Review filling the vacancy left by Jamie Adams, whose term will expire September 30, 2020.

**9. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the letter of support for Little Stony Point Association's application for a Consolidated Funding Grant. (Nunc Pro Tunc)**

**RESOLUTION #103-2016**

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 letter of support for Little Stony Point Association's application for a Consolidated Funding Grant.

**10. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with regard to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant for the Depot Theatre.**

**RESOLUTION #104-2016**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the Depot Theatre.

**11. Resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds for Rockwell/Cold Spring Farm.**

Town Clerk Merando read a letter from the Planning Board stating that the application was withdrawn and that any escrow funds be released back to them.

**RESOLUTION #105-2016**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of escrow funds for Rockwell/Cold Spring Farm for processing and consultant's fees as the application has been withdrawn.

**12. Resolution authorizing a donation to the Village of Cold Spring Independence Day Committee in the amount of \$500.**

Supervisor Shea said they do want to support the Village.

**RESOLUTION #106-2016**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes a donation in the amount of \$500 to the Cold Spring Independence Day Committee for this years' July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

**13. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the Town of Cortlandt for sharing equipment.**

Supervisor Shea explained that this is another effort to have Intermunicipal cooperation. He said that this is an expansive agreement and is definitely going to help us and them to save money.

**RESOLUTION #107-2016**

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

**WHEREAS**, the various operating departments of the Village of Croton, Village of Buchanan, and the Town of Philipstown, and the City of Peekskill and the Town of Cortlandt, have, on an informal basis over the years, borrowed each other's equipment, including but not limited to, trucks, buses, and other vehicles and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Municipalities to formalize the process by which this sharing of equipment and vehicles is carried out; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town Board to provide for indemnification for liability purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED**, that once the referenced Inter-Municipal Agreement is executed, the Town's operating department heads and managers are hereby authorized to allow the use of Town equipment and vehicles by the Villages of Croton, and Buchanan, the Town of Philipstown, and the City of Peekskill in accordance with said Agreement covering the period from the date of the executed Agreement to December 31, 2016

**14. Town Clerk Merando to appoint Tara Percacciolo as Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector serving the Clerk's Office Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**

Town Clerk Merando appointed Tara Percacciolo as Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector to serve in the Clerk's office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**15. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.**

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

**16. Resolution designating Congresswoman Nita Lowey, NY-17CD, to serve as a marriage officer at Boscobel Sunday, May 29, 2016.**

**RESOLUTION #108-2016**

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

**RESOLVED**, that Supervisor Shea hereby designates Congresswoman Nita Lowey to serve as a marriage officer at Boscobel on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

**17. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the license agreement between the American National Red Cross and the Town allowing access to the parking lot at the Recreation Department, 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison, NY for parking a trailer and two connex boxes.**

Supervisor Shea said that this would be great to have here since we have a shelter down at the Recreation Department. He said that this is just not for this area, but also for the surrounding area and we are glad to do it. Councilman Van Tassel stated that this is basically for the western side of Putnam County, but could also be used for Orange County. The boxes would contain supplies for over 500 people.

**RESOLUTION #109-2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Philipstown, owns premises located at 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has received a request from the American National Red Cross to enter into a License Agreement permitting the Red Cross to have access to the premises for the purpose of parking a trailer and two connex boxes in the parking lot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney for the Town has reviewed the License Agreement and finds all of the terms and conditions to be in order;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Town Board hereby agrees to enter into a License Agreement with the American National Red Cross, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and
2. That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the License Agreement on behalf of the Town.

Councilman Van Tassel 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

**18. Resolution determining the Town's exemption from Local Zoning for the renovation project of the Dahlia House.**

Supervisor Shea said that this is so the Town can proceed with filing for a building permit with the Village of Cold Spring. He went on to say that this is a multi-faceted effort where the Town will, hopefully, be joining forces with the Village of Cold Spring, and the Village of Nelsonville to combine Building Departments. There will be one full time inspector and one part time inspector along with a good staff. It will offer full time service for Nelsonville and Cold Spring which they do not have now.

**RESOLUTION #110-2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Philipstown is the owner of certain real properties located at 238 Main Street and adjoining property located at 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516 known as "the Dahlia House"; and

**WHEREAS**, both Town Hall and the Dahlia House are located within the territorial boundaries of the incorporated Village of Cold Spring; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is undertaking certain renovations to the Dahlia House in order to use it more for municipal purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Building Inspector has raised the issue of compliance by the Town with the Village Zoning Code in regard to the said renovations to and municipal use of the Dahlia House; and

**WHEREAS**, in resolving conflicts between the zoning code of one municipality and the statutory authority of another municipality to perform designated public functions the appropriate analysis to be conducted is the so-called "County of Monroe Balancing Test" [See Matter of City of Rochester, 72 N.Y.2d 338 (1998)].

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Town Board does hereby approve and adopt the annexed balancing analysis pertaining to applicability of the Village of Cold Spring Zoning Code to the Town's renovations to and use of the Dahlia House; and

2. That pursuant to the said analysis it is hereby determined that the Dahlia House renovation project is exempt from the provisions of the Village Zoning Code.

Councilman Flaherty presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Leonard,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**19. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Putnam County for Residential and Commercial Electrical Inspections.**

Supervisor Shea said he received this on April 1, 2016 and has shown it to several local electrician to see if they thought it was a good idea or not. He also went to the Putnam County Electrical Board to ask if they were good with the final document. The agreement continues inspections the way they are done now and everyone seems to be happy with the agreement.

**RESOLUTION #111-2016**

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Montgomery, seconded by Councilman Leonard.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, local governments are authorized to enter into municipal cooperation agreements for the performance among themselves or one for the other of their respective functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Philipstown (the "Town") acknowledges that there is a critical need to utilize every means available to provide the maximum services in the most cost-effective manner and at the least possible cost to the local taxpayers, and that flexibility in operating local governments through shared services and resources is necessary to insure efficiency and maximum benefits to the local taxpayers which will result in efficient and cost effective work performance; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to New York Executive Law §381(2), any local government may enter into an agreement with the county in which such local government is situated to administer and enforce the uniform code, the state energy conservation construction code, or both, within such local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Putnam (the "County") intends to enter into a contract with an electrical inspector consultant (the "inspector") to perform electrical inspections, re-inspections or altered electrical wiring (collectively referred to as "electrical inspections") in accordance with the standards of the National Electrical Code, New York State Uniform Fire Prevention Code, New York State Building Code, and all other applicable national, state and local regulations, ordinance and codes for residential and commercial properties located within the County, including those properties located within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to authorize the County, through its inspector and at no cost to the Town, to administer electrical inspections within the Town's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, taxpayers monies will be saved and that such an agreement is in the best interests of the Town to enter into such an agreement; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to finalize and execute an Intermunicipal Agreement, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto as "Schedule A," in order to effectuate sharing of services and resources as set forth hereinabove; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**20. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.**

May 11, 2016      7:30pm      Dahlia House work plans

**21. Any other business that may come before the Town Board.**

Councilman Leonard attended a meeting on April 21, 2016 at the Continental Village Clubhouse with Legislator Scuccimarra and Lisa Johnson from Putnam County Finance for what's been an ongoing project with the school taxes down there which have been increasing every year from 5-8%. He has spoken with Assemblywoman Sandra Galef recently about a rebate. It would be small. He believes that the formula the state comes up with is the issue. He is asking the Board to allow him to be in contact with the state on this matter and will also be meeting with our State Senator about the Town's concerns with this tax issue.

Supervisor Shea spoke with the Assessor today and they are going to take another look at what was done in 2012 and see if they can do it again next year. He does not feel that this is a long term solution. The Board wants to draft a letter to the state asking for changes. The other thing they want to do is send a sample of current assessments to the state and ask if the information is still valid or do we have to go out and do a full blown valuation for the whole Town.

Kathie Kourie addressed the Town Board. She asked if there was any way to have the state look at the properties in the Lakeland School district and not all of Philipstown because when they look at the million dollar plus sales this makes it look like we are a wealthy Town. She feels that we need to get the formula changed.

Paula Clare said that she participated in partitioning the State Department of Real Property Services in 2000 and they got a special equalization rate. Her personal opinion is that the problem is that the properties are no longer evaluated accurately. The houses in Continental Village are basically appraised correctly, but the higher priced houses are not. This happens over time and eschews the equalization rate, therefore the sales we are providing to the state are not enabling them to evaluate the properties properly. So the Continental Village properties need a special equalization rate or need a revaluation.

Robert Dee stated that he is aware that the Town knows the problem and that the Town has helped. His last correspondence with Susan Savage, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Real Tax Service, it was explained that there are two different formulas – one for school and one for the Enhanced Star and Star programs. The formula for the school tax is reversed and this is what hurts them because the state includes the higher priced homes sold in the area upping the values on their homes.

Supervisor Shea said that they will arrange a meeting with Senator Sue Serrino in Continental Village. As a short term solution he will have the Assessor look at the houses in the Lakeland School District for next year and take a look at the valuation again to see if the Town could drop it again. Then long term send a sample of our assessments off to Albany for them to review to see we can use the information on the current properties cards, rather than having a full blown assessment, to get it done sooner.

An audience member said that he does not know whether or not a full blown re-assessment would or would not help them. He asked that this be put on the table regardless of the cost.

Councilwoman Montgomery said she understands that this has been going on for a long time and the frustration it has caused. She went on to say that there is a NYS Board that can be contacted for help and not just the elected officials and taxation department. This is an appointed board that is approved by the Governor and NYS Senate and can be held accountable to answer any questions. These Board's do not change when a new administration changes. She said that the Town Board will help, and this is why she is giving them this information.

Councilwoman Montgomery said that she attended the Judicial Roundtable on the heroin epidemic. She met with representatives from the "Drug Crisis in our Backyard" group and the Congressman's office. "Drug Crisis in our Backyard" is looking for a home and Councilwoman Montgomery wants to offer support. She also wanted to mention that she attended the "Philipstown Cares Coalition" meeting, and that the Regional Economic Development Council has announced their Consolidated Funding Application Grant, which is a grant for economic development in the region.

Councilwoman Montgomery asked Legislator Scuccimarra about the lease for the senior center and how long it was for. Legislator Scuccimarra informed her that it was for 15 years. Councilwoman Montgomery said that a local veteran is concerned about the status of the rent being paid at the American Legion and what happens with that and what happens after the 15 years. Legislator Scuccimarra said that the County Executive is committed to paying the rent and that after the 15 years the lease will be renewed for another 10 years.

Supervisor Shea said the Town will also be helping the veterans with a program by working the Ambulance Corp. into the budget next year.

## **AUDIENCE**

### **VACANCIES**

CV Park District (0)  
Board of Assessment Review (0)  
Zoning Board (1)

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$107,429.43 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 4A & 5.



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Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$131,262.13 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 4A & 5.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$10,777.04 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CWWD Vouchers in the amount of \$9,353.57 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley  
Deputy Town Clerk