

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD

MAY 7, 2009

The Philipstown Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date, at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York at 8:12P.M.

Prior to the meeting, Walt Thompson of “Keep Putnam Beautiful,” addressed the audience. He discussed the value of Beautification and how it increases property values and helps in the reduction of anti-social behavior. In addition, Beautification can bring volunteer opportunities. Some volunteer opportunities offer other opportunities such as college tuition grants. To take advantage of these you can visit: www.volunteer-center.org. Other projects that they are involved in – Report Littering (signs), Plantings at the SW corner of Rte 301/Rte 9, Guerilla gardening and monitored CCTV.

PRESENT: Betty Budney	Councilwoman
Richard Shea	Councilman
Barbara Scuccimarra	Councilwoman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
Edward W. Doyle	Town Attorney

Councilman Shea opened the Meeting with the salute to the Flag.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of April 2, 2009, were reviewed.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of April 2, 2009, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of April 3, 2009, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of April 3, 2009, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of April 8, 2009, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of April 8, 2009, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of April 22, 2009, were reviewed

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of April 22, 2009, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of May 1, 2009, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Barbara Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of May 1, 2009, are hereby approved as presented.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC- Councilman Shea reported that he did not attend the meeting this month due to a conflict. Councilman Shea said that they are moving to make the CAC a constitutional board so that they can have voting rights and review authority. They are working with Joel Russell and Edward Doyle to convert the CAC from the advisory capacity to a working board.

RECREATION- Councilwoman Montgomery attended the recreation meeting on April 28th. On April 20th Summer Fun registration took place. By the end of the day, the Fire Academy camp, pre-school and two theatre camps were booked. There are still some openings for the sports camps, teen theatre and summer fun camp.

The Recreation Dept. will not be using the Claudio Marzollo Community Center for the eight-week camp program due to the roof project. The Recreation Commission has approved the use of Surprise Lake Camp facilities, which was so generously offered to the Town for this program. The Recreation Department is still in the process of meeting with other local organizations to find a place to hold the pre-school camp for the eight-week Summer Fun. The roof project is moving forward and requests that the Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bidders. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be May 26th.

RECYCLING- Councilwoman Budney reported that starting May 9th the Landfill/Recycling Center would be open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. With the exception of May 16 when the Landfill will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. due to the Toxic Household Cleanup Day being held at the Health Dept. in Brewster. Call the Health Dept. to register before bringing your hazardous waste. Councilman Shea thanked the Highway Superintendent, who has done a lot of work at the Recycling Center.

PLANNING- Councilwoman Montgomery reviewed the items addressed at the Planning Board Meeting on April 16, 2009. There was one Public Hearing – Philipstown Square – for a site plan approval on Rte. 9. The Therapeutic Equestrian Center on Rte. 301 was granted a Special Use Permit; the Planning Board issued a positive recommendation to the Town of Philipstown to amend Chapter 175 of the Zoning Map; William Balter requested an amendment to condition L; Lyons Realty discussed their application for a mining operation, and TTLV Corp. submitted a new application for an Approval of Access. The next meeting will be on May 21, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW hall in Cold Spring.

ZONING- Councilwoman Scuccimarra reported on the items addressed at the Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings on April 27, 2009. There were 3 Public Hearings on variances. At the regular meeting there were 3 appeals. The next meeting will be held on May 2009.

HIGHWAY- Councilwoman Budney reported that the Highway Department is currently blacktopping potholes. Drainage improvements are being done, and pipes and basin cleaning is ongoing. Crews are out cutting and chipping brush. There are two graders in operation. For the months of March and April man-hours for Highway: \$28,425.00 grading dirt roads.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION- Councilman Shea reported that the roof on the Rec. Center is going to be replaced. Town Hall has been measured for window replacement. He reported that the town has preliminary approval for a grant that may be modified for the windows and some insulation for further efficiency of the building.

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GARRISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - Jamie Copeland reported on the GVFD activities for April. On May 8 they have their Red Cross Blood Drive. They will be coordinating with the Recreation Department for a trip to clear trails of dead wood.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR**

MONIES RECEIVED AS OF MAY 7, 2009

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Town Clerk Fees 3/09	505.61
Rec Fees 3/09	50,270.35
Justice Fees 3/09	9,157.00
Justice Fees	3,715.00
Bank Interest	504.48
P.C. DWI ck	1,000.00
AW Scrap	183.00
AW Scrap	106.00
AW Scrap	145.00
Bid Fees 02/09	8,710.00
Bid Fees 03/09	7,432.00
Bid Fees 04/09	5,457.00

HIGHWAY FUND

P.C. Ck. Sheriff's - Gas	975.33
Gen Fund - Gas	158.39
Bank Interest	809.16
Trident Ins. Snow Plow Damage	4,000.00
Village of Nelsonville Sand & Salt	2,838.86

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	49.25
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	300.00
Bank Interest	101.04

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AGENDA-

1. Gillian Thorpe to address the Town Board regarding Julia L. Butterfield Library's coming events.

Gillian Thorpe reported that the Library has 161 programs – such as CPR, defensive driving, silent movies, musical performances, and computer courses, all well attended. The library also offers online resources, which had 4,454 hits. Use of Library space - had 20 meetings and events from outsiders using the library space this year. Butterfield's bookmark – Battle of the Books team won championship last year. Awarded a grant to purchase a video camera. Partnering with Desmond Fish Library to offer computer classes. Big Truck Day will be June 7.

2. Resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for bidders for the installation of a new roof at the Recreation Community Center.

RESOLUTION #95-09

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the installation of the new roof at the Recreation Community Center

3. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the Tri-Party and Custodial Agreement with Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company

RESOLUTION #96-09

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the Tri-Party and Custodial Agreement with Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company.

4. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the Parade Permit for the Walter Hoving Home and authorization to waive the fees.

RESOLUTION #97-09

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the Parade Permit for the Walter Hoving Home and waive the fees associated with said permit

5. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the Parade Permit for Appalachian Equities and authorization to waive the fees.

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RESOLUTION #98-09

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the Parade Permit for Appalachian Equities and waive the fees, associated with said fee.

6. Resolution needed that the Town of Philipstown enters into a contract with the Village of Cold Spring for furnishing of fire protection through and by the Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1.

RESOLUTION #99-09

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

RESOLVED, The Town Board of Philipstown authorizes the Town of Philipstown to enter into a contract with the Village of Cold Spring for furnishing of fire protection through and by the Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1.

7. Code Enforcement Monthly Report

Town Clerk Merando read the Code Enforcement Monthly Report

8. Letter from Thomas Monroe, Code Enforcement Officer regarding his retirement.

Town Clerk Merando read the letter to Supervisor Mazzuca giving notice of Thomas Monroe's intention to retire as Code Enforcement Officer of The Town Of Philipstown effective Friday, June 26, 2009.

9. Resolution needed scheduling a Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law entitled Zoning, to amend the Zoning Map dated June 18, 2007.

RESOLUTION #100-09

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing on June 4, 2009 at 7:45 p.m., at the Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, to hear comments for/against a proposed Local Law to amend the Zoning Map dated June 18, 2007.

10. Schedule Workshop/Meetings

Councilman Shea deferred scheduling Workshops since Supervisor Mazzuca was not in attendance.

There will be a site meeting on Monday, May 10 @ 9:30 a.m., at Old Albany Post Road.

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

Councilman Shea thanked Town Clerk, Tina Merando, for all the work put into preparing all the Grants that the Town has applied for. He is hoping to get an energy grant to put some solar energy into the Rec. Center.

2010 Census - Councilwoman Budney stated that between April and July, U.S. Census employees will be visiting every household in the Philipstown area. They must know the address and physical location of each place where people live or stay. The Census employees will be wearing official identification and will have hand-held computers. Councilwoman Budney noted that the 2010 Census is important for the distribution of 300 billion dollars annually of the government funding for critical community services and creates thousands of jobs. The Town encourages constituents to participate ensuring that the Town gets their fair share of government funding. It also brings jobs and data can be used to make important decisions, such as where to build roads, schools, etc. Redistricting, which will occur on the State and Local levels, will use data collected from this Census. This data will also determine how many seats New York State will have in Congress.

Councilwoman Budney thanked Jim See of Putnam County Corrections and his men, who did community service cleaning up at the Cedar St. Cemetery. Councilwoman Budney then asked the Town Clerk to send a letter to Sheriff Smith thanking him. Councilwoman Budney stated that she will ask them to do this every year, as it could save the town between \$900 - \$1,200. She also thanked Dr. Valenti, Haldane School Superintendent, for having students from the school clean the Mountain Avenue Cemetery and also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to them.

Councilwoman Montgomery sent a letter to the Deputy County Legislature, Don Sully, regarding the red light issue (Rte 9 and Fishkill Rd.), about 3 weeks ago expressing the towns concerns that this project is not moving forward. She also noted that she spoke with the Deputy Putnam County Highway Superintendent, who gave her some background information as to possibly what the schedule is. Councilwoman Montgomery requested that schedule in writing.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra attended the Garrison School Board Meeting and commended the Board and Advisory Committee on the great job they have done with the budget in difficult times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Annual Fishing Day, sponsored by Garrison Fish and Game Club, will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. All Philipstown youth are invited, from toddlers through 14 years.

The Kick-Off Picnic at Fahnestock Park, sponsored by the Friends of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Park, on May 16, 2009, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission. Rain or Shine. Website: www.fofhh.org/picnic.

AUDIENCE

Putnam County Legislator Tamagna spoke about another opportunity for the residents of Philipstown and Putnam County, and that is as Deputy Chair of the Legislator he had an opportunity to announce the “Marking of your Old House.” This is a great project, not only will it be fun, but will go a long way in protecting our heritage and archiving the important history we have. This gives us an opportunity to send

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in to our County Historian and Review Board an application to put a medallion on your house. Applications are available at the Town Hall and Village Hall. He noted that there are no restrictions if you get the designation - - purely for research.

County Legislator then discussed the Quadricentennial, stating that beginning June 4th, the regatta will start with the tall ships at the Statue of Liberty. On Sunday, June 7th, a lot of people were expected, both on the river and at the waterfront. The Boat Club and other boat clubs above us will join the procession. He encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy June 7th. Time (tide/weather dependent) will be 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm.

He also commented that the legislature is starting a new committee on “Green Energy” and are seeking a member from Philipstown who might be interested in serving on that board. Please contact the Clerk of the Legislature and submit a quick Bio. The first meeting will be in the beginning of June.

He also discussed the light on Rte. 9, reporting that Philipstown was on a long list and the light would not be installed until 2013, which was not unacceptable. He stated further that negotiations are really close to completion in order to maintain safety, since the re-alignment of the road has become so dangerous. In fact, there have already been several incidents there. The County has negotiated that the state will give the County the equipment (approx. \$100,000) and the County would actually do the installation. He is anticipating that we will get the equipment by the end of the summer or early fall. The installation will be one of the priorities for our Highway Dept.

Legislator Tamagna also brought to the Town Boards attention one issue in Continental Village with regard to run-off, in which the Town Board requested that Mr. Tamagna forward the information to them and they would follow up.

Ande Merante addressed the Town Board with regard to how residents dispose of acrylic/latex paint. Councilman Shea said he knows it is a problem, but was aware of a product that dries it up.

Mr. Merante expressed his concern with regard to the retirement of Tom Monroe and who would be overseeing the duties. Councilman Shea reassured Mr. Merante that someone would be filling in – Bob Emerick, who now works every Thursday and has 15 years of experience, would be available to be there full time until a new candidate is hired.

Mr. Merante questioned the contract between the Village of Cold Spring Fire Co. In the past the contract was with the Fire Co. and not the village. Town Attorney Doyle interjected that the State Controllers opinion was that the contract should be directly with the Village. Mr. Merante asked if the Town would then be partially paying for Length of Service awards, as well. Councilman Shea confirmed that the Town would be paying for this and that the contract will be directly with the Village.

Mr. Joe Regele addressed the Town Board and would like to thank Jamie Copeland, of the Garrison Fire Department for coming here and reporting each month. Mr. Regele questioned why the Fire Department has not submitted their budget, which was due on March 31. Mr. Copeland responded that it has not been received from the auditors and as soon as it is, it will be made available.

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VACANCIES

Recreation Commission (1)
CV Park District Advisory Committee (3)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (1)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Shea and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$110,225.04 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5 and 5A.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$74,694.09 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5 and 5A.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$110,856.28 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5 and 5A.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$121,705.99 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5 and 5A.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra to close the Monthly Meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk