

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
John Van Tassel	Councilman
Michael Leonard	Councilman
Robert Flaherty	Councilman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

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

Minutes of the Bid Opening of July 27, 2016, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard that the Minutes of the Bid Opening of July 27, 2016, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilman Leonard reported that the board met on July 12, 2016 and there were 2 (two) applications: EASU and Robert & Lauren Bresnan. There are no items on the agenda for August 12, but the board will be meeting to discuss the open space inventory report updated by Nicole Pidala. Supervisor Shea noted the excellent job done by Nicole. The Supervisor thanked her for all of her hard work on the report, stating she did an incredible job and her parents should be very proud. Councilwoman Montgomery suggested the report be adopted as part of the open space inventory. Supervisor Shea stated that this report will become the new open space report once the Conservation Board has reviewed it and made any recommendations.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that there had been no meeting of the Recreation Commission since the Town Board last met. He reported that summer camp is up and running and that the Fall program booklet came out this week.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that recycling is going well. They are on an automatic schedule now, which seems to be working.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Flaherty reported that the Board met July 21, 2016. There were 3 (three) items on the agenda: 1) Return of a performance bond to HJF Trucking & Excavation, 2) CF Diversified Corp, and 3) Horton Road LLC Hudson Highland Reserve. There is no meeting scheduled for August. The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2016.

ZONING BOARD – Councilman Van Tassel reported he attended both the July 11 and July 25 meetings. At the July 11 meeting there were 3 public hearings: 1) Steven Flavin, which was continued to the July 25th meeting, 2) Robert Manzella, and 3) Griffin Landscaping. There was also a review of an application for Christopher & Maria Marrison; a public hearing was scheduled for September 12, 2016. The July 25th meeting continued with Steven Flavin, which was lengthy, and discussion will be continued at the September 12th meeting. The next meeting of the board will be September 12, 2016 held at the Recreation Center.

HIGHWAY – Councilman Van Tassel read the Highway Report submitted by Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Councilwoman Montgomery commented on the work being done to clarify that the roads are not becoming gravel roads. The work is still in the process of being finished. The Councilwoman stated that the project is also behind schedule due to excessive rain over the last few weeks. Councilman Leonard reported he is aware that there are concerns regarding the new property development on Winston Lane and that the building inspector, Greg, would be following up on the issue.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea reported that he would be meeting with Ron Gainer to start firming up the plans for the Dahlia house and intends to get it out to bid in September. He thanked Town Clerk Merando and Ron Gainer for working together on a grant for the project. Councilman Flaherty and Councilman Van Tassel plan to meet with the building inspector in regards to the project in the coming week to discuss the layout.

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY – No report was received this month.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR'S REPORT – Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra spoke regarding the Butterfield Project. She reported that the Ailes' have decided to pull their donation of \$500,000 for the project. Legislator Scuccimarra re-assured the Board that the project is moving forward. The legislator stated that she has the support of the County Executive, Pat Sheehy and the majority of the legislature. They have reached out to different funding avenues and have already secured \$250,000. Regardless, the seniors will still get their senior center. She requested that the board, and anyone in the audience, please reach out to Sandy Galef & Sue Serino for funding. She stated that any funding the project received would diminish the amount of bonding they would have to do, which they are prepared to do. Councilwoman Montgomery questioned whether the \$250,000 mentioned by Legislator Scuccimarra was new or was already incorporated in the original plan. It was clarified by the Legislator that the \$250,000 was new. Supervisor Shea reported that he reached out to the County Executive as well as the Mayor to assure that things would continue to move along. Legislator Scuccimarra added that the most important thing is for everyone to work together to continue and finish this project for the seniors. Supervisor Shea noted that the number one issue is getting a place for the seniors. Legislator Scuccimarra then offered her gratitude to the Ailes' for all their time and hard work put into the project. Councilman Leonard suggested that if the county does as well the second half of the year as it did the first, in regards to excess sales tax, the county could look into providing some funding towards the Butterfield Project.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE – Councilman Leonard reported that the committee met on July 12 and that cemetery property lines turned out to be the biggest discussion of the night. There are conflicting boundaries according to two members of the group. According to one map, the grounds actually extend all the way across Cedar Street. Another member has come across some old records that may however dispute that map. Councilman Leonard reported that the cemetery committee from the county will be coming over to have a discussion on August 17, 2016 at 10 A.M. at the Silver Spoon. After their discussion they will be visiting the Mountain Street and Cedar Street cemeteries. Councilman Leonard added that Fall restorations are still being discussed and reminded everyone that the committee meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. Anyone is welcome to join.

At this time, Supervisor Shea asked that audience comments be made. Grace Wilkie stood and asked how long exactly it would take for the gravel to actually bond to the roads. Councilman Van Tassel stated that the highway department had started to sweep up loose gravel that day. Councilmen Van Tassel and Flaherty both stated that the highway department had borrowed the county's sweeper in order to assist with the clean up. Councilman Van Tassel added that there is another 'binder coat' still to be applied; the job is not yet complete. Councilman Flaherty added that the last step should be completed some time in September.

John Cronin addressed the board in regards to a turtle study he and his students from Pace University are conducting in the wetlands along the top end of Fishkill Road (County Road 10) in Philipstown. Their intent is to study wildlife mortality on highways. They have set live traps in order to catch and identify the number of species of turtles that inhabit the area and intend to weigh, measure and tag the animals before releasing them. He added that several of the neighbors who live along the wetlands along Fishkill Road have agreed to grant Mr. Cronin and his students access to the pond in order to further their studies. The end goal is to try and devise mitigation methods and encourage turtles and other animals to use culverts that are already in the highways. He added that he and his students are participants in a much larger research project occurring throughout the northeast and that he and his students also received a stipend from the Estuary Management Program. They picked this road in particular as a pilot program in the Hudson River Valley for studying the turtle mortality, so it's actually a special study area for the Estuary Management Program. Councilman Van Tassel added that in front of the North Highlands Fire Department, members had cordoned off an area in the front lawn where they had found some turtle eggs.

Mr. Cronin then thanked Barbara Scuccimarra for all the work she has done in regards to the Senior Center. He stated that in addition to being a resident of Philipstown, he is a senior and has attended all of the hearings regarding the Butterfield Project. He added that for all the controversy that has surrounded the project, the one thing everyone agreed on from the get-go was that a senior center was necessary. It is his hope that from here forward, everyone can 'clear the slate' and work together and get it done.

Jennifer McCreery from the Desmond-Fish Library spoke regarding some upcoming events for the library. The library is holding a series of Community Conversations as part of their long range planning effort with the community in regards to how the library can help support the community's larger goals. They will be held at various locations throughout the community. The first will be held on August 11, 2016 at the Desmond-Fish library. The Friends of the Library book sale, which serves as a huge fundraiser for the library, will begin on August 13, 2016 and run through August 24, 2016.

AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the release of the Completion Bond for Carol Fisher formerly known as HJF Trucking & Excavation, 3643 Route 9, Cold Spring as recommended by the Philipstown Planning Board.

RESOLUTION # 131-2016

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

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2016, the Planning Board determined that the Site Plan Approval was complete;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of the Completion Bond in the amount of \$15,890.41 to Carol Fisher formerly known as HJF Trucking & Excavation Co., 3643 Route 9, Cold Spring, New York.

2. Resolution accepting the Butterfield Inspection Activity Report from April thru July 2016 and approving the submission for payment.

RESOLUTION #132 -2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Butterfield Inspection Activity Report from April to July 2016 and approves the submission for payment.

3. Code Enforcement Monthly Report

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

Supervisor Shea welcomed the new Code Enforcement Officer, Greg Wunner. The Supervisor noted that he is very competent as well as a super nice person and we are very lucky and pleased to have him.

4. Resolution appointing Granite Frisenda to the Zoning Board of Appeals filling the vacancy left by William Flaherty.

Supervisor Shea expressed his sadness over William Flaherty stepping down. The Supervisor spoke very highly of Granite Frisenda and his father, Joe, and read the letter Mr. Frisenda wrote to the board. Supervisor Shea then welcomed Granite Frisenda and thanked him for stepping up.

RESOLUTION #133 -2016

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Granite Frisenda as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals whose term will expire March 31, 2020 filling the vacancy left by William Flaherty.

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

Councilman Leonard requested that the meeting scheduled for September 1, 2016 be changed to September 8, 2016. A state representative, John Wolham of the New York State Regional Southern Region Office of Real Property Tax Services will be attending the September 8 meeting to discuss/explain the complex formula breakdown. Councilman Leonard requested that anyone intending to attend the meeting submit any questions they have before hand in order to give the representative time to research. The Councilman asked that this matter be placed first on the agenda. He added that this is a good step moving forward. Councilman Van Tassel suggested that the meeting venue be moved to the Continental Village Firehouse. Councilman Van Tassel said he would contact the Chief in Continental Village to get clearance to use the facility. Audience member Grace Wilkie suggested obtaining a copy of the document(s) beforehand for residents to read so when the representative is giving his presentation they have some sort of understanding and are able to come up with more thoughtful questions for him. Councilman Leonard said he would reach out to the representative this week.

Councilwoman Montgomery reported that the State of New York's Office of Substance Abuse Services just announced a grant that is available for rapid treatment expansion. It is a grant to add more beds to existing facilities and for those that have OSAS certification. Councilwoman Montgomery suggested that she and Town Clerk Merando get together to get the word out to those facilities here in our area and offer them support on our end.

Councilwoman Montgomery reported that a letter of support was written for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's grant application for a NYS Consolidated Funding application for Hudson Valley In The Round. It is a destination marketing campaign for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.

Councilwoman Montgomery reported that she spoke, at length, with Sandy Galef as well as a County Legislator regarding the Butterfield issue & moving forward with it. She expressed her commitment to finding the resources necessary to make up the difference for keeping this project moving. Supervisor Shea added, with the budget for the project being \$152 million, if it is down to \$250,000, he's confident it will not be an issue.

Councilman Van Tassel reported that the Zoning Board has been meeting at the Recreation Center due to handicap accessibility issues, noting that this facility is currently the only ADA compliant facility. Councilman Van Tassel noted that he has been looking into putting in air conditioning in the room where the meetings are held. The window unit that is in place does little to help cool the room. The Councilman stated that they have solicited prices from different companies and he feels strongly that that room should be air-conditioned considering that it now serves as an emergency Red Cross shelter location but would be extremely uncomfortable if such a situation were to arise. Councilwoman Montgomery suggested keeping the issue at the forefront and consider applying for consolidated funding next year, as it is used for seniors and emergency services and meets all the criteria for funding. Councilman Van Tassel added that would be the best scenario and there is also a room upstairs at the Recreation Center that is used as a work out room that also gets extremely hot.

Supervisor Shea reported that an HVAC company has also been to the Town Hall to look at replacing a condenser and the whole system because it is obviously loud and antiquated and not energy efficient. The Supervisor also had James from Dain's lumber come to the Town Hall and he and James measured the windows together. He and James will be putting together a plan to replace the windows. Supervisor Shea stated that the windows in the Town Clerk's office would be replaced before winter. He added that Councilman Van Tassel had met with a local contractor in regards to fixing the corners on the side of the

building. Councilman Van Tassel added that he spoke with the contractor that morning and he was going to rework the price, but that he has also looked into other local restoration contractors to do some work.

Supervisor Shea stated that there is a larger plan for the building, but there are certain needs that need to be met before winter. The Supervisor added that a plan is in the process of being put together to fund these items.

Supervisor Shea questioned Councilman Flaherty about the status of the Betty Budney Memorial Fund. Councilman Flaherty reported that he has raised about \$3,000 so far for the memorial. He has been in contact with Doug Logan and was given a price for a bench. Councilman Flaherty hopes to receive some more orders for the bricks before placing the final order in mid-September and hopes for this memorial to be completed before the end of Fall.

6. Schedule Workshops/Meetings

Councilman Van Tassel and Councilman Flaherty will be meeting with Greg next week in regards to the Dahlia House. Supervisor Shea added that he will be away the upcoming week.

Audience member Grace Wilkie suggested an ad be placed in the newspaper regarding the memorial for Betty Budney to remind the public. She states that she never saw the ad and that may be true for others who would be willing to donate. Councilman Flaherty stated that his intent is to put another an ad in the paper the coming week.

Councilman Leonard reported that a combined training for Planning & Conservation is planned for September. Councilwoman Montgomery suggested that members from all boards be invited. Councilman Leonard explained that Planning and Conservation share many commonalities. Supervisor Shea suggested that the training be open to all, but not required for the other boards.

VAVANCIES

There are 0 vacancies at this time.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$76,120.03 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 7A & 8.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$48,347.80 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 7A & 8.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$3,070.40 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 8.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$10,477.32 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 8.

Monthly Town Board Meeting
August 4, 2016

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard to close the Monthly Meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tara Percacciolo
Deputy Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF AUGUST 4, 2016**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Justice Fees 6/16	9,863.00
TC Fees 6/16	1,222.36
TC Fees Dogs 6/16	283.50
ReCommunity Recycling	75.75
Bldg. Fees 7/16	19,811.76
Justice Fees 7/16	4,614.00
TC Fees 7/16	5,020.00
TC Fees Dogs	411.50
ReCommunity	61.20

HIGHWAY FUND

Gen. Fund Gas	273.41
PC Gas	1,421.39
Gen. Fund Gas	63.88
PC Gas	2,073.33

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT
