

Monthly Town Board Meeting
September 3, 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
	Robert Flaherty	Councilman

Ethan Gunther of Boy Scout Troup #437 opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of August 13, 2015, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of August 13, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Councilman Leonard said that the only thing he wanted to comment on was the Stormwater Management meeting similar to what was done in the spring earlier this year. He would like to talk to Councilman Van Tassel about looking into having another such meeting in the fall at North Highlands. He would have the wetland inspector attend and other members of the Conservation Board to address any issues/questions the residents might have.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that they did not meet yet --- actually they were meeting tonight. He will report back at next months meeting. Councilwoman Montgomery did say that the summer camp had a great season with a record attendance. Thanks to Amber Stickler and her summer staff for all the hard work.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Montgomery said that the only thing she had to report was with regard to the contract the Town has with the e-waste company. She asked Legislator Scuccimarra if the contract for the e-waste had been signed. Legislator Scuccimarra responded that she believed that it had been signed. Councilman Flaherty said that he spoke with Roger Chirico about the possibility of one of his workers using the forklift to load the container, and Superintendent Chirico said that he would give it some thought. No definitive answer as yet. Councilman Flaherty said he would talk to him again.

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PLANNING BOARD - Councilman Flaherty reported that there was no meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 18, 2015.

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel reported that there was no meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2015. He said that it is still up in the air as to where it will be. Town Clerk Merando said that it has been booked at the Butterfield Library.

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

Supervisor Shea said that he had a conversation with Superintendent Chirico about seeking information on a modular solution for the situation at the trailer. He said that something does need to be done.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea said that in the month of September the Board would have to start thinking about proposals for the Dahlia house.

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY- Councilwoman Montgomery read the report submitted.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR'S REPORT – Legislator Scuccimarra discussed where to have the medication drop box located. She said that the Village of Cold Spring has denied her request to have it in the Village office because they feel it would be problematic. She will approach the Sheriff in Nelsonville about having it there. She said that even though the parking is difficult there she thinks that it would be the only other solution, although she did have a discussion with Town Clerk Merando about having it at the Town Hall - upstairs in the courtroom area. Councilman Van Tassel said he thinks the best place would be to have the box in the Nelsonville Sheriff's office. Legislator Scuccimarra did agree with that saying "it's not the perfect spot, but you need surveillance and we do need to have something on this side of the county."

Butterfield update – the big hospital building will be coming down in the next two weeks. The work on Building #2 will start next Tuesday. Things are progressing.

Legislator Scuccimarra announced that Bob Ferris has retired after 35 years. He will still be the Dog Control officer and he is also involved with the Coalition.

Last week Senator Schumer was here at Foundry Park pushing for federal funds to designate places along the river to be more accessible to fishermen, boaters and kayakers.

Legislator Scuccimarra has invited the Riverkeeper to come to the health meeting to discuss micro-beads. "Micro-bead Free Waters Act" hopefully will take effect January 1, 2016. Micro-beads are tiny little plastic beads that are now in a lot of our healthcare products (shampoos, facial scrubs, toothpaste). She said that the

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problem with this is that they do not break down and it is a problem all over the world. People are now realizing how many things contain these beads.

Legislator Scuccimarra went on to say that she likes to keep track of what is going on in the Senate and Assembly and right now there is a very good bill that Senator Hannan sponsored and Senator Servino co-sponsored to amend the public health law to create the "Care Act" to identify caregivers. They will designate to the hospital the caregiver and then the hospital will train this person in the care of the person going home. It is a really good law and she hopes it will be passed.

October 7, 2015 the Garrison Fire Dept. will have the clinic for flu shots from 2:00 – 6:30 pm – the cost of \$25.00. If you are a senior or have Medicare it is free.

The heat programs for seniors – if you think you are going to have trouble heating your home this winter please contact Yvonne Niles at (845) 808-1700 ex 47112.

Putnam County Board Council for People with Disabilities is looking for new members. If you have a disability and want to advocate at the County level, contact the group. You can offer suggestions and ideas to make Putnam County more disable friendly.... what is your vision? You just have to commit to attending four (4) meetings.

Councilman Van Tassel asked about setting up a meeting with the Emergency Services Coordinator. Legislator Scuccimarra said she would work on that.

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**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Justice Unclaimed Bail	9,160.89
Thompson West Credit	147.00
CTV Fees	20,068.00
CTV Fees	13,349.00
Bldg. Fees 8/15	16,185.00
Rec. Comm. Paper Recycling	49.05

HIGHWAY FUND

Put. Co. Gas	1,533.87
Put. Co. Gas	804.94
NYS Fema	225,193.13

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	350.00
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AGENDA

- 1. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign a letter in support of an act to authorize the electronic transmission of proposed local laws to members of the Town Board.**

Town Clerk Merando noted that Assemblywoman Galef and Senator Young introduced this. Currently the law states that the law must be put on the Board Members desk or sent by U.S. mail. She thinks that it is a good thing to support it. Supervisor Shea said yes, especially since it has been kicking around since 2013.

RESOLUTION #145-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign a Letter of Support for an act to authorize the electronic transmission of proposed local laws to members of the Town Board.

- 2. Resolution re-appointing Jamie Adams as a member and Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term, which will expire September 30, 2020.**

RESOLUTION #146-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Jamie Adams as a member and Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term, which will expire September 30, 2020.

- 3. Resolution re-appointing Gordon Casement as a member of the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term, which will expire September 30, 2020.**

RESOLUTION #147-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Gordon Casement as a member of the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term, which will expire September 30, 2020.

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4. Resolution re-appointing Jane Ponton as a member of the Recreation Commission for a seven-year term, which will expire September 1, 2022.

RESOLUTION #148-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby re-appoints Jane Ponton as a member of the Recreation Commission for a seven-year term, which will expire September 1, 2022.

5. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

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

5A. Resolution authorizing the purchase of two trucks; Code Enforcement and Recreation.

Supervisor Shea explained that the Building Department vehicle has met the end of its life so they need to have a new one. The Board would like to go ahead and make a purchase on a state bid. They will use the same financing mechanism as used by the Highway Department and which has the lowest rate (2.75%). The Town will not have to make any payments until 2016 and this item was put in the 2015 budget. At the same time the Town would like to purchase a vehicle for the Recreation Department because they do not have a truck down there. The Town can afford it and it is in the budget so the purchase will not have any impact. It can be financed over the next five years.

RESOLUTION #149-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of two (2) vehicles; one for Recreation, which will be a pick up truck, one for the Building/Code Enforcement Department, a Ford Explorer. The purchase will be financed by First Niagara Leasing, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 @2.75%, totaling \$53,484.12 (4 yearly installments of \$13,371.03).

6. Schedule workshops/meetings.

- September 9, 2015 @7:00 pm Continuation of the Public Hearing for Garrison Fire Company becoming a district.

Town Clerk Merando confirmed that this has been advertised for two consecutive weeks. The continuation of the Public Hearing will be held in Garrison Fire House.

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Supervisor Shea said that the Board will meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @7:00pm, for a special meeting to go into Executive Session for interviews for the Board of Commissioners.

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

Supervisor Shea announced that they have received finalized drawings from Ron Gainer for the sidewalk project on Fair Street and would like to advertise for local bidders. The Board is waiting to get the final approval from the Village to coordinate with them before taking the fence down. They do anticipate that the grant will cover the bids, but they want to be 100% sure before taking the fence down. Also, they may have a start date for the Washburn Parking Lot and he is working with NYS Parks Department on this.

Councilwoman Montgomery wanted to make note of the Philipstown Communities that Care Coalition meeting that consists of local leaders, parents, teachers, administrators from the school and will take place on September 16, 2015, 9:00 – 10:30 am, at North Highlands. The Coalition is focusing on the heroin epidemic. She will keep everyone posted on future meetings. She went on to say that there is a public presentation of the Haldane High School substance abuse survey and have had 25 Narcan trainings. There have two additional quantitative surveys; young adult and parent development. They are trying to develop a pamphlet on how to talk to your kids.

Councilman Leonard wanted to quickly touch on the cemetery on Cedar Street...another tree came down which took out two gravestones. He said that he would like to get started on the cemetery committee. There are four (4) people interested in volunteering but he feels that maybe we should advertise to see if there would be interest from others. Town Clerk Merando asked if the Board wanted to pass a resolution for her to advertise for people interested in the cemetery committee.

Councilman Flaherty announced that the Betty Budney Memorial request for donations was in the Putnam County News last week and is also on the web page. Supervisor Shea said that no matter what the donations are, the Town would still do this in the fall.

RESOLUTION #150-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the cemetery committee.

AUDIENCE

Ms. Betsy Calhoun asked Supervisor Shea if he had any questions in regard to the documents she had put together for him. He said "no" that he did not.

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VACANCIES

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$89,112.10 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 8A & 9.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$42,052.38 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 8A & 9.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$12,697.20 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 8A & 9.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$ 7,805.17 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 9.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk