

Monthly Town Board Meeting
October 1, 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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of August 19, 2015 – Garrison Fire District, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of August 19, 2015 – Garrison Fire District, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of August 19, 2015 – Dissolution of Fire Company, were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of August 19, 2015 – Dissolution of Fire Company, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of August 19, 2015, were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of August 19, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of Monthly Town Board Meeting of September 3, 2015, were reviewed.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of September 3, 2015, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Councilman Leonard reported that the Board met on September 15, 2015. There were a couple of residents attending the meeting to discuss the work they wanted to do. Another resident from Peppergrass Lane was there to discuss a driveway access. The next meeting will be on October 13, 2015.

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RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that they did not meet as originally scheduled. They will meet on October 6, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Montgomery said that there was an ongoing issue with the contract with the County and Vintage Tech. She has been in touch with the County law department and has asked them to remove the stipulation that would require us to have a forklift or pallet jack on site at the Recycling Center. The County law department has gone back to Vintage Tech to ask to remove that stipulation. She has yet to hear from them. She is hoping that the stipulation will be removed so they can move forward.

PLANNING BOARD - Councilman Flaherty reported that they met September 17, 2015 with a very full agenda: Garrison Cafe, Scanga, Hudson Highland Reserve, and Olspan LLC. Next meeting will be on October 15, 2015

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel attended the meeting on September 14, 2015. There was one item on the agenda: Verizon Wireless. Next meeting will be held on Monday October 26, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

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

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea said that there is a presentation tonight on one of our buildings. He has been speaking with Councilman Van Tassel and Councilman Flaherty about working up a proposal and plan for this building and the building next door.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR'S REPORT – Legislator Scuccimarra was not in attendance as she had a meeting at the County.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2015**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Rec. Fees 7/15	112,148.81
Rec. Fees 8/15	84,072.17
Justice Fees 8/15	10,638.00
Justice Fees 8/15	6,958.00
Tax Coll. Penalty Ins.	11,657.00
Tax Coll. Reminder Fee	158.00
Tax Coll. Unpaid Reminder Fee	408.00
Tax Coll. Bank Int.	13.64
Tax Coll. Misc.	35.29
Town Clerk Fees 8/15	415.52
Town Clerk Dog Fees	335.00
NYS Per Capita Aid	33,820.00
Bldg. Fees 9/15	9,339.01
Bank Int. 5/15 – 8/15	282.78

HIGHWAY FUND

Put. Co. Gas	1,842.71
NYS Fema	294,984.73
Bank Int. 5/15 – 8/15	575.77

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Int. 5/15 – 8/15	10.74
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Bank Int. 5/15 – 8/15	39.33
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AGENDA

1. Presentation by Michael Rauch with regard to Solar Energy.

Mr. Rauch is a volunteer member of Solarized Beacon Plus. Solarized is a campaign to organize groups of homeowners to buy solar energy for their homes, at the same time from the same installers. In doing so they can get group discounts for each participant. Catskill Mountain Keeper and Sustainable Hudson Valley got together and organized Solarized Hudson Valley. They then broke that area down into smaller sub groups – Beacon being one of them. Philipstown and Newburgh joined the Beacon group; hence we have Solarized Beacon Plus. A couple of months ago they ran a request for proposals for qualified solar installers. They then narrowed the list down to two: Apex Solar and New York State Solar Farm. These companies were chosen on price, quality, general reputation and the capacity to handle a number of projects in a short period of time. Solarized Beacon Plus is working to spread the word to encourage people to go to “Solarized Hudson Valley.org” where you can basically sign up very quickly for a free site assessment. Mr. Rauch went on to say that this is the time to do this since the state and federal incentives are still around. The third element he would like to add are the two umbrella groups that also arrange for low interest financing in conjunction with NYSERDA. Coupled with the incentives, people can save more than the system costs. The only downside in this is that it is a little late in getting into the game because there is only six weeks left for these incentives. This doesn't mean that you have to have an installed project, but you do have to have a signed contract.

2. Discussion with regard to the formation/dissolution of the Garrison Fire District.

Supervisor Shea said that it has been a long time coming and noted that the Town and Garrison Fire have had several meetings and Public Hearings on this. He asked Councilman Van Tassel to take the lead on this discussion. Councilman Van Tassel proceeded to explain. He said that they have had several discussions as a Board and basically what they decided to do was to postpone the formation of the District and the dissolution of the Protection District to January 2, 2016. This would allow the Town to once again do the budget for the Garrison Fire Dept. for the 2016 calendar year. The way the budget will be broken down is; 1/365th of it will be paid to the Garrison Fire Department on January 1, 2016. On January 2, 2016 when the five commissioners (which will be announced tonight) take over as the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District they will be able to utilize the balance of the budget, that we provide to them, for the 2016 calendar year. Then they will have from January to October to create a budget for the 2017 calendar year. In his eyes this will give them a good amount of time to create a bottoms up budget for the 2017 calendar year. The 2017 budget will not be held to the 2% cap, which they will be able to exceed for the first year.

Councilman Van Tassel thanked the eleven candidates and said that the Town was fortunate to have that many people to come up to the plate to volunteer. He said it was not an easy decision choosing the five (5) people they did but he thinks that they sincerely want the Fire Department to succeed. The five (5) candidates the Board chose are:

Nat Prentice
David Brower
Sandy Bohl
Rodney Tudor
Joe Mercurio

Councilman Van Tassel noted that this term would be for one year then there will be an election by the general public for the five (5) commissioners. He went on to wish the group the "Best of Luck". He noted that they would not be officially commissioners until January 2, 2016, and training would be provided to them.

Supervisor Shea said that the whole concept of doing it this way was to satisfy several needs and desires expressed during the Public Hearings about the time period. He believes that it will work out much better. In short order they will have a Board of Commissioners all of next year and it will give them that latitude to wade into the complex things. He thanked the entire Board and especially Councilman Van Tassel.

Councilman Van Tassel said they are still waiting for final plans from the attorney as to how the whole process will take place and as soon as they receive that info it will be passed on.

Town Clerk Merando asked if the Board wanted to pass a resolution for the appointments. Supervisor Shea said they would not.

3. Lisa Scicluna to discuss Medicine Return Program.

Town Clerk Merando introduced Lisa Scicluna. Ms. Scicluna said she is just one member of the "The Philipstown Coalition That Cares" and the purpose of the coalition is to try and get a handle on the drug crisis in the Hudson Valley, and throughout the country. She went on to say that the problem is so monumental it is difficult to know where to start and how to best help. One thing that they do know is that an opiate addiction often starts with prescription pills they have in their own home. The group is trying to figure out how people can dispose of prescription drugs that they have in their homes. There are several programs in Peekskill and Beacon where you can bring prescriptions that are no longer used to a box at a pharmacy that is then picked up by the sheriff/police. This has been discussed with Drug World and found that it would not to be a viable option here in Philipstown. The Coalition feels the need to get a program here. They have spoken with the Sheriff's Department and Cold Spring Police and have not been able to come with a solid plan. Ms. Scicluna is asking "all the powers that need to be" to get together to try and get a "take back program" here for at least a couple of hours once a month.

Councilwoman Montgomery said that this has been a concern for some time. This is a County initiative but can we, Philipstown, take on the financial burden? Hopefully it will be located at the Village Police station on Main Street, which will have mandated surveillance provided by the Cold Spring police. It is estimated that it will cost \$64.00 per month for

Saturdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (once a month) to be paid for by the Town of Philipstown and the Coalition. More discussion is needed to work things out. The Town could give it a try and see how many people will use it. Supervisor Shea said that if the Village were willing to allow the "take back program" to take place there then the Town would pay for it.

4. Councilman Leonard to discuss "How Green is my Town."

Councilman Leonard said the Philipstown Garden Club came before the Board on July 9, 2015 and presented a potential for the Town to take a look at. Since then he had a meeting with one of the members who gave him the contents of the presentation. The presentation included sixty-four (64) recommendations and where the Town stands. Councilman Leonard took the time to do an in depth review of the recommendations. He feels that the Planning and Conservation Boards have made some significant improvements in certain areas of the Town towards environmental protection. He said that there is a page and half policy that the Club asks the Town to adopt, and as far as he is concerned he would not change any of it. He believes that it is something the Board can consider. A more in depth procedure based upon the sixty-four (64) recommendations, could then be formulated. There are areas that the Town could improve on, one being upgrades to buildings. Another step, such as the highway department trying to cut down truck idling, could possibly be adopted. Recommendations could get to a level of putting in a policy of recommendations and training for businesses to try to adopt some of these environmental best practices. The Town does not have to adopt everything overnight but it is certainly something the Town can start. He would like to personally see our Town be the first Town in Putnam County to move forward with this. Councilman Leonard thinks the policy is something achievable by the Town. The Conservation Board could be the center group to go to for consultation and advice. He is personally encouraged by this and would ask that the Board review and have a discussion next month about going forward.

5. Discussion with regard to the E-Waste contract between the Town of Philipstown and Vintage Tech for recycling.

Councilwoman Montgomery noted that this was already discussed.

6. Resolution approving the revision to the 2015 Fee Schedule, page 10 for commercial swimming pools.

Supervisor Shea said that this came about because of an application that came in recently for a large swimming pool where the fee for a building permit was \$18,000. No one thought this was fair since there is not that much administrative work for a pool. They have made an adjustment to the formula and the maximum fee for any swimming pool would be \$2,000.00.

RESOLUTION #156-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the revision to the 2015 Fee Schedule, page 10 for commercial swimming pools.

7. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the 2014 Sponsor Authorization Form for the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Length of Service Award Program.

Supervisor Shea said that this is something that is done every year.

RESOLUTION #157-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the 2014 Sponsor Authorization Form for the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps Length of Service Award Program.

8. Resolution approving the “Conceptual” design for Manitou Station Road.

Supervisor Shea said that this has been an ongoing issue. There is a portion of the road that has been sinking and floods out with people getting trapped. It has become an emergency service and safety issue. The Town has reached out to Metro North and Putnam County looking for willing partners, but could not find one as yet. The Town had Stantec draw up a plan and has footed the bill so far. Since the project is very expensive and the Town does not have all the monies it will be phased in. Metro North has indicated that they would provide some level of support, but it still remains to be seen what that level of support would be (engineering, machinery). The Town does have to move this along because the residents down there have suffered for too long.

RESOLUTION #158-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the “Conceptual” design for Manitou Station Road.

9. Resolution approving the acquisition of 59.44 acres of land as an addition to the Hudson Highlands State Park by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Supervisor Shea explained that this is another addition to Hudson Highland State Park and noted that they do pay taxes on their property. He does not have an issue with this. Councilwoman Montgomery just had a quick comment: more parkland is great, but it brings to mind our emergency services and how this taxes them. Just a reminder that the

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Town needs to petition the state for more resources for all the land they are acquiring around us.

RESOLUTION #159-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves acquisition of 59.44 acres of land as an addition to the Hudson Highlands State Park by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

10. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the Fair Street Sidewalk Improvements. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

RESOLUTION #160-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the Fair Street Sidewalk Improvements. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

11. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

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

12. Schedule Workshop/Meetings.

Supervisor Shea said that we are looking at a good budget this year and the Town is in very good condition. A report from the State Comptrollers office indicates that we have a zero risk as far as our finances are concerned. He said, six years ago the Town had negative funds balances and today we have positive funds balances. The Town has the appropriate fund balances, not over funded. With the A fund we are approaching 10% which has not happened in many, many years. This came through a lot of austerity. The proactive approach has put us in a very good position today. The Town needs to show a 1% savings in our 2016 and 2017 budget and we are set with that. Right now we have a very low debt load, good fund balances and a balanced budget.

- Schedule Budget Workshops

Highway (New Bldg.)	Oct. 7, 2015	7:00pm
Philipstown Ambulance Corp.	Oct. 7, 2015	7:45pm
Garrison Ambulance Corp.	Oct. 7, 2015	8:15pm
Cold Spring Fire	Oct. 14, 2015	7:00pm
Garrison Fire	Oct. 14, 2015	7:30pm

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Highway (Budget) Oct. 20, 2015 7:00pm

Continental Village Fire Oct. 21, 2015 7:00pm
Recreation Oct. 21, 2015 7:30pm

- Public Hearing for the 2016 Proposed Budget: Nov. 4, 2015
(*Public Hearing may exceed estimated times*)

Continental Village Park District Budget 7:30 pm
Continental Village Water District Budget 7:35 pm
General Budget 7:45 pm

RESOLUTION #161-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing for the 2016 proposed budget for November 4, 2015 as follows:

Continental Village Park District 7:30pm
Continental Village Water District 7:35pm
General Budget 7:45pm

Town Clerk Merando said that the Highway has asked to advertise for the Material Bids.

RESOLUTION #162-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the Highway Material Bids.

Councilman Van Tassel said that ironically we have a storm coming and he, Councilman Flaherty and Legislator Scuccimarra just met with Anthony Sutton, Director of Emergency Services discussing the local emergency coordination center as well as preparedness for Philipstown. He did speak with Mr. Sutton this evening who informed him that the storm was pushing east and hopefully it just keeps going out to sea. In the meantime, Amber got the generator prepped and fueled for the Rec Center that will be used as a warming center. He did contact both school superintendents to ask to use their notification systems and is waiting to hear back from them. He also spoke with Mr. Sutton about supplies. There are two supply trailers in Putnam, both of which are on the eastern side of the County. He is trying to get one of them moved to this side of the County for the Rec Center. Mr. Sutton has assured him, along with Legislator Scuccimarra, to get us supplies. Amber did go to Sam's today to get some basic staples for a night stay just in case. They do plan on opening the emergency coordination center. If the storm turns back they will have a meeting with the fire chiefs and highway over the course of the

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weekend. Hopefully the storm stays out at sea. Councilwoman Montgomery asked if there was a plan for a conference call with the County in regard to tracking. Councilman Van Tassel said he was not aware of one. He said that they are meeting with Central Hudson on October 14, 2015 to see if they will provide a representative for our emergency coordination center. Currently Central Hudson goes to the Carmel EOC so we are hoping to get a rep here. They will also be meeting with the Red Cross with regard to supplies they may be able to supply. Councilwoman Montgomery asked about coordination with the County because in past events she has requested to be on that chain of emails in regard to updates about the storm. Supervisor Shea asks that residents be prepared and check on your neighbors.

Councilwoman Montgomery was at "curriculum night" at Haldane and she is really excited what is going on there. The parents are very supportive and some newer teachers gave a heartfelt talk that gave her good feelings too.

Councilman Leonard said that we did advertise for the Cemetery Committee and would like to ask some people back. He would like to start the meeting in October. There is one applicant who lives in Beacon who spends a lot of time in our town who is a daughter of the Revolution; she has a lot of history especially with the cemeteries (family). He would like to make an exception to allow her to attend the meetings. Supervisor Shea said that he does not have a problem with that.

Councilman Flaherty said that there have been very few participants with regard to the Betty Budney Fund. He is in the process of preparing something to go out to all the local businesses.

AUDIENCE

VACANCIES

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

Supervisor Shea noted that the footbridge design is done and ready to be installed. They have the DEC approval. We have the funding and it is exciting to finally have this done.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$101,670.33 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 9A & 10.

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Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$36,099.01 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 9A & 10.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$13,069.00 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 9A & 10.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$17,702.95 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 9A & 10.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty to close the Town Board Monthly Meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk