

Weekly Town Board  
June 19, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Weekly 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
David Merandy	Councilman

**ABSENT:** Betty Budney Councilwoman

**AGENDA**

- 1. Resolution awarding the bid for the Old Albany Post Road Reconstruction Project to Ben Ciccone, Inc. of 151 Daley Road, Poughkeepsie, New York in the amount of \$538,100.00.**

Town Clerk Merando said that they have the letter of recommendation from Ron Gainer and from Roger Chirico, Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Shea stated that this is the culmination of 5 years of work by the Town Board and the Highway Department working with FEMA. He said, "If there is a definition of dysfunction it has been this process and anyone who witnessed what went on with this has to feel that if this is the best that government can do then who needs them". We put in a lot of work. We jumped through more hoops than anyone should have to go through. We got to the finish line multiple times only to have the finish line moved, and as recently as two months ago. Here we are \$538,000 - \$140,000 higher than we were six weeks ago. But this work needs to be done and the good thing about it is it's a FEMA project. It is a large project so we will be looking for more funding than what we received because what we have received will probably not cover the project at this point. It is five years old and it has also grown in scope, not from the MOA, but during the MOA process. We are going to file for the make up on this since we have the ability to do that through large projects. They will fund up to 75% and if they do fund this then NYS will fund 12 ½% and we will be left with 12 ½% of the overall cost. In the conversation that we have had in the last couple of weeks it seems that they are acknowledging that it is a large project and will be available for that extra funding. Councilman Merandy said that it sounds, from the letter from Ron, that they are confirming that. Supervisor Shea said yes but that in the past they have said, "yes, yes, yes" and then you get there and it is not. Like on the Indian Brook Road project they said yes and then they wanted to do in segments. Supervisor Shea said that this work needs to get done and that Ciccone is a good outfit and they have had a lot of experience with them. So we need to

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award it and then they will schedule it and they have been calling Highway asking when it is going to start.

Supervisor Shea thanked the Highway Department for all the work they have done on this, the Town Board for all the time spent out there walking the road and meeting the residents, and the residents for their patience.

**RESOLUTION #94-2013**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby awards the bid for the Old Albany Post Road Reconstruction Project to Ben Ciccone, Inc. of 151 Daley Road, Poughkeepsie, New York in the amount of \$538,100.00.

**2. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the Indian Brook Road Culvert Replacement Project. (nunc pro tunc).**

Supervisor Shea noted that this is another FEMA project, partially. He said, "Actually FEMA is not going to cover the culvert". This project was started prior to the storm and then got much worse due to the storm. We filed with FEMA for it and we were rejected, we appealed and filed again and were rejected again. Barbara Di Silva said she has no idea what was happening with this project and this is her property. She has not received any return call from Roger Chirico for months. She feels that she has been treated very shabbily. She does not think it is fair that she knows nothing about what is going to be done and she has spent lots of money of her own. Supervisor Shea said that he would set something up with Highway Superintendent to sit down and go over the plans with her.

**RESOLUTION #95-2013**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the Indian Brook Road Culvert Replacement Project. (nunc pro tunc).

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

Councilman Van Tassel said that he was given the task to look into an elevator and today he received a phone call from one of the manufacturers with information. There are two different models: (1) 1,400 lb – 4-5 passengers with two stops. Cost of \$50-60,000 for just the elevator (does not include the shaft), (2) 2,000 lb - 6-8 passengers that is actually too wide for the space.

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Councilwoman Montgomery then turned the discussion to the Town's website stating that Jim Requa was looking for an answer with regard to his proposal. She thinks his content is great, but do we want to compare with other websites. Supervisor Shea said that we should get somebody else in to talk to them and in his perspective, which is very limited, there should be some package already in existence and not having to rewrite code. Councilwoman Montgomery said that there are different companies that do have - like the "Virtual Town Hall". She does have numbers from them. Councilman Merandy suggested that we form a committee of people who are savvy on this subject and put together a proposal to improve and update the town website.

Councilwoman Montgomery said that she was hoping to add "The Philipstown Fire Training Report" to the agenda for the meeting of July 11. Supervisor Shea agreed.

Councilwoman Montgomery read a letter from Richard Kelly with regard to flooding from Cloudbank and the birm, which failed completely during the last heavy rains.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Weekly Town Board Meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley  
Deputy Town Clerk