

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Richard Shea	Supervisor
	John Van Tassel	Councilman
	Michael Leonard	Councilman
	Robert Flaherty	Councilman
	Judith Farrell	Councilwoman

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CONSERVATION BOARD** – Councilman Leonard reported that met on May 12, 2020 with the following items on the agenda:

- Choy – Hudson River Lane re: docks
- Riverview Industries – site visit, parking
- Scott Johnson – Mt. Brook Dr. re: access road
- Garrison Fish & Game – herbicide into pond
- Natural Resource Officer update report
- 162 Cloudbank Road – dam depth levels

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2020 via Zoom.

**RECREATION** – Councilwoman Farrell reported that the following was discussed at the May meeting;

- Summer camp – possibility no summer camp – some virtual programming
- New Leaf Garden - agreement
- Programming for the fall session
- Fall race – hopeful it will take place in fall. Need volunteers

**PHILIPSTOWN HUB** – Councilwoman Farrell reported they have been having virtual meetings. She wanted to thank all the donors who have supported them. They are planning a fund-raising virtual marathon event from June 15 – July 15, 2020. Sign up at [danielle@philipstown.com](mailto:danielle@philipstown.com).

**PLANNING BOARD** - Councilman Flaherty reported that they met on May 21, 2020. He reported that Neill Zuckerman was doing well after getting bit by a snake. The following items were on the agenda:

- Graymoor – placing a cell tower on their water tower
- Return of escrow for Connelly (Rte. 403)
- 385 Indian Brook Rd. – landscaping, escrow

- Marzollo – single family approved
- CSR Int'l self-storage – Jaycox Rd. office space
- Maggazzino – lot line adjustment – new three-story building

Next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2020 via Zoom.

**ZONING BOARD** – Councilman Van Tassel reported that they met on May 11, 2020 with a continuation of Public Hearing for Jose Romeo with regard to a building permit issued to his neighbor - 529 Route 9D.

The next meeting is scheduled for via Zoom on July 11, 2020 (no meeting in June).

**HIGHWAY** – Councilman Van Tassel read the report submitted by Carl Frisenda for the month, which is on file in the Town Clerks office.

**BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION** – Supervisor Shea reported that the Town Hall renovation project continues and they're making great progress. The windows are in and colors are being chosen. There has been another change order which will be discussed.

Councilman Van Tassel met with Justin with regard to the color of the roof shingles and exterior trim. The siding will be white.

Town Clerk Percacciolo reviewed the plans for the Town Clerks office.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE** – Councilman Leonard reported that he did place flags on the gravesites at the cemetery for Memorial Day. The stone mason is doing work at North Highlands. Had a inquiry with regard to the General Morris crypt whether there was ever a roof on it.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2020.

**PC LEGISLATOR** – Legislator Montgomery discussed getting prepared for Stage II. They are encouraging businesses to get ready to reopen. You can contact her or go to state website.

As of March 23, 2020, they are working on an austerity budget. Getting ready for state aid cuts.

She is asking that you fill out ballot for school board vote, absentee ballot and census which is really important.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN  
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR  
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF JUNE 4, 2020  
  
GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS**

T.C. Fees 3/20  
T.C. Fees 3/20  
Bldg. Fees

**HIGHWAY**

PC Gas  
PC Gas

**CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT**

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Taxes of Cortlandt

## AGENDA

### 1. Resolution supporting the “Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act”. (Roll Call Vote)

Councilman Flaherty is presenting this which was recommended by Corey Lyons last month.

#### RESOLUTION #-2020

**WHEREAS**, new discovery reform laws were passed in the 2019-2020 NYS Budget that overhauled the discovery process, requiring an expedited timeline to provide materials such as police reports, radio transmissions, body-worn and dash-cam video, along with other data related to prosecution: and

**WHEREAS**, the current law protects law enforcement personnel by allowing their personal identifying information to be excluded from discovery documents and records, but does not include protections for first responders, who in many instances provide services at crime scenes: and

**WHEREAS**, ambulance services personnel, advanced life support first response services, certified first responders, firefighters, emergency medical technicians or advanced emergency medical technicians, who are employed by or enrolled members of any such service should also have their personal identifying information protected from discovery, so they are not subject to retaliation or witness tampering;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby encourages all members of the New York State Senate and Assembly to support S.7280/A.09107, entitled the “Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, State Senator, Assembly Representative, County Executive and Supervisors of the five Towns surrounding the Town of Philipstown.

Councilman Flaherty presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Farrell.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Councilman Van Tassel, voting	Aye
Councilman Leonard, voting	Aye
Councilman Flaherty, voting	Aye
Councilwoman Farrell, voting	Aye
Supervisor Shea, voting	Aye

**2. Resolution adopting the Philipstown Fleet Efficiency Policy. (Roll Call Vote)**

Supervisor Shea said this is another addition to the Town's effort for the Climate Smart Community project which is being headed up by Roberto Muller.

**RESOLUTION #-2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Philipstown recognizes the costs associated with operating a municipal fleet, including maintenance, fuel consumption as well as purchasing and insurance, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town seeks to manage costs associated with fleet management, and:

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes its municipal fleet as a significant source of fossil fuel usage, accounting for 55% of all Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions of all municipal operations as outlined in the Town's 2016 Government Operations GHG Emissions Inventory, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town seeks to reduce its GHG emissions as per its Climate Smart Communities Pledge Resolution, passed on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town identifies the improved maintenance and efficiency of its municipal fleet as a key way to achieve its goals of lowering costs and reducing emissions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows;

1. That the Town of Philipstown adopts the Fleet Efficiency Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, and made a part of this Resolution, and that said exhibit is hereby approved and adopted,
2. That the Town of Philipstown adopts the Fleet Inventory Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit B, and made a part of this Resolution, and that said exhibit is hereby approved and adopted,
3. That the Town of Philipstown adopts the Fleet Inventory Form attached hereto as Exhibit C, and made a part of this Resolution, and that said exhibit is hereby approved and adopted, and
4. That the Town of Philipstown adopts the Fleet Inventory Tool attached hereto as Exhibit D, and made a part of this Resolution, and that said exhibit is hereby approved and adopted.

Councilwoman Farrell presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by, Councilman Van Tassel.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Councilman Van Tassel, voting	Aye
Councilman Leonard, voting	Aye
Councilman Flaherty, voting	Aye

Councilwoman Farrell, voting  
Supervisor Shea, voting

Aye  
Aye

**3. Resolution introducing proposed Local Law #1-2020 entitled "The Town of Philipstown Temporary Moratorium on New Land Use Development on Properties located on Upland Drive and Ridge Road: and setting a Public Hearing for such. (Roll Call Vote)**

Supervisor Shea asked Councilman Leonard whether it would make sense if Cliffside Court be included. Councilman Leonard agreed that it should be added. Supervisor Shea advised that the resolution will be changed to include Cliffside Court.

Elizabeth Coulombe addressed the Board with regard to her property which is three lots and whether she could put up a structure on one of the lots. Supervisor Shea advised that she would not be able to build with the moratorium.

**RESOLUTION #-2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown has a local law before it entitled: "The Town of Philipstown Temporary Moratorium on New Land Use Development on Properties Located on Upland Drive, Ridge Road and Cliffside Court", and

**WHEREAS**, in order to enact the said local law it is necessary to introduce it and hold a public hearing upon it,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the movant of this resolution does hereby introduce the above proposed local law, and

2. That a public hearing on the proposed local law be set for July 9, 2020 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. and that due notice of the same is directed to be given by publication and posting.

Councilwoman Farrell presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Flaherty,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting	AYE
John Van Tassel, Councilman, voting	AYE
Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting	AYE
Michael Leonard, Councilman, voting	AYE
Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting	AYE

**4. Resolution approving the New Leaf Proposal for a community garden.**

Supervisor Shea said he spoke with the Town Attorney today and the only thing he wants is an agreement with them on paper. Councilman Van Tassel asked whether the Recreation Commission was on Board with this. Councilman Farrell said yes they were.

**RESOLUTION #-2020**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approves of the New Leaf proposal for a community garden.

**5. Resolution authorizing the return of escrow for James & Kristan Connolly.**

**RESOLUTION #-2020**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the return of escrow for James & Kristan Connolly.

**6. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the letter of intent to participate in the Putnam County Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update project.**

**RESOLUTION #-2020**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the letter of intent to participate in the Putnam County Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update project.

**7. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of in-person summer camp programs at the Philipstown Recreation Department for the 2020 summer season.**

Supervisor Shea said that this is not something that is being done lightly and discussed with Amber Stickle at Recreation. He cannot see running a camp this summer safely.

**RESOLUTION #-2020**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the cancellation of in-person summer camp programs at the Philipstown Recreation Department for the 2020 summer season.

**8. Jeff Mikkelson to make statement of support in regard to the Board's consideration of the Resolution in support of the NYS Health Act.**

Mr. Mikkelson is available to answer any questions. He went on to explain the crisis of the healthcare situation in the State of New York. We lack a coherent healthcare system in this Country. There are major budget cuts coming that will put more pressure on healthcare. This bill will go a long way in addressing this problem. It will provide comprehensive healthcare with no out of pocket costs for all. It will save the State and all New Yorkers too. It will take a burden off the municipalities.

**RESOLUTION #-2020**

**WHEREAS**, the New York Health Act (NYHA) establishes the New York Health program, a comprehensive system of health coverage for all New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA would provide universal health coverage with no limitations to selection of health care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA would eliminate deductibles and co-pays, and all health care costs would be covered by a payroll tax similar to Medicare and a tax on non-payroll premiums, such as interest, dividends, and capital gains; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA is estimated to save billions for the State of New York by eliminating the administrative costs of private health insurance and by enabling New York to negotiate lower rates on prescription drugs and medical devices, while lowering the annual cost of health care for 90-98% of New York residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Philipstown currently spends about \$1.2 million on medical insurance each year, or approximately 10% of its total budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA is estimated to save the Town of Philipstown approximately \$800,000 in employee health care expenditures which could potentially translate into a 10% reduction in Philipstown's property tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haldane Central and Garrison Union Free School Districts currently spend about \$4,200,200 on health care, or 12% of their entire \$35.2 million tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Putnam currently spends about \$9.6 million on Medicaid (its single largest budget line item), or approximately 22% of its entire \$44.6 million property tax levy; and



**WHEREAS**, enactment of the NYHA would enable these municipalities to reduce their tax levies by eliminating approximately 10-12% of municipal health care spending, allowing reductions of property taxes to Philipstown residents by 10-12% overall; and

**WHEREAS**, health care premiums and out-of-pocket costs have risen steadily both before and after passage of the Affordable Care Act, and will almost certainly rise substantially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA has support from a broad range of professional organizations within the health care sector, organized labor and community and good government groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYHA already has passed the New York State Assembly four times, and is one Senator short of majority support in the New York State Senate;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Philipstown Town Board finds universal health care coverage is needed for the residents of the Town of Philipstown and all New Yorkers; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Philipstown Town Board supports enactment of the New York Health Act as the best way to achieve universal health coverage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Republican Leader Senator Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Republican Leader Assembly Member Barclay, Senator Serino, Assembly Member Galef, Senator Rivera and Assembly Member Gottfried.

Councilwoman Farrell presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Councilman Van Tassel,

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting	AYE
John Van Tassel, Councilman, voting	AYE
Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting	AYE
Michael Leonard, Councilman, voting	AYE
Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting	AYE

**9. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.**

- Monthly Town Board Meeting – July 9, 2020 via zoom 7:30 pm
- Workshop to discuss the results of the Community GHG Emissions Inventory, Emissions Reduction Targets and Next Steps to develop a Climate Action Plan – June 17, 2020 7:30 pm via zoom

## **10. Code Enforcement Monthly Reports.**

Town Clerk Percacciolo read the reports submitted which are on file in the Town Clerks office.

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

Sheriff Langley talked with Linda Cooper from NYS Parks and was advised the they will be opening the trails, parking lots and the beach this weekend. He was advised that NYS Police will be patrolling the parks. DOT will be putting up more "no parking" signs.

Supervisor Shea reported on the Food Assistance Program – so far, the Town has given out \$175,000. We have helped Newburgh, Beacon, Carmel and Putnam Valley. He went on to discuss the George Floyd situation stating that we stand by peaceful protestors. We support both the local law enforcers and peaceful protestors.

Councilwoman Farrell appreciates the peaceful protestors to end racism.

Councilman Flaherty reported that the countywide food drive by the Food Pantry was successful. Collecting quite a bit of food stuff. He thanked Mr. Lahey for reading the roll at the Memorial Day Service.

## **AUDIENCE**

Audience member said he was speaking for Roy Rosenstein. They are concerned about which roads are going to be paved by the Highway Dept. on E. Mountain Road South. Councilman Van Tassel said that this was discussed at the budget meeting in November and was thoroughly laid out at that time. This was approved two years ago, but was put off. Supervisor Shea said he understands their concerns and will take a look at the petition.

Another audience member (Karen ?) commented that they had been promised over the years that the road would only be paved a short distance, but paving is now being continued. She asked about how this affects the budget in this time.

## **VACANCIES**

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## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5A & 6.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$ are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5A & 6.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5A & 6.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 5.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell to close the Monthly Meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley  
Deputy Town Clerk