

Town Board Monthly Meeting
December 2, 2021 7:30 p.m.
Philipstown Town Hall
238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Monthly Town Board Meeting – November 4, 2021
- Public Hearing CVPD Budget – November 3, 2021
- Public Hearing CVWD Budget – November 3, 2021
- Public Hearing General – November 3, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Conservation Board 2) Recreation 3) The Philipstown Hub 4) Planning Board
5) Zoning 6) Highway 7) Building & Land Acquisition 8) Cemetery Committee
9) Putnam County Legislator

AGENDA

1. **Resolution accepting the resignation of Mark Galezo from the Conservation Board effective December 31, 2021 and authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for the position.**
2. **Resolution accepting the resignation of Paula Clair from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective January 1, 2022 and authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for the position.**
3. **Schedule Workshops/Meetings.**
 - **Workshop Request – Climate Smart – Community Solar w/ Jeff Domanski (12/8, 12/15)**
 - **Year-End Meeting – December 16 or 22, 2021**
 - **Re-Org Meeting – January 6, 2021 – 7:00 pm**
 - **Monthly Meeting – January 6, 2021 – 7:30 pm**
4. **Code Enforcement Monthly Report**
5. **Any other business that may come before the Town Board.**
6. **Resolution honoring Judge Tomann.**

7. Resolution honoring Richard Shea.

AUDIENCE

**VACANCIES ----- ZBA - 1
----- CB - 1**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

General Highway CVPD CVWD

ADJOURNMENT

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, NY.

PRESENT:	Richard Shea	Supervisor
	Robert Flaherty	Councilman
	John Van Tassel	Councilman
	Judith Farrell	Councilwoman
	Jason Angell	Councilman

ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Monthly Town Board meeting of October 7, 2021.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty, that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board meeting are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Public Hearing – LL#1 – Cannabis Opt Out – October 7, 2021.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell, that the Minutes of the Public Hearing – LL#1 – Cannabis Opt Out are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Public Hearing – LL#2 – Upland & Ridge Development Districts – October 7, 2021.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell, that the Minutes of the Public Hearing – LL#2 – Upland & Ridge Development Districts are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Public Hearing – LL#3 – ODA Regulations of Private Roads – October 7, 2021.

Councilwoman Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel, that the Minutes of the Public Hearing – LL#3 – ODA Regulations of Private Roads are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION – Councilwoman Farrell reported that the Recreation Department did not meet. She reported that there was a great turnout for the Castle to River Run on Saturday.

Councilwoman Farrell reported that the installation of the solar panels at the Rec Center will be taking place in the coming weeks. She thanked Councilman Flaherty for all his work on the solar project.

Councilman Angell arrived at 7:32 pm.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilman Angell reported that the Conservation Board met on October 12. The Conservation Board put in a formal request to the Planning Board to review the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival project. HVSF made an initial proposal on where the project stands and noted that they will need a Wetlands Permit. They scheduled a site visit to the property. Councilman Angell reported there were discussions about how to make sure property maintenance agreements are enforced and followed. He stated there was also an interesting conversation about a project that River Architect’s is working on related to mitigation. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9th.

PHILIPSTOWN HUB – Councilwoman Farrell reported the Hub did not have any meetings this month. She reminded everyone the Hub is here to serve everyone and is located at 5 Stone Street; information can also be found at philipstownhub.org. The Philipstown Hub provides Philipstown residents with a place in our community to access programs, services and education related to mental health and addiction. She reported that in the past year the Hub has served over 142 people, with a 136% increase during the pandemic.

PLANNING BOARD - Councilman Flaherty reported the Planning Board met on October 21st via Zoom.

- Correspondence:
 - o 3 Local Laws referred by Town Board were reviewed and comments were submitted in agreement with them.
- New Business:
 - o 5 Jupiter Hill Road
 - o Johnson - Mountain Brook Drive
- Old Business
 - o Riverview
 - o 3622 Route 9
 - o HVSF/Garrison Golf Course

A Special Meeting was scheduled for next Thursday at 7:00 via Zoom to discuss the HVSF/Garrison Golf Course project.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th via Zoom.

ZONING BOARD – Councilman Van Tassel reported the ZBA held a meeting on October 4th. There were 2 public hearings held, Connolly - 51 Route 403 and 3 Downey Lane and both were approved. The Zoning Board will not meet in November as they have nothing on their agenda. They will also not meet in December.

The next meeting of the Zoning Board is scheduled for January 10, 2022.

HIGHWAY – Councilman Van Tassel read the report submitted by Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent which is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea reported the Highway Garage is still moving along. He stated that the solar project at the Recreation Center will begin next week and should be complete in about 2 to 3 weeks. Councilman Flaherty stated it has been a long process but he is happy to see it finally coming to life. Supervisor Shea thanked Councilman Flaherty for his efforts on this long awaited project.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE –Councilman Angell reported that he had a conversation with Sue Kenney regarding the committee’s budget and there is approximately \$2000 left, after landscaping maintenance costs, to be used towards the cemeteries. He stated he would be relaying this info to the committee and requesting a work plan for anything that can be done from here to the end of the year using those funds.

PC LEGISLATOR – Legislator Montgomery congratulated Supervisor-elect Van Tassel and Councilman-elect Angell on their wins and stated she looks forward to working with them both. Legislator Montgomery reported that the county passed a \$167 million dollar budget, which she voted no on. She stated what she sees is a \$43 million dollar, or 2.3% increase during a time where our revenues have far exceeded our expenses. She stated that no other county in the area is raising taxes and Dutchess is actually cutting taxes. She questioned why taxes are being raised. Legislator Montgomery reported there is an increase of salaries for the upper management and the elected officials and a decrease in services. She reported that she did advocate to restore the marine unit several times, as well as the funding for garbage removal and to assist with tourism in the village. Legislator Montgomery also asked for funding for the Hub. She also requested that the Civil Service Sergeants position be restored. She reported all of these requests were denied. She stated they did create a new funding line, last minute, for a last minute request from Vinnie Tamagna of the Constitution Island Association for \$10,000, no program presented, sight on scene. Legislator Montgomery stated she still has not received a plan from the county for what is going to happen with the \$19 million.

Supervisor Shea stated it defies logic that the counties to both the North and the South are cutting taxes, Putnam County is having a record-breaking year with revenue, but taxes are being raised. He stated that the town supports Constitution Island and their efforts but questioned what kind of process there was for obtaining that \$10,000. Legislator Montgomery expressed her hope that people will pay more attention and that the press would do some better coverage about these issues. Supervisor Shea stated there is a complete lack of accountability on the County’s behalf.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF OCTOBER 7, 2021**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Bldg Fees 8/21	33,001.55
TC Fees 8/21	301.43
TC Fees 8/21	260.00
Justice Fees 8/21	9,261.00
Justice Fees 8/21	13,761.00
NYS DEC Climate Smart	13,749.06
Optimum Credit - VFW	215.88
Pitney Bowes Credit	50.09
Quill Credit	121.89
ARPA Funds	1,479.66

HIGHWAY

Auction International	1,775.00
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Water Collection	118,000.00
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

AGENDA

1. Resolution adopting LL #1-2021 entitled “A Local Law To Opt Out of the New York State Cannabis Law (Chapter 7-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York) In Regard To Retail Sales And In Regard to Establishment For On-Site Consumption”.

Supervisor Shea noted a well-attended Public Hearing was held on the matter. He stated his opinion has not swayed and there is plenty of time to consider this in the coming year because there won't be any licenses issued until 2022 at least; there will not be cannabis licenses issued in NYS in 2022, possibly 2023. Supervisor Shea stated he is still very much in favor of opting out at this time simply because of the fact that we do not have a handle on the administrative aspect of this, nor is there a whole lot of information out there. He reported, the board that's been empowered by the State of New York regarding administration, taxation for this program is just getting started; there are no rules and regulations in place at this point. He thanked everyone who attended the public hearing.

Councilman Van Tassel stated his view on this is completely different, possibly because of the fact that he has 2 teenagers. He stated he cannot endorse the sale and/or on-site consumption of cannabis. He stated he does not support smoking in any form but acknowledged there are other ways to consume cannabis. He is in full support of opting out. Supervisor Shea stated there is still a very lively debate taking place with regard to not only this law but the consumption of cannabis.

Councilwoman Farrell stated that she has talked to a lot of parents, families, schools, community organizations as well as recovering addicts in Philipstown and she is concerned. She stated she understands that this is an opportunity for entrepreneurs but believes the board's role is to look at the impact on our town. Councilwoman Farrell stated we have already seen the impact of substance abuse in this town and under the leadership of Supervisor Shea and Nancy Montgomery founded the Philipstown Hub to support families in their battle with addiction. She reported she is in full support of opting out.

Councilman Angell stated this has been a complicated issue for him to think through. He stated he is personally open to a retail cannabis dispensary in Philipstown. He stated he thinks of retail dispensaries much like liquor stores, especially in New York State. Councilman Angell stated he has personally enjoyed both liquor and cannabis but wants to focus on the issue of substance abuse. He stated the abuse of any substance is bad for your health and has had personal experience with family members and alcohol addictions. Councilman Angell stated he had a conversation with Great Barrington and they relayed that their top concern wasn't youth consumption or crime, but vehicle traffic. He suggested Main Street in the village would not be the best spot because of the difficulties with parking that already exist. He stated that allowing dispensaries would force the county to share some sales tax. Councilman Angell reported that while he is open to a retail dispensary, he is not open to on-site consumption sites.

Councilman Flaherty stated he has also been on the fence about this issue for quite some time. He stated his feeling is that people who are going to use cannabis are going to get it whether they get it here in Philipstown or go elsewhere. With that being said, it is too early and there is not

enough information about how this is all going to play out in the long run. Councilman Flaherty stated he believes it best to opt out at this particular time and reassess further down the road when we receive better guidance from the state.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it for consideration a local law entitled: "A Local Law To Opt Out of the New York State Cannabis Law (Chapter 7-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York) In Regard To Retail Sales And In Regard To Establishments For On-Site Consumption"; and

WHEREAS, following due notice the Town Board held a public hearing on the proposed local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the Town Board hereby adopts the above local law subject to a permissive referendum which said local law shall not take effect until at least forty-five (45) days after its adoption and will become effective upon publication, posting and filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting _____ AYE _____

John VanTassel, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting _____ AYE _____

2. Resolution making a Negative Declaration under SEQRA in regard to LL#2-2021 entitled “A Local Law To Add A New Section 175-18.2 entitled ‘Upland Drive and Ridge Road Development Districts’”

See attached Negative SEQRA Declaration Resolution.

3. Resolution adopting LL#2-2021 entitled “A Local Law To Add A New Section 175-18.2 entitled ‘Upland Drive and Ridge Road Development Districts’”.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW CREATING THE UPLAND DRIVE AND RIDGE ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, heretofore the Town Board has considered the adoption of a local law entitled: "A Local Law To Add A New Section 175-18.2 entitled 'Upland Drive and Ridge Road Development Districts'", and

WHEREAS, following due notice the Town Board held a public hearing on the proposed local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the Town Board does hereby adopt the above local law which said local law shall be effective upon publication, posting and filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting ___ AYE _____

John VanTassel, Councilman, voting ___ AYE _____

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting ___ AYE _____

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting ___ AYE _____

Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting AYE

4. **Resolution making a Negative Declaration under SEQRA in regard to LL#3-2021 entitled "A Local Law To Amend Town of Philipstown Town Code §112-35 And The Open Development Area General Regulations Of Chapter 112, Article VIII, In Regard To Standards For Development Of Private Roads".**

See attached Negative SEQRA Declaration Resolution.

5. **Resolution adopting LL#3-2021 entitled "A Local Law To Amend Town of Philipstown Town Code §112-35 And The Open Development Area General Regulations Of Chapter 112, Article VIII, In Regard To Standards For Development Of Private Roads".**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW ENACTING AMENDMENTS
TO OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, heretofore the Town Board has considered the adoption of a local law entitled: "A Local Law To Amend Town of Philipstown Town Code §112-35 And The Open Development Area General Regulations Of Chapter 112, Article VIII, In Regard To Standards For Development Of Private Roads," and

WHEREAS, following due notice the Town Board held a public hearing on the proposed local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the Town Board does hereby adopt the above local law which said local law shall be effective upon publication, posting and filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

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Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting AYE

John VanTassel, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting _____ AYE _____

6. Resolution authorizing the board to waive the bidding defect of failure to timely submit a non-collusion form from Intercounty Paving Co., Inc. in regard to the 2022 Highway Material Bid for Bituminous Concrete furnished, delivered and laid in place, and awarding the bid to Intercounty Paving Co.

WHEREAS, the Town Board put out to bid the 2022 Highway Material Bids on October 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following due notice, the Town Board held a bid opening on October 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the low bid submitted was from bidder Intercounty Paving Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the non-collusion form for bidder Intercounty Paving Co., Inc. was not signed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board reserves the right to waive and disregard irregularities and technical compliance with the bid specifications if (1) the irregularity or non-compliance does not give the bidder a competitive advantage over other bidders and (2) it is in the Town's best interest to disregard the defect in the bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

(1) That the Town Board hereby finds that the failure of Intercounty Paving Co., Inc. to sign the non-collusion form is a mere irregularity which did not give Intercounty Paving Co., a competitive advantage over other bidders and that it is in the Town's best interest to disregard the defect in the bid; and

(2) That the Town Board hereby waives the bidding defect of failure to timely submit a signed non-collusion sheet, conditional upon submission of signed non-collusion sheet prior to execution of any contract; and

(3) That the Town Board finds that Intercounty Paving Co., Inc. is the low responsible bidder on the 2022 Highway Materials contract, and awards the contract to Intercounty Paving Co., Inc.

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 VanTassel, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting _____ AYE _____

Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting _____ AYE _____

7. Resolution approving the following one (1) Change Order for the proposed Highway Department Headquarters in the amount of \$17,675.00.

- **Additional Rock Removal – GC-CO-01 – ML, Inc. - \$17675.00**

RESOLUTION # -2021

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the following one (1) proposed change orders for the New Highway Department Headquarters in the total amount of \$17,675.00:

- **Additional Rock Removal – GC-CO-01 – ML, Inc. - \$17,675.00**

8. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

- **Regular Monthly Meeting – December 2, 2021**

- **Budget Adoption – November 17, 2021**
- **Workshop Request – HHLT & Trust for Public Land – Review results of “funding feasibility study” – ZOOM – December 1, 2021**

9. Code Enforcement Monthly Report

The Town Clerk read the report, which is on file in the Town Clerks office.

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

Councilwoman Farrell wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and thanked all veterans for their service.

Councilman Angell stated that it was previously discussed to do an oral resolution to make the Philipstown Trails Committee an official Philipstown Advisory Committee and asked if that could be done this evening. Supervisor Shea stated it would simply empower a group to get together under the auspices of the town.

RESOLUTION # -2021

Councilwoman Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Angell to allow the Philipstown Trails Committee to come under the auspices of the Town of Philipstown.

Councilman Flaherty wished everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. The Councilman also encouraged those who have not already to get vaccinated and those eligible to get a booster. Councilwoman Farrell suggested flu shots as well.

Councilman Flaherty reported we are getting closer to getting a new well, a temporary test well, drilled down at the Garrison Landing Water District. The work should begin sometime in the next 2 weeks.

AUDIENCE

VACANCIES

There are currently no vacancies.

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 _____.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$_____ are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract _____.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty, to close the monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tara K. Percacciolo
Town Clerk

Agenda item #2
LL2-2021 SEQRA

RESOLUTION MAKING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA

WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it a proposed local law entitled "A Local Law To Add A New Section 175-18.2 entitled 'Upland Drive and Ridge Road Development Districts"; and

WHEREAS, this is an action subject to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board as Lead Agency has caused to be prepared an Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") Parts I and II; and

WHEREAS, following due notice the Town Board has conducted a public hearing on the proposed local law and heard all persons interested in the subject matter thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as assisted by its consultants, has considered the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town Board accepts and approves the said EAF Parts I, II and III and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the same; and
2. That after considering all of the information presented to it, including the EAF, the Town Board adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting AYE

John VanTassel, Councilman, voting AYE

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting AYE

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting AYE

Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting AYE

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WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it a proposed local law entitled "A Local Law To Amend Town of Philipstown Town Code §112-35 And The Open Development Area General Regulations Of Chapter 112, Article VIII, In Regard To Standards For Development Of Private Roads."; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town Board accepts and approves the said EAF Parts I, II and III and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the same; and
2. That after considering all of the information presented to it, including the EAF, the Town Board adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto.

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows

Judith Farrell, Councilwoman, voting AYE

John VanTassel, Councilman, voting AYE

Robert Flaherty, Councilman, voting AYE

Jason Angell, Councilman, voting AYE

Richard Shea, Supervisor, voting AYE

The Philipstown Town Board held a Public Hearing on the above date at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516. The purpose of the Hearing was to hear comments for or against the Preliminary Budget of the Continental Village Park District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022.

PRESENT:	John Van Tassel	Councilman
	Robert Flaherty	Councilman
	Judy Farrell	Councilwoman
	Jason Angell	Councilman
	Richard Shea	Supervisor

Town Clerk Percacciolo read the notice of public hearing.

Mike Phelan explained the breakdown between the three towns that contribute to the CVPD: Cortland is at 25.8%, Putnam Valley is at 7.1% and Philipstown is at 67.1%. He explained that the first page of his handout shows where the money goes. They did not put in for any raises this year.

Councilman Van Tassel questioned if they have faced any staffing issues in terms of lifeguards. Mr. Phelan stated that they do not currently but he is losing 4 guards this year so they will have to hire new guards, though he does not think that will be an issue as there is usually high interest. Supervisor Shea asked what the hourly pay is for the lifeguards. Mr. Phelan stated the minimum is \$15/hr. though a few who have been there for several years make more than that.

Mr. Phelan stated the contractual expenses are basically the same as they were last year. Mr. Phelan stated that towards the end is the debt service principal & interest for the repair of the dam and fortunately they are down to their last 2 payments.

Supervisor Shea thanked Mike Phelan for all of his work over several years. Mr. Phelan thanked Supervisor Shea for all of his service to the town and stated it has been a pleasure to work with him over the last several years.

Councilman Flaherty thanked Mike Phelan for his work and asked if there were any plans to train a successor. Mr. Phelan stated he has been training two prospective replacements.

Councilwoman Farrell expressed her appreciation for the breakdown provided by Mr. Phelan. She asked if he had any sense of usage broken down by town. Mr. Phelan responded that Cortland uses the park just as much as Philipstown but Putnam Valley residents are less likely to utilize it.

There being no further comments from the public, Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty, to close the Public Hearing at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tara K. Percacciolo
Town Clerk

The Philipstown Town Board held a Public Hearing on the above date at 7:35 p.m. at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516. The purpose of the Hearing was to hear comments for or against the Preliminary Budget of the Continental Village Water District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022.

PRESENT:	John Van Tassel	Councilman
	Robert Flaherty	Councilman
	Judy Farrell	Councilwoman
	Jason Angell	Councilman
	Richard Shea	Supervisor

Town Clerk Percacciolo read the notice of public hearing.

Supervisor Shea asked Ralph Bassignani of the CVWD if there was anything he would like to relay to the board. Mr. Bassignani stated that it was the same as last year for the most part. He informed the board that NYS rates have increased.

Supervisor Shea asked how the aqueduct project is going. Mr. Bassignani reported that they're four weeks into it now and should be through mid-January, then this 3 year portion will be done. They are going to start shutdowns again tentatively in 2028. He stated they may be re-tunneling under the Hudson.

Mr. Bassignani stated it has been a pleasure working with Supervisor Shea, and the Supervisor stated the same about Mr. Bassignani. The Supervisor expressed appreciation for all the work Mr. Bassignani has done for the CVWD and for being so attentive to the demands of the residents.

Councilman Flaherty asked where the plant is located. Supervisor Shea stated it is spread out. Mr. Bassignani explained there is the main plant, the main pump station, off of Aqueduct Rd., a pump station on Howland, a pump station on Arden, and the cross-tie on Gallows Hill.

There being no further comments from the public, Councilwoman Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty, to close the Public Hearing at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tara K. Percacciolo

Town Clerk

The Philipstown Town Board held a Public Hearing on the above date at 7:40 p.m. at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516. The purpose of the Hearing was to hear comments for or against the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Philipstown for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022.

PRESENT:	John Van Tassel	Councilman
	Robert Flaherty	Councilman
	Judy Farrell	Councilwoman
	Jason Angell	Councilman
	Richard Shea	Supervisor

Town Clerk Percacciolo read the notice of public hearing.

Supervisor Shea stated we are within the cap. There are some tweaks to be made to the Highway Department budget but other than that, this is essentially the final budget.

Councilman Angell asked for a little background on the 2% cap. Supervisor Shea explained that it's based on the consumer pricing index and it's never quite 2%, it's always under. There's also the formula that the state sends as well as the growth factor. There is also a carryover if you don't exceed the cap from the prior year. He stated it's a fairly complex formula but the state normally provides you with the number, the maximum amount you can increase your budget.

Supervisor Shea explained there is an increase for the Ambulance Corps. Councilman Van Tassel stated each agency was increased by just under \$70,000. He stated there may be more as the ARPA money is distributed and it is clarified what that money can be used for. He reported that Sue Kenney has reached out to a consulting firm to help clarify what that money can and cannot be used for.

Councilwoman Farrell questioned if the funds that we already got from ARPA is included in the budget. Sue Kenney explained it is not. Supervisor Shea and Councilman Van Tassel explained they would like to see some of the money go to the Hub as well as emergency services. They also noted that this money is a one-time thing and won't be recurring. There will be a process for distributing the funds. Supervisor Shea stated that nothing tops the administration of federal money. Susan Kenney stated it is very involved we will use our auditing firm to keep track of it all.

Councilman Angell stated he held a virtual community event on the ARPA funds and will be writing up a report to supply to the rest of the board encompassing some of the ideas gathered from those who attended.

Councilwoman Farrell questioned if there was any consideration about dedicating some of the money towards grant writing. Councilman Angell questioned who has written grants in the past. Supervisor Shea stated he has written several grants over the years. He stated the first step is finding a grant that you think you have a chance of getting, then finding someone who specializes in that type of grant writing. He stated that having a grant writer increases your chances of getting it, exponentially.

Councilman Angell asked where he can find information in the budget portraying the revenue hit to the town due to COVID. Supervisor Shea stated that Recreation took an extreme hit. Councilman Van Tassel explained that although there was a reduction in revenue, there was also a reduction in expenses because we did not have to pay the referees or the summer employees they would normally employ. There were also positions that were never filled. Sue Kenney stated that information could be found on page 7.

There being no further comments from the public, Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel, to close the Public Hearing at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tara K. Percacciolo
Town Clerk

MEMORANDUM

December 2, 2021

TO: Philipstown Town Board Members

FROM: Carl Frisenda

SUBJECT: Work performed by the Philipstown Highway Department for the month of November

- The last roads to be resurfaced for the year have been finished: Canopus Hill Rd. (Philipstown section only), Horton Rd. (from Rt 9 to Mill Rd) and Jaycox Rd. (Rt 9 to end of pavement-top of hill).
- In anticipation of the Winter Season the Highway Department would like to repeat some good advice from last year. Please consider the following:
 - Have a safe place to park your car during winter storms – NOT along a town road.
 - Do NOT push or shovel snow back into the roadways – NYS Law.
 - Is your mailbox post sturdy enough to withstand snow coming off the plows? If the post is starting to rot, consider replacing it as already compromised posts are easily destroyed.
 - Is your vehicle snow/ice friendly? Consider snow tires.
 - Move all personal items away from the shoulders of the road. If you don't our plows will.
 - Make sure you have made arrangements for snow/ice control for your driveway or private road. Make sure shoveled snow is shoveled to right of driveway so we do not push back as much into your driveway.
 - If travel is not necessary, please try to stay off the road.
 - Please be considerate to the Highway Workers. These dedicated individuals work long nights and very early mornings to keep the roads as safe as possible.
 - And most of all – please go slow and be patient.
- The department purchased two new dump trucks with plows, which were paid for out of the 2021 budget. They have FINALLY arrived and the crews are anxious to start using them.
- This time of the year the shop is very busy starting maintenance on the plows and sanders for our snow removal season. Fingers crossed it will be light!
- Update on the new Highway Garage:
 - Footings are in. Pouring should be done by end of this week.
- The entire Highway Crew wishes Anthony Garufi, our top Mechanic of 17 years, a Happy Retirement. His shoes will be hard to fill and no words can express how much he will be missed.
- Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. Stay safe and stay warm.
- The Highway Department received approximately 25 phone calls/emails regarding road complaints and issues for the month of November.
- The Highway Department spent approximately \$15,000.00 in vehicle maintenance and repairs in November.

**Above monthly account submitted by:
Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent**

RESOLUTION # - 2021

The following Resolution was presented by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Mark Galezo from the Philipstown Conservation Board effective December 31, 2021 and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for said position.



Town Clerk <townclerk@philipstown.com>

Conservation Board - resignation

1 message

Mark Galezo <MGalezo@philipstown.com>
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@philipstown.com>

Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 11:39 AM

Hi Tara,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position on the Philipstown Conservation Board effective December 31, 2021.

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to have served as a member of the Conservation Board for the past 14 years and as chair for the past 2.

Please don't hesitate to contact me going forward as I will always be happy to assist in any way I can.

Thank you
Mark Galezo

RESOLUTION # - 2021

The following Resolution was presented by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Paula Clair from the Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals effective January 1, 2022 and authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for said position.

Paula Clair
162 Gallows Hill Road
Garrison, New York 10524

November 12, 2022

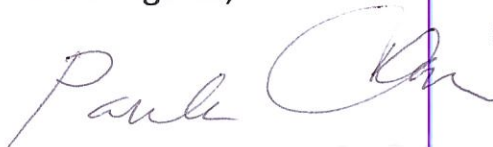
Tara K. Percacciolo, Town Clerk
Town of Philipstown, New York
PO Box 155, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Dear Tara,

It is with much regret that I tender my resignation as a member of the Philipstown Zoning Board effective January 1, 2022.

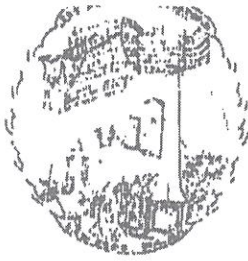
I want to express my deep respect and admiration for the Town Board, the Town Supervisor, Richard Shea and the new Town Supervisor, John VanTassel, as well as for the Zoning Board Chairman, Bob Dee and the members of the Zoning Board. I have enjoyed working with all of you, and I am happy with the direction you have set and continue setting for the town.

Best Regards,



Paula Clair

Cc: Richard Shea
John Van Tassel
Bob Dee



Town of Philipstown

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MONTHLY REPORT for November 2021

1. Fees Collected	78,280.50
2. Total Number of Permits Issued	<u>39</u>
3. New One- or Two-family dwellings:	-
4. New Commercial/Industrial buildings:	<u>1</u>
5. New Hazardous (H) occupancies:	-
6. New Multi family occupancies:	-
7. Additions, alterations or repairs residential buildings	<u>5</u>
8. Additions, alterations or repairs commercial buildings:	-
9. All other permits (pools, sheds, decks, plumbing, HVAC, etc.)	<u>33</u>
10. Number of Certificates of Occupancy :	<u>10</u>
11. Number of Stop Work Orders issued:	<u>2</u>
12. Operating permits issued	-
13. Operating permits issued hazardous materials	-
14. Operating permits Hazardous processes and activities	-
15. Permits issued for the Use of pyrotechnic devices:	-
16. Inspection of public assembly :	<u>1</u>
17. Inspection of commercial occupancies	-
18. Inspection of buildings with 3 or more dwelling units:	-

Projects of Significance: PLEASE SERVICE YOUR FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY NOW THAT HEATING SEASON IS HERE