

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:39 p.m., the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516.

PRESENT:

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman
Robert Flaherty	Councilman
Michael Leonard	Councilman

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilman Leonard reported that they met on April 10, 2018. There were 4 items on the agenda: 65 Steuben Road, Conservation Board found non-compliant house, Nat Prentiss – Comprehensive Plan update, Hudson Highlands review submitted a report to the Planning Board for a positive declaration. The next meeting will be on May 8, 2018.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that he was not able to attend the meeting. He will report next month.

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY THAT CARES - Councilwoman Montgomery reported that they met last Wednesday. Judge Reitz, Putnam County Drug Court Judge, made a presentation on how the drug court works and what can be done as a community to piggy back with them. Some great ideas were shared on what the drug court is about and its effectiveness on how it has helped people. The Philipstown Town Court Justice, Camille Linson, was also present and what came out of this was that the Town Court and County Court agreed to work together so we can provide a drug court service here. Councilwoman Montgomery is hopeful that this can work. It was a great meeting which included Cove Care formerly Putnam Community and Family Services and representatives from the Putnam CTC. The next meeting will be the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Flaherty reported that he attended the meeting on April 19, 2018. The first item on the agenda was the return of escrow to Altec Service Center/Robert Miller. Old business: Highland Reserve Route 9, James Copeland, and Surprise Lake Camp. New business: Garrison Property Holding and Alex Campbell. Other business: Lithgow Osborne. The next meeting will be on May 17, 2018.

ZONING BOARD – Councilman Van Tassel reported they met on April 23, 2018. There were three (3) Public Hearings: WHUD tower, 22 Hudson River Lane, and 28 Lane Gate

Road. Two new applications: 69 Hy-view Terrace, and 28-30 Hudson River Lane. Next meeting will be held on May 14, 2018.

HIGHWAY – Councilman Van Tassel read the report submitted by the Highway Department, which is on file in the Town Clerks office.

Supervisor Shea reported that he met with Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent, with regard to speed limits. Suggested speed limit signs will be put up on South Mountain Pass.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea reported that he met with Greg Wunner, Building Inspector, today to talk about the Town Hall Building and to go over any code issues with the plans. They came up with some other ideas. Justin came down today and met with Kelly Fricke, Court Clerk, to talk about what is going to happen up there in the court area. They will finalize the plans, then get together with the Village of Cold Spring and get a bid document together for this project. The windows for the town hall have to be in and they will rebid the install for those.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATOR – Legislator Scuccimarra reported that the work on the Senior Center is going to start. The bid was awarded to Key Construction Services, LLC in Poughkeepsie. So they initiated the last bit of funding. They seem to think that the work won't take as long as first thought and the space should be available to start using by the fall. She did not received much of a response with regard to the name for the center so they are going to go with "Friendship Center of Philipstown". She will be meeting with Amber Stickle and Mike Cunningham to discuss what kind of programs they should have there. Councilwoman Montgomery discussed what other programs the center could be used for.

Legislator Scuccimarra's committee, the one army in the war on addiction task force, had its second meeting. The committee includes Mike Piazza-Social Services, Joe De Marzo-Commissioner of Social Services, Sheriff Langley, Bob Tendy-DA, Krista Mc Connell-Prevention Council, Doreen Lockwood and Bruce Kelly- Community that Cares, Susan Solomon- Drug Crisis in our Backyard, Diane Russo- Cove Care. There are so many issues and they are trying to concentrate on what can be done legislatively now to get stuff done right away. They picked three (3) initiatives: 1) raising the smoking age from 18 to 21, with vaping being a major concern in the schools. 2) Zoning laws and 3) they thought about prohibiting the dispensary of medical marijuana, but that is a state initiative. Their task for the next meeting will be to come up with another initiative that they can move forward with.

With regard to the drug court, Judge Gina Capone of Putnam Valley, has also been doing a version of drug court so Legislator Scuccimarra thought that getting the three judges to sit down together to get something done would be a good start. She would really like to see this in every court.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day is this Saturday, May 5, 2018. You will need to sign up in advance by calling the Health Department at 845-808-1390.

Legislator Scuccimarra is still working on the plastic bag ban which is moving along very slowly. Supervisor Shea asked if she wanted a letter of support from the Town. She said "yes." She knows that the state is looking to do this also, but would like for Putnam County to be out there and why wait.

Lastly, launched in 2015 by Dutchess County Executive Mark Molinaro "Think Differently" is a highly successful initiative aimed at fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for individuals with special needs. So she and Assemblyman Kevin Burns have invited him to come down to Putnam to do a presentation on "Think Differently". Working with the disabled the last few years has opened her eyes to the difficulties they have every day. The presentation will take place on May 25, 2018 at 10:30 am at the Bureau of Emergency Services.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE – Councilman Leonard reported that they met on April 10, 2018. They had a guest speaker, Tom Capanelle, who offered some assistance with regard to the scouts and the mapping of the Mountain Avenue cemetery. He thanked the Highway Department for cleaning up the brush at the Cedar Street Cemetery from the storms. The committee will arrange taking down some of the dead trees at the Cedar Street cemetery. He attended the County meeting on April 11, 2018 and they are moving forward with the creation of our own 501C3. They have reviewed and finalized everything and he was asked to be one of the Trustees. The committee will probably be creating their own private funding which will not be controlled by anyone but the group itself. It is being structured so that the funds will be distributed to all six towns equally, unless a donation is requested to go to a specific cemetery. He also volunteered to host the next meeting with the County on May 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm here. They will also be putting out the flags for the Memorial Day Parade. The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2018.

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY

Councilwoman Montgomery read the report submitted by the library;

- The library is now lending out humane animal traps, yard tools, power washers, leaf blowers, and camping and hiking equipment. All you will need is a library card.
- Friends of Butterfield will hold their annual Book Sale in May. Preview sale will take place on Friday, May 8, 2018 at 5:30 pm
- They offer weekly walk-in Tech Help. Visit between 3-5 pm on Fridays and ask for Patrick. You can also arrange a one-on-one by emailing jbldirector@gmail.com
- Learn more about the library's digital material by going to the website butterfieldlibrary.org

- Butterfield and Desmond-Fish Libraries have partnered again to bring the community Small Business Workshops. Check website for more info.
- Do you have an idea for a new library service? Contact Gillian Thorpe at jbldirector@gmail.com or 265-3040.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of April 5, 2018 were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of April 5, 2018, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Executive Session of April 11, 2018 were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Executive Session of April 11, 2018, with Councilwoman Montgomery abstaining, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Public Hearing of April 11, 2018 – Cold War Veterans Exemption were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of April, 2018 – Cold War Veterans Exemption, with Councilwoman Montgomery abstaining, are hereby approved as presented.

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Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of April 11, 2018, with Councilwoman Montgomery abstaining, are hereby approved as presented.

Minutes of the Hearing of April 11, 2018 – Denial of Wetlands Permit were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty that the Minutes of the Hearing April 11, 2018 – Denial of Wetlands Permit, with Councilwoman Montgomery abstaining, are hereby approved as presented.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF MAY 3, 2018**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

TC Fees 3/18 Dogs	185.50
TC Fees 3/18	3,659.81
Justice Fees 3/18	7,962.00
Rec Fees 3/18	51,779.05
Justice Fees 3/18	8,438.50
Quill Refund	146.77
Bldg. Fees	11,256.50

HIGHWAY

NYS FEMA	80,588.85
Gen Fund Gas	388.51
PC Gas	2,218.95

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Rentals	350.00
Taxes Cortlandt	47,328.00

AGENDA

1. Resolution accepting the Stormwater Annual Report for the Town of Philipstown 2017-2018.

RESOLUTION #86-2018

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown has been identified as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) under the EPA's Phase II Stormwater Regulations under the Clean Water Act of 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Phase II Program requires each MS4 to prepare an Annual Report, on the efforts the Town of Philipstown to protect and improve the water quality of our streams and waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, the public is invited to review the Annual Report and provide input; and

WHEREAS, Annual Report has been prepared in conformance with the Phase II Regulations by the Stormwater Management Officer of the Town of Philipstown; and

WHEREAS, that Annual Report must be submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation offices in Albany, New York by June 1, 2018 or as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual Report is accepted by the Town of Philipstown Town Board and that said Annual Report is available for public review at <http://www.philipstown.com>, the Highway Department and the Philipstown Town Hall.

2. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between the Town and Putnam County Department of Real Property for preparation of all documents needed in relation to tax collection/assessment rolls, etc.

RESOLUTION #87-2018

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 contract between the Town and Putnam County Department of Real Property for preparation of all documents needed in relation to tax collection/assessment rolls, etc.

3. Michelle Smith of Hudson Highlands Land Trust to discuss the new Proposal submitted by The Chazen Companies for the Town of Philipstown's Groundwater Report update.

Michelle Smith submitted a proposal from the Chazen Companies to the Town Board for the Groundwater Report update. The proposal to update the 2007 study recommends that in addition to the basic update there should be a study on updating the depths of wells. Chazen also recommends working with the Town and various representative from the Town to identify sites where either historic land use or current land use gives cause for concern about what the impact is having on some of our water sources. The obvious is the business on route 9 and the impact that some of these activities might be having on Clove Creek and Clove Creek aquifer. So identifying sites and getting a sampling program up and running is part of the proposal. The proposal does not include the sampling costs itself, and the Town budget would not cover all of this, but they (Hudson Highlands Land Trust) have another source of money. In looking to do an expanded water study that includes things like roads, road salt, and pesticides that have an impact on the aquifer and Cold Spring water supply they applied for grant money from the state which they are pleased to say that they were awarded. They will be contracting separately with Chazen to incorporate conservation measures and to do an analysis of the Cold Spring water shed which is one of the most important parcels that need conservation or extra land use protection measures along with the Clove Creek aquifer. They would also look at some of the issues in Continental Village area.

The cost of the proposal from Chazen for Philipstown is \$10,000 which is what was budgeted and it is a fixed price.

Supervisor Shea said that they had a workshop with Chazen at which time they presented their proposals to the Town Board. He asks the Town Board to look over the document carefully because he would like to have a resolution next week authorizing the release of the funds so that they can enter into the contract with Chazen. Supervisor Shea also noted that this was already budgeted for this year.

Councilman Flaherty asked Ms. Smith whether they were looking at newer wells that have been recently drilled to see if they are deeper than those drilled 30 years ago. Ms. Smith said that basically they will be filling in the gaps because nothing has been done since 2000... 18 years.

4. Resolution authorizing the release of Escrow Funds to Altec Service Center/Robert Miller of 1380 Route 9.

Town Clerk Merando read the letter from the Planning Board dated April 19, 2018 authorizing the release the escrow funds.

RESOLUTION #88-2018

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of Escrow Funds to Altec Service Center/Robert Miller of 1380 Route 9 as recommended by the Philipstown Planning Board.

5. Resolution authorizing the Highway Department to bill a resident for damages done to a town road in the amount of \$450.36 which includes overtime. (Nunc Pro Tunc.)

RESOLUTION #89-2018

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Department to bill a resident for damages done to a town road in the amount of \$450.36 which includes overtime for Highway personnel.

6. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the reports submitted for Cold Spring and Philipstown which are on file in the Town Clerks office.

7. Schedule Workshops/Meetings

May 9, 2018 7:30 pm	Approve resolutions for the funds to Chazen for the water study
	LOSAP change for Continental Village
7:45 pm	Solar Panels on the Recreation Center

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

Supervisor Shea reiterated that the Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for Saturday. There is also a Hudson Valley Relief Urban Forest Workshop in Middletown which is an arborist class and a good program. Along the same lines there is an availability of grant funds from the DEC for urban forestry projects. That includes purchasing trees for schools. The Town did this before and planted trees all around town.

He noted that the town did receive a letter from the County with regard to the Friendship Center.

Supervisor Shea said that he would also like to discuss the proposal from Comfort Master for the work to be done in the Building Department next week at the workshop.

Councilman Flaherty had a few things:

- Ed Murphy invited the Town Board to the Memorial Day Parade.
- Reminded everyone of the Fishing Day derby on Fishkill Road this weekend.
- Congratulated "The Nest" on their 20th Anniversary.
- Thanked all those who donated blood.
- Royal Carting vouchers are available for any spring cleaning.

Councilman Van Tassel reported that Councilwoman Montgomery, Amber Stickle and he met with Brian Gerber, Red Cross area Director, who has assured them that if there is a need for a shelter in Putnam County it will be at the Recreation Center here in Philipstown. There will be two locations with one being on the east side of the County and the other here. The meeting went well and Mr. Gerber is committed to the Recreation center building and they are willing to take in pets. He also assured them that someone from the Red Cross will be here.

Councilwoman Montgomery said that she has a few things:

- Congratulated Joe Etta on his 100th birthday.
- Wanted to make note of the passing of Jean Marzollo...she was a hometown hero.

This brings her to a great idea that Danielle Pack McCarthy has and that is about acknowledging hometown heroes. Ms. Pack McCarthy's point is that the key to prevention is by connecting. Councilwoman Montgomery would like to start this program right now...maybe it can be approved at the next meeting. Supervisor Shea said he would like to discuss a little more and maybe have Danielle come to the workshop next week.

AUDIENCE

Liz Armstrong asked if the Town Board has given any thought on climate change, which appears to be real, by changing any of the zoning laws or anything else that deals with the climate change and the effects it has. Supervisor Shea said that as far as priorities go getting off fossil fuels is his first priority. A discussion ensued on what needs and/or can be done.

Janice Hogan said she is curious if any Town Board member attended any workshops with the state concerning the waterfront because the high tide is about a foot away from the top of the rocks at the foot of Main Street? Supervisor Shea said that the Town does not regulate the village water front. He thinks that agencies like Metro North would be the most concerned. The only thing we are doing here is we started a community choice aggregation program for electrical purchase.

Ms. Hogan then ask if the Town would be interested in getting some of our sales tax back from the County. She has come up with a simple idea to put some pressure on elected officials at the County level to return a portion of the sales tax to the location that created that tax. We are one of only eleven counties that do not get a portion of sales tax returned. There has been one county in the last five years that was able to make that change so there is hope for this. So ideally she would like to get together in a workshop to hear ideas from the Town Board. Supervisor Shea invited her to attend the workshop on May 16, 2018.

Legislator Scuccimarra said that she would also like to attend that workshop. The only other thing she wanted to say is about the shelter. Commissioner Claire did make an error. Everyone then agreed that they do not want to look back.

Kim Conner said that in terms of climate change; that she went to a very basic SEQRA and Planning Board training class and one of the things that she found interesting was that a guy from Rye who got up and spoke said that they do not do SEQRA because there is nothing to preserve.....everything is built out.

VACANCIES

CV Water District (AWTPO) (1)
Recreation Commission (1)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$147,072.29 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 4A & 5.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$32,207.25 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 4A & 5.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$34,037.80 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 4A & 5.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$11,515.35 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 4A & 5.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Flaherty to close the Monthly Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk