

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m., the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516.

PRESENT:

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

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilman Leonard reported that there was no meeting since last month. He did attend a Stormwater meeting with the Wetlands Inspector and Highway Department which took place on August 23, 2017. They discussed setting up a responsibility matrix with guidelines for the next year to meet certain goals they establish. They are purchasing Stormwater decals to go on drains to remind people that whatever is put down the drains will go into our waterways. Other discussions were about illegal dumping and the impact, pesticide control issues, and testing water quality. The Board will be setting up a special meeting to discuss Stormwater and preparations for hurricanes. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2017.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel was away when the meeting took place, but has a report from Amber Stickle. Summer camp programs had a record number of participants. Registration for fall programs began August 7, 2017 for town residents and August 14, 2017 for non-residents. “Castle to River Run” will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and you can register at “active.com” or at the Recreation Department. The commission also discussed a training program and background check for coaches. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2017.

PUTNAM COALITION THAT CARES - Councilwoman Montgomery reported that the coalition held a very special candlelight vigil on August 31, 2017 in recognition of “Overdose Awareness Day.” These vigils were held nationally. David Gerber of St. Christopher's Inn was guest speaker and the choir sang songs. She was asked to speak on government initiatives, but chose to talk about the power of the community getting together to recognize this issue. Councilwoman Montgomery thanked everyone involved.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Flaherty reported that the meeting took place on August 17, 2017. The following items were on the agenda: Public Hearing for Manitoga Properties (school), Return of escrow for Jared Della Valle, Rockman-Berquist, 1657 Route 9D (Chris Buck), 200 Lake Surprise Road (McHugh), and Hudson Highland Reserve. The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2017 at the VFW Hall.

ZONING BOARD – Councilman Van Tassel reported that there was no meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2017

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

Supervisor Shea clarified that any paving scheduled is for already existing paved roads. He also met with Carl Frisenda with regard to the building and the garage at Highway. They will be getting a proposal to replace them.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that the Dahlia House annex project is on schedule. Supervisor Shea said that Monteleone is doing a great job. Once that job is completed work will start on the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Montgomery asked about the consolidation of the Highway Departments – Philipstown and Cold Spring. Supervisor Shea said he thinks it is a good idea. Councilwoman Montgomery asked, if so, can she look into the Department of State incentives.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATOR – Legislator Scuccimarra said that the Legislature had a proclamation for the Month – National Recovery Month. The proclamation is about raising awareness for the problems we are having with drug abuse. There are 23 million Americans in recovery today. She reported that most Towns have programs such as Narcan training and prevention treatment, and that we are trying to do as much as we can too. Legislator Scuccimarra emphasized that raising awareness is of the utmost importance. She then went on to discuss synthetic drugs and what needs to be done there and proposing a law on banning them. The County law department is looking into how to craft such a law and hopefully it will happen in the next few months.

Legislator Scuccimarra had been working on medication take back days until the state interceded and took it over. The State is working on a law that mandates pharmacies to take back medications and this should take effect in the next year. Senator Murphy has legislation for a seven (7) day rule for prescriptions of opioids. This will require that you have to re-apply for a new prescriptions after the initial (7) seven day prescription expires. Senator Gellibrand has taken this to the federal level.

Legislator Scuccimarra attended a press conference with Senator Serino and Didi Barrett. They passed a bill that seeks to safeguard the river by bolstering the state's ability to exercise jurisdiction over the Hudson River. Towns in the Hudson Valley have sent supporting resolutions to oppose the parking of barges by the Coast Guard, but these

bills have not yet reached the Governor's desk so the County has sent another resolution urging the governor to sign the bill.

Legislator Scuccimarra reminded everyone that it is flu season and the Health Department is going to have its first clinic on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Carmel Fire Department on Route 52, the second will be on Wednesday October 18, 2017 at the Garrison Fire Department, and the third on Monday Oct 23, 2017 in Carmel.

Breakneck; do we dare go there? She wrote to Senator Serino and Assemblywomen Galef asking them to please come and help as we need their input. She reminded them that this is their district. She went on to say that we can't seem to find a solution. Breakneck trails are a mess, the route 9D corridor is a mess and we need some answers now. A meeting with them has been set up for September 19, 2017 at 1:30 pm. She also invited the new commissioner of emergency services, Ken Clair and the Sheriff. Hopefully we can find even a small remedy. Supervisor Shea said that the Washburn lot was a state and local initiative and is now open for parking with 47 slots. The Parks Department has come down to place "no parking" signs in front of the lot. He had a meeting with the DOT and they have agreed to place more signs along 9D from the Washburn lot to the Cornish Trail on both sides of the road. Breakneck will be closed starting January 1, 2018 to do some trail restoration and to finish the parking area. The trail will remain closed until they can get a handle on things. The train will not stop there during the construction of the Fjord Trail. They are going to try and disperse people into other areas of the park. Legislator Scuccimarra talked about using the trolley in the spring to move people to different areas of the park. Supervisor Shea said that what is really needed is park police.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE – Councilman Leonard reported that there had been no meeting since last month. He said that he did attend a County cemetery meeting. The committee discussed the 5013C possibility to see about the ability for private funding. Funding from private sources will allow them to do larger restorations. Restoration on the Cedar Street cemetery has started. The next meeting will be September 12, 2017.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

TC Fees 7/17	\$6,665.25
TC Fees Dogs 7/17	\$411.50
Town Justice 7/17	4,381.00
Re Community Paper Recycle	94.20
Justice Fees 7/17	6,093.00
AW Scrap Metal	421.00
Bldg. Fees 7/17	27,241.91
NYS DOL Safety	3,562.83
Verizon Ref.	8.82

HIGHWAY FUND

Gen Fund Gas	\$261.58
Put. Co. Gas	321.49

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

AGENDA

1. Honorary Resolution for the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Supervisor Shea read the proclamation and congratulated the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corp for their service. Councilwoman Montgomery wanted to mention something about the award; it is a pretty big deal that comes from the state. It is a very prestigious award.

RESOLUTION #125-2017

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

WHEREAS, the members of Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps selflessly give their time to save the lives of others and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps is to be commended by the Town of Philipstown for receiving the 2017 Putnam EMS Council Agency of the Year Award: and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation, our citizens depend upon emergency services and those who have committed themselves to delivering pre-hospital care, and the many distinguished members of the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps have answered the call, demonstrated their dedication to their role as an EMS volunteer, and tirelessly sought to strengthen and improve our community; and

WHEREAS, Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps has led the way in providing the best patient care which is essential to the protection and safety of the people of the community, they have assumed greater responsibilities, met new obstacles, and faced growing threats, and through all of the adversity they continue to perform at the highest level of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps be recognized and congratulated for receiving the Putnam EMS Council 2017 EMS Agency of the Year Award and for years of commitment to protecting the lives of their families, friends, and neighbors throughout Philipstown.

2. Discussion regarding the proposed Cell Tower overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

Supervisor Shea asked to move agenda item #11 to #2.

Frances O'Neill expressed her thanks to the Board and in particular to Mike Leonard for the outstanding job of restoring the "Gods Acre" in the Nelsonville cemetery. She is now asking for the Boards help to preserve the Cold Spring Cemetery. Their support for an alternative site for the cell tower, like the Town Highway Department garage property is needed. Supervisor Shea agreed that the cemetery proposal should have been a "non-starter" from the beginning. Mrs. O'Neill stated that Homeland Towers wrote her that Philipstown was not interested in the proposal for the Highway Department property. Supervisor Shea said that they had several discussions with Homeland Towers recently and that this offer never came up during those meetings. Mrs. O'Neill continued to refer back to Homeland Towers saying that the Town was not interested in discussing this possible site. Supervisor Shea stated that this discussion was more of an accusation than a collaboration and Mrs. O'Neill agreed that it was. Supervisor Shea went on to say that working together was more important than what Homeland Towers was saying.

Mrs. O'Neill pointed out that 50 trees will be destroyed for the new tower, and that putting the tower on the town garage property would bring revenue to the town. She provided the Board with 70 signatures against the proposal and said that there would be 30 more. The Board did agree with Mrs. O'Neill on the planned tower location as being a bad idea. Other residents also spoke up about the issue questioning whether another was even necessary. Tim Greco, Pastor of the Church on the Hill, said he would be willing to offer using the steeple on the church – something that has been done before. Supervisor Shea said that the Town is going to "aggressively pursue the highway garage and other sites." He will also be in contact with the Nelsonville Mayor.

3. Resolution approving the contract for the new filing system for the Code Enforcement Office.

Supervisor Shea explained that this system was found at the Butterfield site costing us a lot less money. This contract is for installation and the base.

RESOLUTION #126-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the proposal for the implementation of a Spacesaver Compact Shelving System and related professional services between the Town and Donnegan Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$19,361.28.

4. Resolution authorizing the release of Escrow Funds for Jared Dell Valle of 117 Round Hill Road.

RESOLUTION #127-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the release of Escrow Funds for Jared Della Valle, of 117 Round Hill Road, TM#39.-2-21.2.

- 5. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the lease agreement between the Town and Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$183.02 for 60 months.**

RESOLUTION #128-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the lease agreement between the Town and Pitney Bowes for an updated postage machine in the amount of \$183.02.

- 6. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Equipment Sales Contract between the Town and Commercial Alarm Systems for the Dahlia House in the amount not to exceed \$4,555.00.**

RESOLUTION #129-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the Equipment Sales Contract between the Town and Commercial Alarm Systems for the Dahlia House in the amount not to exceed \$4,555.00.

- 7. Resolution approving the Revised Open Space Index dated June 2016 as submitted by the Conservation Board.**

Supervisor Shea said that this revised open space index was a project of Nicole Pidala. This is a super valuable document that she has brought up to date. He thanked her for all her hard work on this. Councilman Leonard said it clearly identifies the changes between reports and what kind of impacts there have been. Supervisor Shea noted that the internship was through the Highland Land Trust and thanked them.

RESOLUTION #130-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves and accepts the Revised Open Space Index dated June 2016 as submitted by the Conservation Board.

Kim Conner requested that all members of the Planning Board be given a copy of this report.

Michelle Smith of Hudson Highlands Land Trust, said that in adopting the open space index there is reference to it in the zoning code and it basically just gives guidance. The resource values identified in the open space index should be preserved to the maximum extent practical in any development approval. There is another very important aspect of how this may impact the zoning code in the future and that is the open space overlay district which is not the same as the open space index. She went on to explain the difference and the importance of the overlay.

8. Resolution authorizing Badey & Watson to prepare a survey for 982 Route 9D, Garrison, TM#71.-1-38 (gift of land)

Supervisor Shea explained that this survey is for a piece of property in Garrison that the Town is looking to acquire with no fee to the Town. Councilwoman Montgomery said that she has some new information and asked to hold off on this until further discussion. The rest of the Board wants to go ahead to get this survey done now.

RESOLUTION #131-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Badey & Watson to prepare a survey for 982 Route 9D, Garrison, New York, TM#71.-1-38.

9. Resolution authorizing the Highway Department to auction off surplus equipment through Auction International.

RESOLUTION #132-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Department to auction off surplus equipment through Auction International.

10. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the agreement between the Town and Michael P. Carr for engineering services for the proposed elevator and staircase renovations to the Town Hall.

Supervisor Shea explained that this is for the elevator at the Town Hall. The town is finally in the position financially to invest in this building. He said, once the annex is finished and the Code Enforcement Department moves into the new building we will be able to rearrange the staircase, put in handicap bathrooms and get the elevator in. There will be other initiatives too, like preparing the window specs. Councilman Van Tassel wanted to clarify that there will be no visible changes to the outside of the building.

RESOLUTION #133-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the agreement between the Town and Michael P., Carr for engineering services for the proposed elevator and staircase renovation to the Town Hall.

11. Resolution appointing Ann Gallagher as a full-time Special Service Clerk beginning September 5, 2017. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

RESOLUTION #134-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Ann Gallagher as a full-time Special Service Clerk beginning September 5, 2017. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

12. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

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

Town Clerk Merando announced that there were two additional items for the agenda:

- 1) Resolution authorizing the Highway Dept. to purchase a Buffalo Turbine Debris Blower for Skid steer Loader in the amount not to exceed \$5,696.00.**

Town Clerk Merando reported that the Highway Department did receive two proposals with the same price and that they want to go with Bobcat.

RESOLUTION #135-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Department to purchase a Buffalo Turbine Debris Blower for Skid steer Loader in the amount not to exceed \$5,696.00.

- 2) Resolution approving that all coaches, paid or volunteers, with the Recreation Department must participate in an approved coaches training course.**

RESOLUTION #136-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves coaches training certification and background check for a period of two (2) years. This will include the Directors and anyone who coaches at Recreation.

13. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

September 13 2017 - Workshop with Highway

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

Councilman Van Tassel said that he did reach out to a few people today with regard to the threat of the coming storm. He spoke with Amber and she confirmed that the generator at Rec was serviced yesterday with fuel at 78%. He spoke with the North Highlands Fire Department about using the room at the fire house and that has been confirmed. He also contacted Haldane and Garrison schools about the Emergency Alert System. The Red Cross trailers are sitting at the Rec Center with supplies as they are a certified Red Cross shelter. He is also reaching out to the new County Director of Emergency Services through our emergency coordinator, Ralph Falloon.

Councilwoman Montgomery asked Legislator Scuccimarra to reach out to the County to keep us informed and to alert us when they have their emergency meetings in any such event. She also suggested that the Town have at least two (2) meetings a year to discuss our emergency preparedness.

Councilman Leonard said that these situations need everyone's efforts in the town. He offered some tips on what to do in case of an emergency and asked everyone to heed warnings.

Supervisor Shea had a meeting last month about approving a joint planning board, as lead agency, for the hotel project across the river. He did write a letter to them and all the agencies involved were cc. The letter addressed our concerns: environmental impact, traffic, pollution and the affect it may have on the Town's future.

AUDIENCE

VACANCIES

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$265,089.61 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 8A & 9.

Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$64,952.99 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 8A & 9.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$7,033.22 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 9.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$11,864.36 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 9.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Flaherty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel to close the Monthly Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk