

Monthly Town Board Meeting
January 3, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 8:35 p.m., at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT

William Mazzuca	Supervisor
Betty Budney	Councilwoman
Richard Shea	Councilman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
Barbara Scuccimarra	Councilwoman
Edward W. Doyle	Town Attorney

Supervisor Mazzuca opened the Meeting with a salute to the Flag.

Supervisor Mazzuca then welcomed Councilwoman Scuccimarra and Councilwoman Montgomery to the Town Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC – Councilman Shea stated that a representative from the EPA gave a presentation on the importance of streams and wetlands, as well as a broad variety of topics, which was very informative. He noted that it was a light agenda.

RECREATION – Councilwoman Budney announced that the Recreation Master Plan was presented to the Town Board on December 27, 2007, and copies will be available at the Libraries and the Town Hall. She then announced the upcoming programs offered by the Recreation Department.

RECYCLING – No report.

HIGHWAY – Councilwoman Budney noted that the dirt roads were in need of repair following the rainstorm, and the Highway Department has been busy tending to those roads. Councilman Shea thanked Highway Superintendent Chirico for his assistance in getting the Garrison Landing Water District up and running. He also thanked Andrew Pidala for coming out on Christmas morning to help get the district back online.

There were no reports on the Planning and Zoning Boards, or Building and Land Acquisition.

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MONIES RECEIVED AS OF JANUARY 3, 2008

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

P. C. Mortgage tax	\$ 327,557.49
Justice Fees 11/07	2,486.00
Justice Fees 11/07	3,759.50
Town Clerk Fees 11/07	262.37
P. C. Cemetery	1,310.00
NYSDFY	2,229.00
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Rec Fees 12/07	28,516.17
Justice Fees 12/07	3,620.30
Justice Fees 12/07	1,800.00
Town Clerk Fees 12/07	548.50
Bldg. Fees 11/07	12,570.00
Bldg. Fees 12/07	9,137.00
Bank Interest	295.76

HIGHWAY FUND

NYS Chips Program	70,615.34
P.C. Ck. Sheriff's Gas	2,141.31
General Fund Check – Gas	694.04
Bank Interest	4,260.60

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	265.10
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse Fees	500.00
Bank Interest	2,114.68

AGENDA

1.Engineering/Planning Presentation from J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, LLC.

Robert Folchetti submitted their Professional Qualifications for engineering services and reviewed the areas of expertise his firm could offer the town. Councilman Shea noted that Folchetti doesn't have an in-house planner, and that concerns him. The Town Board thanked Mr. Folchetti for his time and explained that the Town will continue to interview other interested parties.

2. Michael McKee to address the Town Board regarding the Hudson/Fjord Trail System.

Mr. McKee, Chairman of the Philipstown Greenway Committee, stated that he is here to re-present the Feasibility Study, which can be viewed on-line at the Town's website and a hard copy is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. The Greenway Committee received a grant from the Hudson Valley Greenway to complete the study, and subsequently held a work session with the Town Board to discuss this project. Essentially, this project is to improve the trail on Route 9D between Old Stony Point and Breakneck Ridge to provide safe use by hikers and bicyclist. There was some discussion with regard to meeting with Senator Leibell and Assemblywoman Galef on this matter.

Mr. McKee stated that he has an application to Parks & Trails New York, which every year designates 5 communities as healthy trails/ healthy people program communities. This application, if approved, would provide access to grants, technical support and assistance. Primarily, this is a way for the Town to have a more effective communication with other communities in the state for such projects. He noted that the application requires two letters of support from both the Town Board and Senator Leibell.

3. Resolution needed to transfer Highway Funds for 2007.

Resolution #50-08

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilman Shea and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer of highway funds for 2007 as follows:

\$3,000.00

From	DBO-04-5112-200	Improvements Capital
TO	DBO-04-5140-400	Misc. Brush

4. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Deputy Town Clerk Clauss read the Annual Report.

5. Schedule Meetings/Workshops.

Workshop - January 9, 2008 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

Workshop - January 16, 2008 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

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

Supervisor Mazzuca reported that the Town was in receipt of a letter from a resident at 550 East Mountain Road South, which addressed the aircraft traffic overhead. Barbara Feld stated that this past summer they had a problem with helicopters and contacted the FAA and they were unresponsive. (Unintelligible) Councilman Shea added that several of his neighbors have expressed some concern with regard to the additional air traffic. His concern is that the expansion of Stewart Airport will be great for Orange County and its economic boom and Philipstown will suffer with increased traffic. Councilman Shea will follow up with the FAA for solid information.

Supervisor Mazzuca again reminded the audience that the assessing office inadvertently gave the wrong town wide assessment when the budget was prepared. Therefore, the actual tax rate is lower than first anticipated. Supervisor Mazzuca then translated that into percentages and rates.

Supervisor Mazzuca also explained that when the Town adopted the budget, a contingency fund for clerk's/secretaries was established. He further explained that as years went by and there were new hires, some of the salaries didn't balance out, therefore, the Town Board reviewed these salaries and, based on seniority and responsibilities, have now set the new annual salaries.

RESOLUTION #51-08

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the following annual salaries for clerk's are as follows and authorizes the transfers from the contingency fund to appropriate funds:

Susan Richardson	\$32,000
Joan Clauss	\$32,000
Rosemary Bernasconi	\$32,000
Susan DiStefano	\$34,000
Mariann Landolfi	\$34,000
Dottie Turner	\$39,000
Karen Virgadamo	\$35,000

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Beverly Hotaling	\$39,000
Marylou Caccetta	\$40,000
Susan Kenney	\$43,000

AUDIENCE

In response to a question posed by Joe Regele, Supervisor Mazzuca and Councilman Shea explained that the Town is looking for a firm that can provide both engineering and planning services and explained the role of each and the Town's goals. Joe Giachinta asked about the relationships that the Town has had with some of the firms that were interviewed for Planning. Councilman Shea responded saying that in the past, Chazen completed the Ground Water Study and AKRF years back, did some minor work, nothing that was extensive. Supervisor Mazzuca noted for the record that Folchetti, Chazen and AKRF have occasionally submitted something to his office. Discussion continued with regard to new planning services and the Town's expectations.

Joe Giachinta noted that businessmen are in attendance this evening and have decided to play a pro-active role in future planning. He discussed Route 9 and Route 9D businesses and the investments that are in place, and how local businesses give back to the community ten-fold.

In response to Mr. Giachinta's comments, Supervisor Mazzuca reminded the members of the audience that the Town Board is establishing an Aesthetic Committee and has advertised for volunteers to serve in an effort to beautify Route 9 and Route 9D.

Tony Percacciolo, property owner on Route 9 expressed his concerns with regard to new set backs, wetland regulations, etc., and the increased reviews that are now required. He noted that this has a negative impact on his property. Councilman Shea reassured Mr. Percacciolo that all he has to do is get a Wetlands' Permit and reminded him that this is part of the process that will allow the property owner use of his property. Supervisor Mazzuca noted for the record that any changes are subject to the public hearing process. The Town notices upcoming hearings on the website, the bulletin board at the Town Hall and the PCNR, providing ample time for residents to be aware of upcoming meetings.

Michael Gibbons addressed the Town Board suggesting that Public Notices be placed on the Cable access channel as well as the PCNR and have the Town Clerk read off public notices at the Monthly Meeting.

Comments from the audience referring to Planning & Engineering Services were unintelligible. This discussion continued for some time.

Barbara Feld suggested an honorarium for Donald MacDonald for all the work he does as Town Historian. Supervisor Mazzuca responded saying that he refuses recognition. She also suggested a work program for senior citizens to work off some of their taxes. Supervisor Mazzuca responded stating that someone has to make up the pay for such a thing.

VACANCIES

- Recreation Commission (1)
- CV Park District Advisory Committee (2)
- CV Water District Advisory Committee (2)
- Board of Assessment Review (1)
- CAC (1)
- Planning Board (1)

RESOLUTION #52-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Michael Leonard to the Board of Assessment Review to complete the term of Paul McGloin. Term will expire September 30, 2010.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$209,629.25 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 1.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Shea and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$135,801.51 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 1.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$10,700.00 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 1.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$8,741.00 are hereby approved as presented in Abstract 1.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried to close the Monthly Meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joan Clauss
Deputy Town Clerk