

Monthly Town Board Meeting
February 7, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 8:05 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.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Year End Meeting of December 27, 2007, were reviewed.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of December 27, 2007, be approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Re-Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2008, were review.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the January 3, 2008, be approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 3, 2008, financing equipment for the Garrison Fire Company, Inc., were reviewed.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 3, 2008, be approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC – Councilman Shea reported on the items addressed at the January 8, 2008 meeting. There were seven applicants and the year-end report prepared by Eric Lind will be filed with the Department of Environmental Conservation.

RECREATION - Councilwoman Montgomery reported on the upcoming events at the Recreation Department and the Depot Theatre. Claudio Marzollo asked that the Town advertise for bidders for the new road at the Community Center. The Town is also prepared to finalize some of the other requirements, such as fencing around the water tank and the installation of gates at the entrance to the

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Garrison Institute. Supervisor Mazzuca noted that he would like Roger Chirico, Highway Superintendent, to review the plans for the new road and upon his approval, the Town will then advertise for bidders. Discussion continued with regard to the time line for this project and the bid opening.

RESOLUTION #73-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk's Office to advertise for bidders for a new road at the Community Center once Roger Chirico, Highway Superintendent, approves the proposed plans.

RECYCLING - Councilwoman Budney reported that she had attended the Putnam County Recycling meeting, which addressed how the County can assist us with recycling, and also questioned if the hazardous waste cleanup should increase from two to three times a year. Another topic discussed was should the Town have a container for computers, etc., and the County bear the costs, which Councilwoman Budney is in favor of. She also noted that there is a market for aluminum and scrap metal that the Town would benefit from.

Councilman Shea added that if the Town were to accept computers, etc., he wants to know the final designation of the electronics. He does not want these items ending up in some third world country where children are taking them apart and dying from it.

Supervisor Mazzuca interjected that in a conversation with Walt Thompson, Mr. Thompson stated that the County would be ending their recycling pickup in the month of March. This will affect the Village Halls and the Town Hall weekly pickup.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that on January 13th the Planning Board conducted site visits at County Line Equities and Lanza's property. She then reviewed the items addressed at the January 17th meeting in detail.

ZONING BOARD – Councilwoman Scuccimarra gave a detailed report on the items addressed at the January 28th meeting.

HIGHWAY – Councilwoman Budney reported that there is an increased amount of item #4 being used on the dirt roads due to the recent thawing of the roadways. She noted that Highway Superintendent Chirico is preparing an inventory of all roads to determine the cost of maintenance. Routine highway maintenance is currently underway.

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BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Councilman Shea stated that he will be contacting the Empire State Development Corp., regarding the grant for renovations to the Town Hall.

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR

MONIES RECEIVED AS OF FEBRUARY 7, 2008

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Tax Collection Gen A – Partial Pay	\$ 175,000.00
Tax Collection Gen A – Partial Pay	200,000.00
Tax Collection CV Fire	245,780.12
Tax Collection Phil #1	41,400.01
Tax Collection NHFD	554,690.04
Tax Collection GVFD	715,888.95
Tax Collection Gen A – Final Pay	1,220,829.96
Justice Fees – 1/08	2,340.00
Justice Fees – 1/08	5,550.00
CTV Fees	8,683.00
Rec Fees 1/08	45,304.60
Tax Collection Gen A – Pro Rata	394.04
Tax Collection Butterfield Library	275,999.66
Tax Collection Gen B – Full Pay	263,117.00
Bldg. Fees 1/08	7,240.00

HIGHWAY FUND

Tax Collection – Partial Pay	200,000.00
Gen Fund Ck. – Gas	76.78
P.C. Sheriff's – Gas	4,857.31
Gen. Fund Ck. – Sand & Salt	450.53
Tax Collection – Final Pay	2,089,872.00

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Tax Collection – Unpaid Water	17,514.00
Tax Collection – Full Pay	166,832.05

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Tax Collection – Full Pay	97,129.98
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AGENDA

1. Honorary Resolution for the Haldane “Lady Blue Devils.”

RESOLUTION #74-08

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

WHEREAS, Rina Colamarino, Holly Whiston, Meghan Spratt, Cassie Barcavage, Michelle Cotennec, Rachel Flaherty, Danielle Etta, Jennifer Lombardo, Megan Lyons, Avery Zovic, Irina Impellittere and Caitlin McConville, all trained and inspired by their dedicated Coach, Joel Stanford, defeated Section 6 Champions Randolph, to win the State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the excellent performance, dedication, and commitment of these young woman have proven to be a source of admiration and inspiration to the citizens of Philipstown; and

WHEREAS, this has been an exciting, hard-fought and successful season, and we are proud of the record the Haldane “Lady Blue Devil’s” have earned; and

WHEREAS the Town of Philipstown congratulates the Haldane High School, its volleyball team, its coach, its athletic department and all people associated with the volleyball team, for their outstanding accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown and its Town Officers hereby express to all the members of the Haldane Girls Volleyball team, our sincere congratulations for advancing to the State Championship.

2. Resolution increasing the amount of Wind Energy the Town will purchase for 2008.

Supervisor Mazzuca stated that for a few years now, the Town has participated in the purchase of wind power and have decided to increase the purchase by 10%. He noted that the Town’s use of wind power would be at 60%.

RESOLUTION #75-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby increases the amount of Wind Energy purchased by the Town by 10% for 2008, for a total of 60%.

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3. Resolution needed to complete the contract paperwork for the \$651,000.00 grant from the NYSDEC in connection with the Cortlandt Lake Dam Project.

Supervisor Mazzuca stated that the Town has acted on another resolution in this matter, and the NYSDEC has once again requested that the Town act on the following resolution to proceed with the grant. This is a joint venture with the Town of Cortlandt, Town of Putnam Valley and Philipstown.

Michael Phalen noted for the record that the Town of Cortlandt's Engineering Department has spearheaded this grant endeavor.

RESOLUTION #76-08

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown, herein called the "Municipality," after thorough consideration of the various aspects of the problem and study of available data, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project," is desirable, is in the public interest, and is required in order to implement the project; and

WHEREAS, Article 56 of the Environmental Conservation Law authorizes State assistance to municipalities for dam safety projects by means of a contract and the Municipality deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into a contract therewith:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Town Board of the Town of Philipstown:

1. That William Mazzuca, Town Supervisor, or such person's successor in office, is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the Municipality's governing body in all matters related to State Assistance under ECL Article 56, Title 3. The representative is also authorized to make application, execute the State Assistance Contract, submit Project documentation, and otherwise act for the Municipality's governing body in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance;
2. That the Municipality agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the Project and that the funds will be available to initiate the Project's field work within twelve (12) months of written approval of its application by the Department of Environmental Conservation.
3. That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the Albany office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

That this Resolution takes effect immediately.

4. Resolution needed expressing the Town of Philipstown's desire to be included in the Putnam County Main Street Partnership Program.

Supervisor Mazzuca read the letter that will be forwarded to Putnam County, which explains the Town's desire to conduct a feasibility study at Perk's Plaza located on Route 9 in the North Highlands area. Our objective is to make the area around the plaza more pedestrian friendly. It also follows the goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION #77-08

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

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County New York hereby expresses their desire to be included in the Putnam County Main Street Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, Philipstown Community's top priority would be based on the Traffic Studies/Pedestrian Access Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown wishes to conduct a feasibility study at Perks Plaza located on Route 9 in the North Highlands area of Philipstown; and

WHEREAS, the Town's objective is to make the area around the plaza more pedestrian friendly; as this flows the goals outlined in our Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2006.

5. Resolution authorizing the Town Board to sign a letter requesting that the Putnam County Board of Election Commissioners choose the paper ballot/optical scanner voting system.

RESOLUTION #78-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is hereby authorized to sign a letter requesting that the Putnam County Board of Election Commissioners choose the paper ballot/optical scanner voting systems.

6. Resolution needed authorizing the Recreation Department to accept payments via credit card transactions.

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Councilwoman Montgomery stated that the Theatre is already set up for this. However, the use of credit cards for the Recreation programs will expedite payments and benefit the public.

RESOLUTION #79-08

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

RESOLVED, that in the Public's Interest, the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby approves the use of payments via credit card transactions for all programs offered through the Philipstown Recreation Department. This Resolution takes effect immediately.

7. Resolution approving the 2007 points listing for the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corp for their LOSAP program as presented.

RESOLUTION #80-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Philipstown Town Board hereby approves the ambulance worker's Service Award Program lists of all 2007 active volunteer ambulance workers of the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

8. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Mazzuca to draft a letter of support for St. Mary's-in-the-Highlands application for a grant to repair their spire and bell tower. (Nunc Pro Tunc)

RESOLUTION #81-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mazzuca to sign a letter of support for St. Mary's-in-the-Highlands application for a grant to repair their spire and bell tower, Nunc Pro Tunc.

9. Resolutions needed for the following re-appointments:

Mark Galezo	CAC	for a 2-year term expiring March 3, 2010
Andrew Galler	CAC	for a 2-year term expiring March 3, 2010
Eric Lind	CAC	for a 2-year term expiring March 3, 2010
Andrew Pidala	Planning	for a 4-year term expiring March 31, 2012
Paula Clair	Zoning	for a 5-year term expiring March 31, 2013

Councilman Shea stated that the Town has the highest caliber of volunteers.

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RESOLUTION #82-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints the following:

Mark Galezo	CAC	for a 2-year term expiring March 3, 2010
Andrew Galler	CAC	for a 2-year term expiring March 3, 2010
Eric Lind	CAC	for a 2-year term expiring March 3, 2010
Andrew Pidala	Planning	for a 4-year term expiring March 31, 2012
Paula Clair	Zoning	for a 5-year term expiring March 31, 2013

10. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

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

Supervisor Mazzuca discussed a memorandum from Keep Putnam Beautiful that referred to increasing fines and asked the Town Board to review, noting that a workshop will be scheduled in the future regarding this matter.

Town Clerk Merando asked that the Town Board authorize Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the contract for the Property Record Update.

RESOLUTION #83-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mazzuca to sign the 2007 Property Record Update Contract between the Town and the Valuation Advisory Group, Inc., to provide a comprehensive and auditable property record, which will enhance fixed asset accounting and property control procedures.

11. Schedule Meetings/Workshops.

Supervisor Mazzuca noted for the record that he is recusing himself in this matter.

RESOLUTION #84-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing for a proposed local law entitled "Veterans' Cold War Exemption" is hereby scheduled for March 6, 2008, at 7:45 p.m. at the

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Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York, at which time all persons for/against the proposed local law will be heard.

Supervisor Mazzuca reported that the Town has selected a new engineering firm - Stantec from Newburgh. He also has spoken with the new Supervisor from Putnam Valley and they have agreed that the two Boards should meet.

It was noted that Richard Goldsand has begun the proceedings for the Order to Show Cause in the matter of the Used Car Lot across from the Stadium Restaurant.

Supervisor Mazzuca reminded the Town Board that a workshop will be scheduled in the near future with Bill Balter regarding the affordable housing guidelines and asks that they review this document prior to the workshop.

Supervisor Mazzuca stated that Ann Gallagher has requested authorization to purchase a new copier at the cost of \$575.00.

RESOLUTION #85-08

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Ann Gallagher, Secretary to the Planning Board, to purchase a copier at a cost of \$575.00.

AUDIENCE

There was some discussion brought up by Robert Flaherty with regard to naming a road in the Town after Governor George Pataki.

Ande Merante reported that at last Tuesday's Primary, all the poll workers were very pleased with the new polling location.

VACANCIES

Recreation Commission (1)
CV Park District Advisory Committee (2)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (2)
CAC (1)

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$39,045.67 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$82,433.26 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2.

Councilman Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$2,309.28 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$12,406.26 are hereby approved as presented in Abstract 2.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk