



**Town Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

**This regular meeting was held at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 7:00pm**

**Present:** Supervisor Michael Warren and Town Board members Joe Borzumato, Douglas Adams, Tim Sweeney and Patricia Clarke

**Also, Present:** Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, George Dimler; Highway Superintendent, Tom Konrad; ECC Member, Jodi LaMarco; Blue Stone Press.

Supervisor Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome to all those in attendance.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Supervisor Warren made a motion, seconded by Councilman Borzumato, to approve the meeting minutes from 11/1/2016. 4-0 Aye, motion carried. Councilman Sweeney was absent at 11/1/16 meeting. Supervisor Warren directed Town Clerk Moody to post the approved meeting minutes on the town website.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<b><u>Amendments Oct 2016</u></b>	<b><u>Vouchers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment</u></b>
Highway Fund	V#330	\$235.90 VOIDED
General Fund	V#580	\$16,617.22 VOIDED
<b><u>November 2016</u></b>	<b><u>Vouchers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment</u></b>
General Fund	#600-646	\$35,516.11
Highway Fund	#364-406	\$33,725.97

A motion was made by Supervisor Warren and seconded by Councilwoman Clarke to approve these vouchers. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

High Falls Water District	#109-121	\$7,017.15
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A motion was made by Supervisor Warren and seconded by Councilman Adams to approve these vouchers. 5-0 Aye, motion carried.

Escrows  
Planning (5 Vouchers) \$2,080.00

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5-0 Aye, motion carried.

**RMC (Rondout Municipal Center)**

Shared RMC #119-128 \$5,631.41

A motion was made by Supervisor Warren and seconded by Councilman Adams to approve these vouchers.  
5-0 Aye, motion carried.

**HIGHWAY (Superintendent Dimler):**

- We should be receiving our check from CHIPS by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Superintendent Dimler requested that the Town Board pass a resolution at the 12/6/16 meeting certifying that .35 miles of Vly Road is a town road. DOT does not have this on their road listing.
- The highway department has been dealing with a lot of dead trees.
- Supervisor Warren offered the motion, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, 5-0 Aye, motion carried, to approve the Highway Budget Modification that Superintendent Dimler presented to the Town Board. A check was received in October, in the amount of \$6,712.30 for reimbursement of rail trail work from August - September. This money was deposited as revenue and highway would like the revenue to be assigned different expenditure codes. Signed copies to Bookkeeper and Laura Fowler.

**ECC (Tom Konrad):**

- Tom Konrad, ECC Chairman, reported that the town may be eligible for a grant from the Clean Energy Communities Program. There is a total of 14 grants set aside to encourage communities to reduce their climate footprint; 4 for \$100,000 and 10 for \$50,000. Four out of the ten high impact actions must be completed by the town to be eligible for one of the grants.

**STREET LIGHTS (Tom Konrad):**

- Streetlight at Berme Rd. & Rt. 213. If we're going to remove we need a resolution.
- There are 2 lights by the library, should we remove and add a LED?
- Main Street; should we remove and add a LED light on the sidewalk side?
- Light at Kripplebush Fire, points on Pine Bush, and they would like it to point in a different direction.

**TRAILS REPORT (Supervisor Warren):**

- The rail trail won a Greenway grant which will fund the new rail trail brochures.
- Supervisor Warren pointed out that Central Hudson has been using the rail trail for tree work on their lines.
- The County gave Central Hudson right of way and Central Hudson will have to restore the rail trail once the work has been completed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

- At 7:30pm a motion was made by Supervisor Warren, seconded by Councilman Sweeney; 5-0 Aye, motion carried, to move the Town Board into Executive Session. Town Clerk Moody stopped recording the meeting.
- At 7:48pm the Town Board came out of Executive Session and a motion was made by Supervisor Warren, seconded by Councilman Adams; 5-0 Aye, motion carried, to resume the meeting.

- Motion was made by Supervisor Warren, seconded by Councilman Sweeney; 5-0 Aye, motion carried, to approve the leave of absence for Marcia Jackson, Court Clerk.

## **LIASON REPORTS:**

### **YOUTH & RECREATION (Councilman Borzumato):**

- The park is closed for the winter.
- The Highway Dept finished installed the split rail fence at the park.
- The fall programs are in full swing and registration is open for winter programs.
- The Community Center is now booking for early spring with events.

### **JUSTICE (Councilman Borzumato):**

- Justice Court report was read for the record.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RESPONSE (Councilman Borzumato):**

- 78% response time for October.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION (Councilman Adams):**

- The public hearing on the local landmark designation of the Henry Brodhead house was earlier in the month. There was a presentation by the home owner and it was very informative.

### **PLANNING (Councilwoman Clarke):**

- Monthly report from the Planning department was provided to Town Clerk Moody for the records.

### **ASSESSOR (Councilman Sweeney):**

- Data verification project continues. Since January 2014 there has been 1,816 properties inspected out of 2,650 residential properties.
- Closed building permits are being reviewed for the 2017 tax roll.
- Renewal applications for Senior Citizen Enhanced Star, Agricultural Exemptions, Wholly Exempt Properties and Disability Exemptions. All renewal and first time applications are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ZBA (Councilman Sweeney):**

- Monthly report from ZBA was provided to Town Clerk Moody for the records.

### **OTHER TOWN BUSINESS (Supervisor Warren):**

- The Catskill aqueduct will temporarily cut off the water supply to the High Falls Water District, this could last up to 10 weeks. Discussion of alternative water took place with Supervisor Warren and town engineers. Water from Rosendale will be brought into High Falls, up to six loads per day.

**Motion to adjourn:** There being no further discussion Councilman Sweeney made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Borzumato; 5-0 Aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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