

TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING (29)

December 7, 2017

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN: 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL by Town Clerk, Suzanne Reavy:

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN - *Excused*
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3rd

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs
2. Police Chief, Kyle Berardi
3. Building Inspector, Kathy Moniz
4. Town Assessor, James Maloney
5. 16 town residents

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA –

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS –

1. Stewart Dean, Ulster Landing Road – RE: **Fire Training Center (FTC)**

- Rec'd letter from Supervisor regarding county-wide fire training center
- When he moved here, FTC only utilized 2-4 times/month; now, every day.
- 2008 he complained to then Supervisor and Chief and no success.
- Supv Quigley produced some relief; more stable
- Supports FTC for immediate/local companies.
- Residents have not been asked about this; need to fully understand what is proposed.
- Never bothered by FTC; lives 2000' away

Questions:

- How much traffic will this produce? More accidents? Boat accidents?
- What hours and days will it be used?
- Will there be a contact person?
- What chemicals will be used?

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- Will local water table be disturbed?
- We residents should have been consulted.

Supervisor: Do you subscribe to the Town of Ulster emails for meeting notifications such as the FTC meeting last month?

Dean – Yes.

2. Rich Graff, 325 Stickles Terrace – RE: Motion to hire police officers

- Here a few weeks ago during budget discussions and speed trailer purchased for PD because there “weren’t enough police officers to patrol”. Now hiring new officers.

Supervisor: There were retirements. We need to maintain manning schedule.

- Asks Supervisor to explain the stipulation and order of settlement to the Kingston Mall.

Supervisor: Mall went into foreclosure. Assessment went from \$66M to \$8M. Advice from counsel it was wiser to try to negotiate a settlement to avoid paying multi-million dollars of refunds to the mall owners in return for a reduced assessment and reduced refund. The amount on tonight’s agenda is the amount in the order from the settled litigation.

3. Michael Berardi, Ulster Landing Road – RE: FTC

- Not for or against this project, but believes that Town Board should be Lead Agency, not Ulster County.
- Water supply is important; people would benefit from a more stable water supply.
- Formation of a water district in conjunction with the FTC project.

4. Unknown “Carpetbagger” from Marbletown

- Began to discuss matters not on agenda; dismissed by Supervisor.

COMMUNICATIONS – Letter address from Town resident, Nora Budziak, regarding Flat Bush Ridge and wetlands. Anyone desirous of a copy of the letter can contact the Town Clerk.

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BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Presented by Councilman Secreto

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Brigham Lane Wtr.

Cap .Proj.	Modify Budget - Town Funding from Landfill Closure Revenue - HBL.5031 Interfund Transfer	8,979.70
	Appropriation - HBL.8310.200 Construction (Callanan Industries - Blacktop)	8,979.70

General Fund:	Transfer From A1990.400 Contingency	Transfer To A1110.200 Court Grant	997.00
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MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

New Business:

PRESENTATION of the Town Fee Schedule for 2018

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PRESENTATION of the Resolution adopting the 2018 Town Fee Schedule

Resolution of the Town Board
TOWN OF ULSTER

Resolution of Town Board of the Town of Ulster Adopting a
Fee Schedule to Take Effect January 1, 2018

Date: December 21, 2017

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulster is authorized to set all fees, deposits, and costs by resolution of the Town Board pursuant to adopted local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the schedule of fees, deposits, and costs is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit "A" annexed hereto, effective as of January 1, 2018.

DISCUSSION on Ulster County's request to be Lead Agency in the SEQRA Review for the Ulster Fire Training Center

Supervisor: Dennis Doyle, Ulster County Planning Board, will coordinate a public session on the Fire Training Center in the near future; same presentation as the 11/14/17 meeting. Each person who attended will be invited again. Call Town Clerk or Supervisor's Office with email or phone number if you wish to attend.

DISCUSSION on the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

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PRESENTATION of Auditors Engagement Letters

Supervisor: No action needed; reserved for the next meeting.

MOTION to authorize the Revised Payment Policy effective 1/1/18 for Water and Sewer Receipts

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to approve the hiring of one seasonal employee for the Water Department for a four week period

Geordan Niles: seasonal; non-union; start date 12-11-17; \$10/hour

MOTION: Councilman Brink

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to accept the resignation of two Part Time Dispatchers

1. Daniel Killian

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MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

2. Anthony Scarselli

MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the hiring of a Part Time Dispatcher

John Mathiasen: part time; non-competitive; union; step 1; \$15.91/hour; start date 12-8-17

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

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MOTION to authorize the hiring of two full time Police Officers

1. **Daniel Killian**: competitive; union; PBA; step 2; \$22.33/hour; start date 1-1-18; dedicated employee since 12/2013

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

2. **Aaron Fitzgerald**: competitive; union; PBA; step 2; \$21.61/hour; start date 1-1-18; dedicated employee since 10/2016

MOTION: Councilman Brink

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to hire one part time Police Officer

- David Kimble**: non-competitive; union; PBA; step 2; \$23.36/hour; start date 10-28-17; loyal employee since 6/1999

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Brink

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Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the hiring of a Part Time Plow Operator

Justin Judware: seasonal plow truck operator; \$16/hour; non-union; start date 12-7-17

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 Tax Collection Agreement with the Bank of Greene County for collection of 2018 Real Estate Taxes

MOTION: Councilman Morrow
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

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MOTION to authorize the Bookkeeper to close the Brigham Lane Water Capital Project Account with the Bank of Greene County

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the purchase of 17 Portable Police Radios from NYCOMCO under NYSOGS Bid not to exceed \$33,000

MOTION: Councilman Morrow
SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to set the 2018 Organizational Meeting for Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:00pm

MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

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MOTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2017-2018 DWI Crackdown Enforcement Agreement with Ulster County

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to authorize Vincent Maggiore, Waste Water Superintendent to enter into a contact for the replacement of the Whittier WWTP Control Building Roof with J&A Roofing Co. in accordance with the proposal dated November 2, 2017

Supervisor: Asks to defer this to the next meeting; waiting for lab testing.

MOTION to authorize Vincent Maggiore, Waste Water Superintendent to enter into a contract for the replacement of (5) Power Line Poles at the Whittier WWTP with Brenco Northeast, Inc. in accordance with the proposal dated November 3, 2017

Councilman Morrow: Work out with Central Hudson beforehand.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

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RESOLUTION approving Conditional Site Plan Approval for Joseph Emanuele, S-B-L: 39.12-1-24, 2310-2332 Route 9W, Saugerties, NY

Supervisor: Comes here tonight from our previous Town Board meeting. Includes overriding UC Planning Board's recommendations on this project.

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD

Joseph Emanuele
Conditional Site Plan Approval
S-B-L: 39.12-1-24

WHEREAS, the applicant – *Joseph Emanuele (Owner)* – is seeking *site plan amendment approval* for construction of a 60' x 75', 4,500 square feet (sf) steel storage building behind an existing steel commercial building; and

WHEREAS, the materials submitted in support of the Proposed Action includes:

- *Consent Form* signed by Joseph Emanuele dated August 21, 2017;
- *Site Plan Application* prepared by Joseph Emanuele dated August 22, 2017;
- *SEQR Short EAF Part 1* prepared by Michael F. Vetere, Jr, LS, PLLC, dated August 21, 2017;
- *Map of Site Plan* prepared by Michael F. Vetere, Jr, LS, PLLC, dated 8/18/17, revised 10/9/17; and
- *Map of Site Plan* prepared by Michael F. Vetere, Jr, LS, PLLC, dated 8/18/17, revised 11/14/17.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Town Board has the authority to approve the Site Plan since more than 2,500 SF of new gross floor area is proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Town Board initiated a SEQR Unlisted Action-Coordinated Review in September 2017 and assumed Lead Agency in October 2017;

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Town Board, as Lead Agency, upon review of the SEQR Short EAF Part 1 determined the Proposed Action was an *Unlisted Action* pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617 of State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board referred this matter to the Ulster County Planning Board (UCPB) and the UCPB issued written comments on November 1, 2017, which included two (2) required modifications as follows: 1) The specific location of the existing septic and associated facilities (reserve area) should be identified on the site plan and adequate room maintained, and 2) Lighting levels should be calculated for the plan and levels should not exceed the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) Outdoor Site/Area Recommended Illuminance Levels; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees with the UCPB required modifications with respect to showing the septic field and reserve area on the Site Plan, but determined that lighting cut-sheets for the additional site lighting proposed was sufficient in this particular instance, since only a few new fixtures are proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board considered of the application materials submitted by the applicant in support of the Proposed Action, along with the comments of its consultants and planner made via memoranda (which memoranda are incorporated herein by reference); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as Lead Agency, upon review of the entire record (including SEQR Short EAF Part 1 and 2) and revised Site Plan set found the Proposed Action did not pose any potentially significant adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Planning Board has recommended the Town Board issue a SEQRA Negative Declaration and grant Conditional Site Plan approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board determined the Town has complied fully with the procedural requirements of Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Law and hereby makes a *SEQRA Determination of Non-significance and issues a Negative Declaration for the Proposed Action*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board overrides the UCPB requirement for a lighting photometric plan for the entire site, but in lieu of this shall require the applicant to submit lighting cut-sheets and require that all new exterior lighting comply with International Dark Sky Association (IDA) standards; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby grants conditional Site Plan approval to *Joseph Emanuele* on the above referenced site subject to the conditions, limitations and restrictions set forth below.

1. Compliance with applicable zoning and building laws, rules and regulations;
2. Compliance with all representations made by the applicant;
3. Compliance with final site plan, design plans and all details as cited herein;
4. *The applicant submits a final revised Site Plan to address the Ulster County Planning Board (UCPB) required modification with respect to septic system and reserve field;*
5. Prior granting a *Certificate of Occupancy (CO)* for the new building, the applicant shall construct a fire lane behind the existing and proposed building, which shall be capable of accommodating Ulster Hose's 95-foot Aerial Scope II Ladder Truck.
6. The Town's consulting planner and Building Inspector are hereby authorized to approve minor Site Plan changes of a ministerial nature, which may arise due to unforeseen circumstances in the project site development; and
7. All fees, including consultant fees, shall be paid.

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MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

RESOLUTION Adopting Ulster County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

Supervisor: Ulster County prepared in 2005 in which Town of Ulster participated. The plan needs to be periodically updated. FEMA requires updates done by Resolution.

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Resolution Adopting Ulster County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster, with the assistance from URS Corporation, has gathered information and prepared the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ulster that the Town of Ulster adopts the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 7th day of December, 2017 at the meeting of the Town of Ulster Town Board.

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

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RESOLUTION Authorizing Payment of Tax Refund under Stipulation and Order of Settlement to Kingston Mall, LLC

Supervisor: Outcome of negotiations between Kingston City School District, Town of Ulster, and owners of HVM reduced the potential refunds from \$3M to \$1.4 million ; Town obligation is \$380,000 to pay on behalf of taxing districts. County requested refund amount in one single payment. Adverse than original plan which gave the Town five years to pay. Tonight's Resolution authorizes one lump sum payment.

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Resolution Authorizing Payment of Tax Refund under Stipulation and Order of Settlement to Kingston Mall, LLC

Whereas: On July 10, 2017 the Town of Ulster Town Board authorized by Resolution the settlement of the tax certiorari proceedings between PCK Development Company, LLC and Kingston Mall, LLC for the parcel of property known as the Hudson Valley Mall according to the terms of the Stipulation and Order of Settlement,

Whereas: The Stipulation and Order of Settlement set forth the amount of the refund to be paid by the Town of Ulster to Kingston Mall, LLC in the amount of \$336,521.80, annually in payment amounts of \$67,304.36 over five years starting March 1,2018,

Whereas: The County of Ulster, as disbursement agent for the taxing authorities required to make refunds under the Stipulation and Order, has determined that it wishes to make one lump sum payment,

Therefore: The Supervisor is authorized to disburse the sum of \$336,521.80 to the County of Ulster Department of Finance in order to satisfy the obligation to refund real property taxes under the Stipulation and Order and

Furthermore: The Supervisor is authorized to charge to the Judgement and Claims of the General Fund the sum \$209,999.53, to the Judgement and Claims of the Ulster Water District the sum \$27,932.05, to the Judgement and Claims of the Ulster Sewer District the sum \$38,459.83 and to the Judgement and Claims of the Albany Ave. Lighting District the sum \$3,844.62,

And Furthermore: The Supervisor is authorized to charge to the Judgement and Claims of the General Fund the sum of \$6,998.28, which is to be recovered from the Town of Ulster Library District and to the Judgement and Claims of the General Fund the sum of \$49,287.40, which is to be recovered from the Ulster Fifth Fire District. These amounts are to be repaid to the Town of Ulster in accordance with the original

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payment terms of five equal payments annually starting March 1, 2018 as set forth in the Stipulation and Order of Settlement.

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

Old Business:

MOTION to promote Mary Secreto to Senior Data Clerk/Typist effective December 1, 2017

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Roll Call Vote:

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Abstain
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Retainer agreement with Roemer, Wallens, Gold and Mineaux

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

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Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

MOTION approving the Town of Ulster Records Management Policy

MOTION: Councilman Brink
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

CARRIED

RESOLUTION Authorizing Attorney for the Town, Jason J. Kovacs, Esq., to Commence a Civil Action in New York State Supreme Court on behalf of the Town of Ulster against Atlantic North Properties, Inc.

Kovacs: Property in East Kingston (old Methodist church) in disrepair. Building Dept attempted to reach out to owner and owner (Atlantic North Inc) did not respond. Cost of demolition added to tax bill.

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**Resolution Authorizing Attorney for the Town, Jason J. Kovacs, Esq.,
to Commence a Civil Action in New York State Supreme Court on
behalf of the Town of Ulster against Atlantic North Properties, Inc.**

The Town Board of the Town of Ulster, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: The Town Board of the Town of Ulster hereby authorizes Jason J. Kovacs, Esq., Attorney for the Town of Ulster, to commence a civil action in New York State Supreme Court on behalf of the Town of Ulster and to appear as the attorney for the Town of Ulster, as Plaintiff, against Atlantic North Properties, Inc. as Defendant. In said civil action, the Town of Ulster as the Plaintiff, shall, among other things, ask the Court: (a) for permission to dismantle and remove the structure at 59 Brigham Street, East Kingston on the grounds that it is unsafe, a threat to public safety and health, and uninhabitable, and being in violation of the Town of Ulster Town Code and the New York State Property Maintenance Code; (b) to direct that the Defendant comply with the Town Code; and (c) to permanently prohibit all other persons from using the subject premises in violation of the Town Code; (d) to enjoin and restrain the Defendant from creating and maintaining a public nuisance; and (e) to grant the Plaintiff, Town of Ulster, such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and proper, together with the costs and disbursements of the action, and for an order allowing all costs, expenses, legal fees, and costs to dismantle the premises on the tax bill for said property.

SECTION 2. For its services hereunder, the Attorney for the Town, Jason J. Kovacs, Esq. shall be compensated at the rate of \$150.00 per hour and shall also be reimbursed for any costs and disbursements he incurs on behalf of the Town of Ulster in connection with said action.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Brink

[Property abuts Secreto's brother's in law property]

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Brink:	Aye
Councilman Kitchen:	<i>Excused</i>
Councilman Morrow:	Aye
Councilman Secreto:	Abstain
Supervisor Quigley:	Aye

CARRIED

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PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Leslie Lansing, Lincoln Park Place

Who owns solar panels on Frank Sottile Blvd?

Supervisor: Project sponsored by Ulster County. Land owned by UC Resource Recovery Agency, with clear title. Town Board waived its right to reacquire the site. Solar City provides solar equipment. UC going to enter into power purchase agreement with Solar City to purchase the electric generated from the facility. .

Lansing: Can you add cat law and update about the cat law?

Supervisor: Take under request.

Lansing: Fire Training Center – saw how it went in Stone Ridge. Things it will be a fire storm in this Town.

2. Stewart Dean

How will the final decision on the FTC come to be?

Supervisor: Town Board owns land and it is a Town Board decision, based on public opinion. Town will submit Dean's question to the County tomorrow morning. FTC volunteer organization put together in 1989 by Town of Ulster fire companies. 1989-1995 they obtained funds to provide existing facilities. Need to now come into compliance. Town funds approx. \$20,000/year. Fee will be coming to an end once the contract with the RRA ends and Town will not have the funds to provide to FTC. Fire companies are aware of deficiencies at the FTC and need for adequate training facility; and they are understanding of the Town's financial outlook.

Dean: County Executive's responsibility to find a facility location far away from residential areas.

Supervisor: That is a question to address to County Executive.

3. John Iannotti, Sunrise Ave

On behalf of Sunrise Park, last month project introduced on Miron Lane (i.e. Lincoln Park Grid). Do you know at this time will there be a public hearing?

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Supervisor: Town Planning Board received plan for a project, including environmental assessment form. By statute, Town Board is to be Lead Agency. Planning Board referred project to Town Board asking Town Board to declare its intent to be Lead Agency (done on 11/16/17 meeting). Thirty day waiting period currently running, which is the time where interested/involved agencies have the opportunity to object or consent. Due to nature and sensitivity of project, there will be a full environmental impact statement done and public scoping session related to design, and testimony taken when environmental impact statement is made public.

4. Michael Berardi

Solar project and three acre electricity provider. How can they compete? Do they have something else in mind?

Supervisor: We do not judge a project based on if the project will survive financially; we judge based on its impact on the Town. Entire site 120 acres. Conversation with developer committing to keeping non-disturbed portion of that, “forever green” by deed restriction. Two parcels that the Town could use. Potential for the Town to expand a water line to Old Flatbush Road. Opportunity to explore to have area North of Frank Sottile designated by deed restriction as “forever wild”.

Berardi: A part of the SEQR process is to explore segmentation.

Supervisor: Familiar with that – application in July from Cypress Creek Renewables – a two mega-watt solar project on Route 32 south. Planning Board stopped review of the project because of segmentation (a representative of Cypress Creek mentioned the plan for two more projects). Now an application to Town Planning Board for three 2-megawatt solar projects on Route 32 south. Probable that the Planning Board will refer this project to the Town Board. This new electric grid project is technologically advanced. Hopes he takes a good look at it. Electric has to come from somewhere. Batteries will be discharged prior to generators. Generators recharge batteries. Saves greenhouse gases.

5. Diane Gulnick, 262 Riseley St

Asks for understanding on the 30 day period of SEQR process.

Supervisor: 30 days pertains to the involved/interested agencies. No vote or public hearing yet, without public notice.

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6. Stewart Dean

Who pays for lead agency?

Supervisor: Every applicant making application to the Town of Ulster Planning Board enters into escrow agreement, which we use to pay the professionals that the Town uses to evaluate the project.

Councilman Morrow: Thanks everyone for great comments tonight.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:04 PM)

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Brink

Councilman Brink:	Aye
Councilman Kitchen:	<i>Excused</i>
Councilman Morrow:	Aye
Councilman Secreto:	Aye
Supervisor Quigley:	Aye

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy
Ulster Town Clerk