

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 7, 2005 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WADNOLA, CHAIRMAN

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN CRAIG ARTIST
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROBERT VAN KLEECK
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER BARBARA WISE
SUPERVISOR FREDERICK J. WADNOLA

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilman Van Kleeck reported from the Highway Committee that the new truck for the Highway Department is having its body installed.

Councilman Artist reported from the Parks and Recreation Committee that they are looking for seasonal summer help for the park.

Councilman Van Kleeck reported that the Town Highway Department made benches for the parks.

Councilman Artist reported from the Information & Technology Committee that a training meeting had recently occurred to help fine tune the system and improve the efficiency

Councilman Artist reported from the Police Committee that they had a change of heart and were looking to reform the police commission.

Councilman Van Kleeck reported from the powerful building and assessor committee that Mr. James Maloney requested that his office be open February 26, 2005, 9AM-12 Noon, and March 1, 2005, 9-7 PM to accept STAR applications. He further reported that the assessor has requested that the Town Board match the cap for the veterans exemption rate to equal the county rate. There would be 353 veterans who would qualify for this program at an estimated cost to each taxpayer of \$1.00

Supervisor Wadnola recognized County Legislator Michael Berardi and James Maloney in the audience.

Councilman Artist reported, from the Parks and Recreation Committee, that they are searching for part-time help.

Agreement between Emergency One and the Town for physicals

Council Member Wise reported that the town is interested in establishing a contract with Emergency One for medical services. This would be a cost-saving measure. Currently the Town Highway and Police Department have their own contracts that were negotiated through County's Highway Superintendents Association and Ulster PBA, respectively. This left out other

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employees in the town offices, sewer and water departments. By having a town contract, all employees would be covered at the best possible price. By law, all CDL drivers are required to get a physical each year and the town is required to perform random drug testing. These would be some of the services the contract would cover.

Animal Ordinance

Council Member Wise explained that this is a housekeeping matter. The town had two public hearings in early 2004 and the purpose was to add enforcement and stiffer penalties to the animal control ordinance. This law also had an animal abuse clause. The original attorney who drafted the law retired and the town reappointed another attorney to oversee it. This is the main cause for the delay.

To hire Blauer Associates, Inc. to submit an application to GOSC for a Glenerie Lateral Assistance project for 2005.

Supervisor Wadnola read and motioned the following resolution:

To hire Blauer Associates, Inc. to submit an application to GOSC for a Glenerie Lateral Assistance project for 2005.

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Ulster has determined a need to seek assistance for the residents of the Glenerie Water District to hook up to the new water system, and

Whereas, the Town Board is eligible to submit an application for the 2005 Governor's Office for Small Cities Program

Now, Therefore be it Resolved that the Town Board hire Blauer Associates, Inc. to submit an application to the Governor's Office for Small Cities Program to fund a project for Lateral Assistance for the Glenerie Water District.

2nd by Councilman Brink
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Van Kleeck motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a past litigation claim in regard to the former K-Mart building at 8:24 PM

2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Councilman Van Kleeck motioned to exit executive session at 8:46 PM

2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Council Member Wise motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM

2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by Jason Cosenza, RMC, Ulster Town Clerk