

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP  
JUNE 6, 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

**COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Member Wise reported from the Building and Grounds committee, that a recent power outage revealed that some lights in the Police Department don't work when the generator is on. That needs to be checked. She further reported that the town is waiting to hear from Lowes about the cooling coil for the Town Hall's downstairs air conditioning unit.

Councilman Artist announced that the monthly town audit meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2005 at 8 AM

Councilman Brink reported that the Highway Department has switched to summer hours of 6 AM to 2 PM

Supervisor Wadnola announced, from the Highway Committee, that Highway Superintendent Donald Tinnie will be away for Highway School at Cornell University in Ithaca on June 5, 6, 7 and will return the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bill Williams will be in charge.

Councilman Van Kleeck reported from Planning and Assessor Committee, that business was calming down after the recent flood. Most of the claims have been filed and FEMA is still at the Town Hall.

Council Member Wise reported from the Parks and Recreation Committee, that the parks are open and everything is going well.

Councilman Artist reported from the Police Commission that the police have secured two matching grants, one for bullet proof vests and the other for a hand scanner for fingerprinting.

Councilman Artist reported from Information Services, that there have been no computer problems other than some typical lock ups or freezes.

**Board of Fire Commissioners -Ulster Hose #5 Fire Department**

Commissioner Bracco informed the Town Board that the department will need to replace its aging ladder truck in the future. The cost is estimated to be \$1M. The Commission feels the cost

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of this equipment, which would only benefit a few large commercial properties, should not be paid by the residents. He asked the town board to look into shifting the cost from the residents to the beneficiaries of this equipment. The commission has been trying to keep the budget down. He wanted to put the board on notice to let them know where the department is and is looking for a response back.

He further inquired about the alarm law and if it is being enforced. The department is responding to a lot false alarms and there has been no relief. He stated the department files the paperwork and nothing seems to happen. He also inquired if FEMA is going to cover any of the Fire Department's cost during the recent flood.

Supervisor Wadnola stated that the fire department would have to check with FEMA about flood reimbursement. A brief discussion occurred among the Town Board members about the alarm law and its handling. Councilman Artist stated he would check with the Police Department about the Alarm Law.

### **Storm Water Management – Presenters – Jenny Church – Vince Guido**

Jenny Church introduced herself to the Town Board. She was filling in for Rick Fritzler who was unable to attend. She stated that the storm water law was enacted to improve water quality. When it rains, the water carries a variety of debris off the roads and the surrounding lands. This untreated water eventually goes into our water supply. The EPA reasoned this and lobbied the Federal Government to enact legislation regulations. The NYS DEC is responsible for enforcing the law. The law was designed to activate in two phases: phase one was set for large populations of 100,000 people such as NY City to start in 1990 and phase two for smaller municipalities like the Town of Ulster to start in 2003. There are six control measures: public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction storm water management, and pollution prevention. The town would apply for a DEC speedy permit for its roads and private construction sites would apply for their own. Ultimately the town is responsible for all of the roads in its township.

Mr. Vincent Guido suggested that the town board lobby the federal government to change the affected areas of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Map to include the Hudson Valley Mall and the other shopping areas along 9W to strengthen the town's position to enforce the law since they would be responsible for their runoff. He has contacted Congressman Maurice Hinchey, who is in favor of this. This action will protect the town. He further suggested that the town form an Environmental Commission to add another step in the review process to prevent items from being overlooked. He thanked the Town Board for their time.

Supervisor Wadnola read and motioned the following:

### **TOWN OF ULSTER RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY TO SUPPORT THE PACE UNIVERSITY LAND USE LAW CENTER**

Whereas, comprehensive planning, land use regulation and the review and approval of land development proposals are among the most important functions of local governments in the State

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of New York;

Whereas, members of local administrative boards such as the planning board, zoning board of appeals, and conservation advisory boards consider and dispose of many important applications for permits, variances and interpretations of local land use regulations;

Whereas, local legislative bodies are authorized to use their delegated authority under state law to adopt a wide variety of land use regulations, controls and incentives to provide for the balanced and harmonious development of the community;

Whereas, land owners, developers, and leaders of local civic organizations are regularly involved in testifying regarding matters pending before these legislative and administrative bodies;

Whereas, knowledge of the authority of local governments regarding land use control and responsible decision-making regarding these matters is important to the quality of life and future success of the communities; and

Whereas, the Land Use Law Center of Pace University School of Law has established an exemplary program of training and supporting local officials, private sector representatives and civic leaders in land use decision-making;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the legislative body of the Town of Ulster that it supports the continuation and expansion of the local land use leaders training programs of the Land Use Law Center, that it offers its official sponsorship of the training sessions conducted under the Center's programs, and

That it encourages other cities, towns and villages in the Hudson Valley Region to offer their support and sponsorship of these land use training programs and to nominate local leaders for participation in these programs.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Wise  
A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Councilman Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Wise  
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jason Cosenza, RMC  
Ulster Town Clerk