

ULSTER TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

January 18, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN at 6:00PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN CRAIG ARTIST

TOWN COUNCILMAN DAVID BRINK

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK

TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO

SUPERVISOR NICKY B. WOERNER

Supervisor Woerner called the meeting to respond to the potential flood conditions in the township and to be prepared in case of an emergency.

Ed Molinaro, Ulster Hose #5 Fire Chief, stated that the upper Esopus Creek will crest at 2 PM tomorrow. The reservoir will crest at 1 AM. It will be 24 hours before the water will reach our area. There are no accurate condition reports to predict flooding but it was stated that there is a strong probability of flooding. The gage at Chandler Drive was moving at 1 ft every three hours. He reported that the county is using a reverse 911. This is where a voice mail machine calls every person within a geographic area to issue a flood warning. He was wondering what the fire department should do if people don't leave after they warn them? It was stated that the police would handle that. The fire department will poster the areas with fliers about the flood warning. The Fire Chief stated that they had given warnings in the past to the areas they knew were effected. But during the last flood, it reached areas that were never hit before. The reverse 911 went out to the Orlando St and Sandy Road area.

James Maloney, the Town Assessor, inquired if anyone had contacted the Bloomington Fire Department. Supervisor Woerner stated that he would make sure they were contacted.

Police Chief Watzka stated that his department will coordinate with the fire department to ensure a smooth operation in notifying the residents and evacuating. He had a problem with people calling his department asking for information about the flood. He was wondering if there was a phone number for information he could refer people to? However, the Chief felt his dispatcher could handle the calls as long as he/she was given the proper information.

Supervisor Woerner appointed James Corrigan as the Emergency Control Coordinator. He will operate under his authority and direction.

There was a discussion about notifying the public through the Public Access Channel and various radio stations. Supervisor Woerner stated he has the fax numbers to major radio stations.

Councilman Joel Brink inquired about if and when the Supervisor would declare an emergency. Supervisor Woerner stated he would call an emergency when it was deemed necessary.

Ed Molinaro asked if a state of emergency was declared, when would people be allowed to go back in?

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Supervisor Woerner stated that people would be allowed to go back in when the town notified them.

Ed Molinaro stated that he would not let his men go back into a dangerous situation and risk their lives when a person was given ample warning and was now in danger. In the past the Town was able to receive mutual aid from East Kingston, Glasco, Ruby and a few other fire departments.

Councilman Joel Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Respectfully submitted by

Jason Cosenza, RMC

Ulster Town Clerk