

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN At 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of former Legislator Joan Feldmann

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

Town Clerk Cosenza read:
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster, Ulster County, New York, will meet at the Town Hall, in Lake Katrine, New York, in said Town, on March 20, 2006, at 7 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of conducting a further public hearing upon a certain map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, in relation to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Ulster Water District, in said Town, consisting of a new pumping station and the painting of a 1.5 million gallon water storage tank known as the North Tower for said Water District, as well as incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$600,000.

At said public hearing, said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof.

Dated: February 23, 2006.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
ULSTER, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

By Jason Cosenza, RMC
Ulster Town Clerk

Summary of Comments made:

Mr. Robert Barton – Inquired why an inspector is needed to review the work of the contractor on the painting of the water tank.

Mr. Denis Larios, the Town Engineer stated that an inspection is in order to get the “life of the job” and to ensure everything is done according to the contract. It also validates the Town Board making payment after job is finished.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to adjourn the public hearing at 7:13 PM
2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

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PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF ULSTER
FISCAL YEAR 2006
APPLICATION FOR GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR SMALL CITIES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Pursuant to the requirements of the New York State Governor's Office For Small Cities, the Town of Ulster will conduct a public hearing to obtain the input of citizens, particularly low and moderate income persons, with regard to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities (GOSC).

An informational public hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2006 at 7:15 PM at the Municipal Building, 1 Town Hall Drive, Lake Katrine, New York 12449. Citizens are invited to participate in the development of the Town's Community Development project including assessing community development needs and priorities.

At the public hearing the Town will describe the types of grant assistance available from the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities and will seek comments and suggestions from the public as to proposed uses of Community Development Block Grant funds. The types of activities that may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant program funds include acquisition and disposition of real property, public facilities and improvements, clearance activities, public services, payment of non-federal share of another federal program, removal of architectural barriers, relocation, rehabilitation and preservation activities, economic development and job creating activities. Approximately \$48 million in CDBG funds are available for fiscal year 2006. The Town will also explain the primary and national objectives of the program, the State's CDBG requirements, and the process and timeline for accepting applications and making award announcements.

Draft applications for Community Development Block Grant assistance will be reviewed. The Town proposes to submit one or more 2006 Public Facilities Community Development Block Grant Single Purpose project applications in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to (1) provide grants to assist low and moderate income persons connected to the new East Kingston Water District water system and (2) undertake roadway and storm water improvements on the streets affected by the East Kingston water project. The Town will submit this application to the Governor's Office For Small Cities on or before April 3, 2006. The Town expects that more applications will be submitted to the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities than can be funded.

Citizens may submit views at the hearing or in written form to Nicky B. Woerner, Town Supervisor, Municipal Building, 1 Town Hall Drive, Lake Katrine, New York 12449.

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Mr. Mark Blauer, the Town Grant Writer, explained that the Small Cities Grant application process is very competitive. In the past, the town has been fortunate to have won many of these grants. The town held a preliminary hearing to solicit ideas on March 8, 2006. At the last hearing the town proposed a lateral connection program similar to the one that was offered in the Glenerie Water District. Further, the Town has decided to try a grant for storm water drainage and roadway improvements in East Kingston after the water system is installed.

Mr. Blauer felt that the lateral grant had a good chance of success due to the participation of the residents in filling out surveys. He suspects that there are around 80 residents who would be income eligible. He further explained that if the town received the grant and money was left over, they could get permission to spend that money on other district improvements.

A gentleman inquired if the roadway repair was included in the installation of the East Kingston Water District. Mr. Vogt, the Water Superintendent, explained that the roads would be patched up but their would be no road improvements.

Another man suggested that the money be used for the East Kingston Water Storage Tank

Brian Cahill – What is the income requirement?

Mr. Blauer – There is a sliding scale. They would have to provide proof. It is based on household income. He stated that he is trying to get people qualified.

A lady from the audience inquired if East Kingston could get sewer. She thought that sewer was a more important project than the water. There was also an inquiry if money for the lateral grant could be used elsewhere.

Mr. Blauer explained that the lateral grant would be specific to the East Kingston residences. He toured the area and found the water to be difficult to drink. He stated that this would be the first step to getting sewer. He stated that the town could get a home improvement grant program for its residents and a home septic system could be covered under that grant. A study was done a few years ago and the cost of a sewer system for East Kingston would dwarf the cost of the water project.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to close the public hearing at 7:35 PM

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Woerner reported that he received a letter from the Hudson Valley Ice & Sports, Inc. about water being dumped on their property. He stated that he would set a meeting with the Town of Hurley Supervisor, the Ulster Highway Superintendent, the town engineer and himself to look at this problem, to see if the town is causing it and how the town could address this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman David Brink reported that he wanted to get lightning “arrestors” or lightning rods installed at the Robert E. Post Park. He would check with the Town Engineer.

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Councilman Artist motioned to authorize the Town Clerk to auction off the town's surplus equipment.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Councilman Secreto reported from the Finance Committee, that the abstract was reviewed and he thanked all the people who participated.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Highway Committee, that they are getting workers lined up for parks and that a new gate was installed at Post Park. Councilman Brink stated that he and Councilman Secreto will be touring the town with the Highway Superintendent to be aware of the issues of the town.

Councilman Artist reported from the Insurance and Safety Committee, that the town received a grant for defibrillators a few years ago. The board had received a memo from the Town Clerk recommending installing hangers for the devices.

The Board authorized the Town Clerk to get estimates on the cost of installing the defibrillator holders with the auto emergency response system connection and for him to set up the schedule for the training for the use of the devices.

The Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to forward a proposal for a municipal shelter agreement with the Town of Saugerties.

Councilman David Brink reported from the Personnel Committee, that a part time clerk position is on the agenda. He explained that the court clerks are busy and could use the assistance. He also stated that the Town is still in negotiations with Local Labor #17 on the labor contract.

Councilman Joel B. Brink reported that there is a position open in the water department because an individual was promoted. He stated that the committee along with Water Superintendent Paul Vogt will review all the applications that come in and set up interviews. The position has been posted in house with the union.

Councilman David Brink reported from the Planning and Assessor Committee that the Building Department is going back over all the outstanding permits and sending out notices to people to close them out.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Parks and Recreation Committee, that the Recreation Commission had their first meeting. They spoke to Mark Blauer, the Town Grant Writer, for ideas for funding. He suggested the town create a recreation master plan and that around \$10,000 is available from the New York State Greenway. Councilman Artist stated that James Brocco offered an idea for a mission statement and guidelines for a commission. Supervisor Woerner stated that Attorney Mr. Dan Heppner had a recreation commission book available that was made for the town many years ago.

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Councilman Secreto reported from the Water and Waste Water Committee, that there was a big break on East Chester Street. He thanked the Water Department for their work on fixing the break. Supervisor Woerner also congratulated the Department and the Highway Department.

Councilman Artist reported from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, that the phone system in the Town Hall is broken. The message service is not functioning.

Councilman Artist motioned to go out to competitive bid for the replacement of the Town Halls' Phone System w/ trade in value of the old system and alternative bid to fix the voice mail problem.

2nd by Supervisor Woerner

All Ayes

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Town Assessor – James Maloney offered to answer any questions the Town Board had on the informational manual that was given out at the prior meeting. He stated that he has been busy collecting and doing inventory on building permit information. He offered a drive along to the Town Board members while he did his field assessments. Councilman Joel B. Brink thanked him for his work on the manual.

Building Department – The monthly building department report was read. Mr. Marty Petersen further reported that his department is sending out building permit renewal notices to people to close out their permits.

Town Clerk – Mr. Jason Cosenza reported that the electronic records system is up and running and that his office has been busy importing data into it.

Sewer Department - Monthly report was read.

Highway Department – The monthly Highway report was read. Mr. Donald “Mac” Tinnie also reported that the sweeper is cleaning the roadways.

Water Department - Monthly report was read.

Sewer Department - Monthly report was read.

Police Department- The monthly Police report was read.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman David Brink motioned to approve the minutes of February 22, 2006, March 6, 2006 and March 8, 2006.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Councilman Joel B. Brink reported that Councilman David Brink, Councilman Secreto, Mr. Nelson White, Supervisor Woerner (first half of the meeting) and himself were present at the Finance Meeting to review the abstract.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the following:

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

March-06

ABSTRACT

FUND

CLAIM #

AMOUNT

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UTILITIES

GENERAL	301-334	11,852.90
ULSTER WATER	301-308a	10,641.60
HALCYON PK. WATER	301-302	688.06
SPRING LAKE WATER	301-303	242.92
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	301	285.21
GLENERIE WATER	301-302	28.08
WHITTIER SEWER	301-302	1,258.31
ULSTER SEWER	301-306	16,389.50
SPECIAL LIGHT	301-306	3,052.97

ALL OTHERS

GENERAL	301-3140	131,414.72
HIGHWAY	301-343	52,399.87
WHITTIER SEWER	301-305	612.50
ULSTER SEWER	301-323	29,814.71
ULSTER WATER	301-322	33,593.84
HALCYON PK. WATER	301-302	3,362.50
SPRING LAKE WATER	301	25.00
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	301-303	1,065.34
CHERRY HILL WATER	301	25.00
GLENERIE WATER	301	25.00
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	301-317	86,782.74
MEDICARE REIMB.		8,230.50
ELECTIONS		

CAPITAL PROJECTS

TRUST & AGENCY	304-308	14,034.39
BRIGHT ACRES WATER		
GLENERIE WATER		
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	301	17,594.59
DRAINAGE PROJECTS		
EAST KINGSTON WATER	301-305	26,855.32
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	301-302	1,245.00
GLENERIE WATER LATERALS	301-302	2,475.00
ULSTER WATER	301	525.00
TOTAL		\$ 454,520.57

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

Ulster County Veteran's Service Agency Director Terry Breitenstein

Mr. Breitenstein explained that the Ulster County Veteran's Service's mission statement is to

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help all veterans and their families in Ulster County. They work with a lot of agencies and there is a bureaucratic process involve. They have an open door policy. His staff has worked there a long time and they are responsible for the good work that goes on. There are many different benefits, pensions and tax exemptions. The floor was open up for questions. It was explained that there are different benefits for different veterans. The benefits vary according to income.

Salt & Chemical Award of Bids for Ulster Water and Whittier Sewer

Supervisor Woerner motioned to award the annual salt and chemical bid to the following low bidders (bids opened on 3/17/2006 at 3:30 PM):

Companies	Product	
US SALT	salt - Bulk TX-10	\$ 87.50 per ton (24 ton min.)
DUSO Chemical Co.	Liquid Chlorine	\$123.00 150 # Clyinder
DUSO Chemical Co.	Potassium Permanganate	\$2.09 #

2nd by Councilman David Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

The proposed formation of a Conservation Advisory Committee. (Planning & Assessor)

Councilman Artist reported that he forwarded a copy of the proposed conservation committee law to the Town Planner to review. They recommended that the law be forwarded to the Town Planning Board for review. A public hearing would have to be held.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to hold a public hearing for the proposed local law to establish a conservation advisory committee for Monday, April 6, 2006 at 7 PM. Also an extension for letters of interest to serve on the committee was set up till Thursday, March 30, 2006.

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

A proposed Stop Sign on the corner of Parish Lane and Costanzi Drive.

Police Chief Paul Watzka reported that he put eleven details out to do a study on the area. The average speed was 26 MPH. He recommended against a three way stop sign on Parish Lane. There is a yield sign on Costanzi Drive that he suggested could be changed to a stop sign.

Councilman Artist suggested that a community meeting be set up with Detective Cruise so the residents could ask questions and have the situation explained.

Councilman Joel Brink stated that this request had appeared before. He felt the residents in that area wanted to control speed. He felt that signs are to control traffic, not speed.

It was suggested that the Town put the speed detector sign in the area. The chief stated that the town was on the waiting list for that. The matter was turned over to the Safety Committee.

A chief stated that a speed study was performed on Lawrenceville Street. Average speed was 25 MPH.

Request for additional Part Time office staff for the Town of Ulster Justice Court.

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Councilman David Brink reported that the committee met twice with the Town Justices. They reviewed all the options and the committee recommended that a part time clerk be hired for 20 hour a week. Better service to the public

Councilman David Brink motioned to create a temporary part-time court clerk position at \$8.50 an hour for a period of six months.

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

Councilman David Brink stated that the position would be evaluated at the end of 6 months.

Councilman Joel Brink stated that he would post the job notice in house and take care of all the necessary paperwork.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

To approve a street light for Vans Terrace and Fairdale Avenue. (Public Safety)

Councilman Secreto motioned to add Vans Terrace and Fairdale Ave to the Town General Lighting District

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

Councilman Secreto motioned:

To authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with Blauer Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the preparation of the 2006 Community Development Block Grant Applications.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned:

To authorize the Town Clerk's office to operate their cash drawer with \$100.00 instead of the current \$ 75.00.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned:

To award contract # TU-061 (Painting of 1.5 Million Gallon Water Storage Tank for the Ulster Water District) in the amount of \$291,000.00 to JNP Construction Corp.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman David Brink motioned:

To contract with Robert Merithew, Inc. for the amount of \$27,200.00 for inspection services during the painting of the 1. 5 Million Gallon Water Storage Tank for the Ulster Water District.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman David Brink motioned:

To authorize the Town Supervisor to sign Amendment # 2 to Brinnier and Larios, P.C.,

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Agreement for Engineering Services & Residential Inspection for the East Kingston Water District reducing the contract by \$ 10,000 and \$ 19,000 respectively for Phase 1.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Artist motioned:

To increase the rate of pay for the part time position in the Tax Collectors office held by Gloria Wirhowski from \$ 9.10 to \$ 9.35 per hour as previously budgeted for the fiscal year 2006 effective 1/1/2006

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned:

To authorize the Town Clerk Jason Cosenza to attend the Annual Town Clerks Association Conference from April 23-26 with a cost to the Town not to exceed \$ 600.00.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Secreto motioned:

To appoint Nancy France as Webmaster of the Town of Ulster.

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

Councilman Artist motioned to set a public hearing for (LL-1-06) Amending a Zoning Law to modify setback requirements for thru lots for April 4, 2006 at 7:15 PM

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

(LL-2-06) Amending Town Code to provide for Planning, Zoning and Building Department Escrow account fees and requirements. (Building, Planning & Assessor)

Supervisor Woerner tabled this matter for further review by the Town Attorney.

Councilman David Brink motioned to approve the following:

Budget Modifications:

General Fund	Modify Appropriation A3120.435 (Canine) to be funded through (Approp. Fund Balance) appropriate unexpended funds from 2005	\$4,015.99
	Modify Revenue A2705 (Gifts & Donations) and Appropriation A2989.400 (Dare Prog) checks from Mt. Valley Fuel Wood Products and Recycling for \$50.00 and Radio Shack Corp. for \$450.00 - DARE donations	\$500.00
	Modify Revenue A2680 (Insurance Recoveries) and Appropriation A3120.42 (Vehicle Maintenance) loss date 12-22-05, Hastings	\$4,070.96
	Modify Revenue A2680 (Insurance Recoveries) and Appropriation A3120.421 (Vehicle Maintenance) check from Selective Insurance	\$500.00

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	collision deductible/Purvis	
	Modify Revenue A2705 (Gifts & Donations) and Appropriation A2989.400 (Dare Program) donation from NYS Union of Police Association	\$325.00
	Modify Appropriation A1930.400 (Judgement and Claims) to be funded through A5990 (Approp. Fund Balance) 2006 K-Mart refund due Ulster Co. Treasurer	\$12,202.54
	Transfer From Transfer To A1990.400 Contingency A8160.421 Veh. Maint.	4,665.00
Highway Fund	Modify Appropriation D1930.400 (Judgement and Claims) to be funded through D5990 Approp. Fund Balance) 2006 K-Mart refund due Ulster Co. Treas.	\$6,242.54
Ulster Water	Modify Appropriation SW1-1930.400 (Judgement and Claims) to be funded through SW1-5990 (Approp. Fund Balance) 2006 K-Mart refund due Ulster Co. Treasurer	\$1,914.85
Ulster Water	Modify Appropriation SW1-8340.200 (Truck) to be funded through SW1-5990 (Approp. Fund Bal.) for partial of a 06' Ford 1 Ton 4x4 from Van Bortel Ford, INC	\$18,905.00
Ulster Sewer	Modify Appropriation SS2-1930.400 (Judgement and Claims) to be funded through SS2-5990 (Approp. Fund Balance) 2006 K-Mart refund due Ulster Co. Treasureer	\$4,545.12
Ulster Sewer	Transfer From Transfer To SS2-1990.480 Contingency SS2-1990.481 Sewer Rent City of King. SS2-8110.403 Office Supplies SS2-1910.400 unalloc. Insurance	\$397.00 \$125.00
Ulster Water	Transfer From Transfer To SW1-8310.403 office Supplies SW1-1420.400 legal service	\$225.00
	SW1-8310.403 Office Supplies SW2-8310.200 Computer Equipment	\$158.00
General Fund	Modify Appropriation A3120.100 (Wages) to be funded through A5990 (Approp. Fund Balance) appropriate unexpended funds from 2005	\$55,000.00
	Modify Appropriation A3120.201 (Polic Vehs & Prep) to be funded through A5990 (Approp. Fund Balance) appropriate unexpended funds from 2005	\$10,000.00
	Modify Appropriation A3120.202 (Computer Equip.) to be funded through A5990 (Approp. Fund Bal.) appropriate unexpended funds from 2005	\$100,000.00

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Legislators, Michael Berardi & Brian Cahill asked the Town Board to pass a memorial resolution in support of changing the North East Center for Special Care's label as being a municipal

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hospital so that it can receive a greater reimbursement rate from Medicare. A discussion occurred about a tour of the facility.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC
Ulster Town Clerk