

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
APRIL 3, 2006 AT 7:00PM

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

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

Town Clerk, Cosenza read the public notice:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Ulster on April 3, 2006, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, One Town Hall Drive, Lake Katrine, New York, regarding Local Law No.1 of 2006. The proposed local law will amend the set back requirements for through lots in the Town.

At such time and place, all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same. Copies of said proposed local law are available for review in the Town of Ulster Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Ulster.

Jason Cosenza, RMC Ulster Town Clerk

Summary of questions and comments:

Mr. Renno Budziak – What precipitated this law to be created?

Mr. Andrew Zweben, the Town Attorney explained that the Planning Board asked him to draft this. There are properties that have two streets, one in the front and one in the back. The rear yard is adjacent to the front yards of their neighbors. So he drafted a law that will treat these properties the same as corner lots. The set backs will be what is required for that zoning district.

Councilman David Brink motioned to adjourn the hearing at 7:14 PM

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Supervisor Woerner opened the Public Hearing for the proposed formation of the Environmental Conservation Advisory Committee.

Summary of questions and comments:

Anna Brandt – Stated that she is involved in the Woodstock Environmental Committee and that they are an advisory committee and they do whatever the town decides.

Mr. Vincent Guido – Stated that he presented the idea for the commission about 9 months ago.

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At that time it was decided to let the next incoming Town board handle it. He feels natural resources are being wasted and this commission will help protect them. There are 22 municipalities in Ulster County and about 97% have a commission. This will help ease the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board work load and protect the environment. Other boards inventory water sources.

Mr. Gerald J. Beichert – Is not in favor of the proposed law citing the duplication of government and the costs that are built into the law. He feels that the Zoning and Planning Board hold open meetings where people can express their concerns and they are in charge of these same duties. The commission will delay projects because of their review process. The Town has a planner who reviews these items as well.

Mr. Cahill – This is an advisory commission. Nothing is binding. All volunteers, so no cost will be incurred.

Renno Budziak – Is in favor of the proposal. He feels another set of eyes will not hurt in the review process.

Mr. Vincent Guido – Stated that when the law was formed, it was suggested it include a budget and a secretary. This will help bring grant money into the town. He feels that the Planning Board's plate is full and they don't have the time to attend environmental meetings to stay informed and to reach out to other organizations for group efforts. The committee can help with the MS-4 review. The committee is not to tie anyone else up.

Larry Decker- Thanked the Town Board for reaching out to the Planning Board for their opinion. He stated that there are several layers of bureaucracy in the review process: Ulster County Health Department, Ulster County Planning Board, Town engineer, Town planner, Town Water Department, Town Sewer Department, the Fire District, Zoning Board, the Planning Board, Town Attorney, Town Highway Department, NYS DEC, United State Army Corp of Engineers, NYS DOT, and NY Historical Society. He is not in favor of the law because he feels the Town is fairly represented, but recommended that if the board is to form a commission, the current proposal should be rewritten.

Councilman Artist inquired if any people were interested in serving on the commission. Supervisor Woerner stated that the only correspondence was from Mr. Guido and a list of people he submitted who were interested.

Councilman Artist took the information that was given and passed it to the Town Planner and to the Town Planning Board for review. The Planner recommended further talks to reach an understanding and to have the Town Attorney review it.

Timothy O'Brien - Is in favor of additional review and is interested in serving on the commission.

Joel O'Brien – Is in favor and also is interested in serving on the commission.

Ron Miller - Is in favor and also is interested in serving on the commission.

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Supervisor Woerner stated that he would not adjourn the hearing until hearing from the Town Planner, Town Planning Board and Town Attorney at the next meeting on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 7 PM. The Town Board will continue to receive letters of interest.

The Town Attorney stated that he will submit a memo of review of law to the Supervisor.

Councilman Artist motioned to adjourn the hearing until Monday, April 17, 2006 at 7 PM.
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Discussion - Town Telephone System repair update.

Supervisor Woerner reported that the phone system was damaged about three weeks ago due to a power surge. He spoke to the Hudson Valley Telephone and got a repair estimate in the amount of \$1100. He will submit a claim to the insurance company to see if the town can recoup some of the expense. There was no vote needed since it was a service & maintenance related item.

Discussion - Transfer Station – To shift the management from the Highway Garage to the Town Board

Supervisor Woerner had a conversation with Highway Superintendent Donald “Mac” Tinnie about the Town Board overseeing the Transfer Station. Mac is okay with this. He wanted the opinion of the Town Board.

Councilman Artist has discussed this in the past and has no problem with it.

Councilman Secreto feels the Town Board can maintain it better.

Councilman Joel Brink stated that Highway Superintendent Tinnie is very busy and does not have enough time to be there and supervise.

Supervisor Woerner concurred. He stated he will place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Supervisor Woerner motioned :

To allow United Healthcare to use the Post Park Pavilion for a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Sunday, June 11, 2006.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Artist motioned:

To ratify and confirm the adoption of resolutions adopted on October 17, 2005 in connection with the Ulster Water District improvements, at the request of Town Bond Counsel Thomas E. Myers, Esq. in relation to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Ulster Water District, in the Town of Ulster, 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

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

To fill a vacancy for the position of Part Time Clerk to the Town of Ulster Justice Court

Supervisor Woerner tabled this matter at the request of the Town Justices until next meeting. Applications will be accepted until the end of the week, Friday, April 7, 2006.

Councilman Artist motioned to approve the following:

Award Contract TU-056 in the amount of \$161,000.00 to lowest bidder Harkins Mechanical and Construction, Inc., for General Construction of the Air Blower & Pre-Engineered Building for the Ulster Sewer District.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Joel Brink motioned to approve the following:

Award Contract TU-056 in the amount of \$11,499.00 to lowest bidder Hudson Valley E. C. & M., Inc., for Electrical Construction of the Air Blower & Pre-Engineered Building for the Ulster Sewer District.

2nd by Councilman Artist

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Robert L. Merithew, Inc. – Ulster Water Tank Inspection

Supervisor Woerner motioned to amend the awarding of the Ulster Water Tank Inspection Contract to pay Robert L. Merithew, Inc. an hourly rate of \$85.00 with the estimated cost of \$27,200.00

2nd by Councilman Artist

Andrew Zweben, the Town Attorney, stated that there will be a pre-build meeting where the inspectors time schedule will be organized to minimize the inspection time and cost.

Councilman Joel Brink requested to attend that meeting.

Councilman Artist requested that the inspector contact the supervisor to keep account of the time spent.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Discussion – Trash Pick-up at the Town Parks

Councilman David Brink suggested that the trash bins and cans be removed from the Town Parks to save money. He suggested the town force the public to carry out what they take in like the state parks.

He also suggested that the Rider Park not have park attendants and not charge for the boat launch like other launches along the Hudson River.

Supervisor Woerner stated that the RRA will no longer do dumpster service.

Highway Superintendent Tinnie stated that he has a bid of \$219 per month for private pick up.

Mr. Richard Metigzer, a town park attendant, stated that the Town has the best boat launch and one of the best fishing spots in the area. The other boat launches are in poor condition and bad areas. The park attendents help regulate the traffic. People come to Rider Park because of its convenience and nice set up. He suggested that if people don't want to pay the fee, to go

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elsewhere.

Install AED Alarm boxes at the Ulster Town Hall and the Ulster Highway Department

Councilman Secreto motioned to approve the contract for Safeco Alarm Systems, Inc to install AED alarmed boxes and tie them into the alarm system, one for the Town Hall and the other for the Ulster Highway Complex in the total amount of \$1,190.00

2nd by Councilman Artist

The Town Clerk stated that there will be no additional cost on the monthly alarm monitoring contract for the town and installation will be in around 2 weeks. .

There was a discussion on AED training for town employees. A memo will be sent on to inquire who would be interested in participating.

A Roll Call vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Joel Brink reported that there is an opening in the Water Department and after posting position there was one applicant.

Councilman Joel Brink motioned to move Thomas Torelli from the Waste Water Department as a waste maintenance worker to the Water Department as a water maintenance worker, effective April 10, 2006. There is no promotion, no raise and this is understood by Mr. Torelli. Both Mr. Halwick, the Waste Water Superintendent and Mr Vogt, Water Superintendent, are okay with this.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

There will be a position open in the Waste Water Department because of this move.

Council Joel Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC
Ulster Town Clerk