

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 1, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

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

Proposed Formation of a Conservation Advisory Commission

The proposed local law was read by Town Clerk, Cosenza.

Councilman Artist reported that he spoke to Frank Almquist and that the Planning Board will have a written opinion in two weeks.

There was a discussion among the Town Board on whether there was enough time for the Ulster County Planning Board to review the law and offer an opinion.

Councilman David Brink motioned to set a public hearing for the proposed local law for the establishment of the Environmental Conservation Advisory Commission on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7 PM

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Dental Insurance Renewals for all Town Employees

Councilman Artist motioned to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into agreement with Guardian Dental Insurance pending the approval of both unions, Local #17 and the PBA

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Vehicle Lease for the Town Assessor and Building Inspector

Councilman Artist motioned to approve the new vehicle lease from Heart Chevrolet for a 2006 Chevrolet Equinox for the Town Assessor and Building Inspector (as part of the management contract)

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Councilman David Brink motioned:

To transfer ownership of a Surplus Road Sweeper from the Town Highway Department to the City of Kingston

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

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A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

To fill a vacancy in the Town of Ulster Wastewater Treatment Department.

Councilman Secreto motioned to hire Bryan Gavin as a water/waste water maintenance worker effective May 8, 2006 at \$9.25 an hour pending the physical examination

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Laborers Local #17 the Town Employees Union for contract years 2005-2009.

Councilman Artist motioned to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign Laborers Local #17 memorandum of agreement, union contract for 2005-2009

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – four Ayes – Councilman Secreto abstained due to his wife being in the union.

Awarding Contract TU-055 General Construction & Electrical Construction

Councilman Secreto motioned to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Town Board authorized bids to be advertised for Contract TU-055, Installation of Wastewater Collection System for the Washington Avenue Sewer District, and

Whereas, bids were advertised in accordance with the General Municipal Law, and opened on March 30, 2006, and,

Whereas, eight bids were received for General Construction ranging from \$703,931.00 to \$1,204,975, and

Whereas, eight bids were received for Electrical Construction ranging from \$23,388.00 to \$38,800.00, and

Whereas, the lowest responsible bidder for General Construction is H. Osterhoudt Excavating of Ellenville, New York in the amount of \$ 703,931.00, and

Whereas; the lowest responsible bidder for Electrical Construction is Hudson Valley EC &M of Milton, New York in the amount of \$ 23,388.00.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Town Board as follows:

1) The Town Board awards Contract TU-055 General Construction to H. Osterhoudt Excavating of Ellenville, New York in the amount of \$ 703,931.00 and Contract TU-055 Electrical to Hudson Valley EC &M of Milton, New York in the amount of \$ 23,388.00.

2) The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into contracts in these amounts on behalf

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of the Town of Ulster Washington Avenue Sewer District.

By Order of the Town Board, Town of Ulster, this 1st day of May, 2006.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Authorize a Change of Use for property belonging to Ed Sawick Located at 11 Stahlman Place.

Councilman David Brink motioned to authorize the property of Ed Sawick at 11 Stahlman Place for a change of a non-conforming use as a bike shop to another non-conforming use as a single apartment

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Set Public Hearing for mining use for Leo Boice & Sons

Councilman David Brink motioned to set a public hearing for a mining use permit for Leo Boice & Sons to allow shale quarry mining on a property located on the west side of Sawkill Road, S/B/L # 48.010-1-6 on May 15, 2006 at 7:15 PM

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

All Ayes

Councilman David Brink reported that he had some discussion on sign ordinances and plans to talk to the Town Planner. There are some zoning law changes that he would like to recommend to help remove some anomalies. He would like the town to have a grading law to prevent people from changing their property before they apply for a building permit. He suggested the Town Planning Board handle all the applications and remove the Town Board from the procedure process to prevent an extra month. Another problem that arises is that the Town Planning Board is the lead agency, but the Town Board has the final say so they should be lead agency. He would like to hire a planner to work just on these changes and to help out with the comprehensive committee. He also suggested that the Town should have written standards for curb cuts. He also is looking into silent railroad crossings. He stated that they have a horn that is directed at the highway so the sound would not be that great. It is expensive.

Councilman Joel Brink reported that the brush at the Town Transfer Station was overflowing and suggested that the Town hire someone to grind it. He would like to address that at next meeting.

Supervisor Woerner reported that there will be a vacancy among the parks attendants and that he would like to fill that at the next meeting.

John Morrow, Chairman of the Comprehensive Committee, reported that they had some public meetings looking for input, explaining what they are doing. They are looking at open space, agriculture, and commercial growth. He felt that the proposed Conservation Committee was a duplication of service and asked to consider incorporating them into their committee. All these funds are available to the town and the town just needs to apply for them.

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Mary McNamara asked the Town Board to appoint a representative for the Sawkill Watershed Alliance.

Councilman Artist motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC
Ulster Town Clerk