

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
JUNE 5, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN CRAIG ARTIST

TOWN COUNCILMAN DAVID BRINK - absent

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK

TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO

SUPERVISOR NICKY B. WOERNER

Future scheduling of Town Board and Town Workshop Meetings.

Supervisor Woerner stated he had a discussion with Councilman David Brink on whether the town should have a workshop meeting, similar to a caucus, one night and have the actual board meeting the following night. The thought was to have the meetings on two consecutive nights.

Councilman Joel Brink felt that it would be a tough schedule to maintain when there are revisions.

Councilman Artist was not in favor of it. The town is busy and there would be a lot of special meetings in between to address matters. The two weeks allow for things to be covered. He felt the current system is working.

Councilman Secreto felt that to have two consecutive meetings would expedite the agenda.

Town Clerk Cosenza stated that rescheduling the meeting would affect other meetings and organizations, such as the Town Finance meeting. A new cut off date for town bills would have to be set for the abstract. He recommended changing the dates for the Town Board meetings at the organizational meeting and not mid-stream.

The progress of Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Supervisor Woerner stated that he, Councilman David Brink and Planning Chairman Frank Almquist met with Alan Sorensen, from Planit Main Street, to discuss his working on a town comprehensive plan with the information that the Comprehensive Planning Committee gathered. Mr. Sorensen will write up a proposal with the cost involved. Supervisor Woerner will report back when the information is provided.

The summer town beautification program.

Councilman Joel B. Brink reported that the program will hire four youths to work on the Town Highway Department (1 group leader, 3 laborers), one for Water Waste-Water, one for Water, and one for the Town Custodian/ Parks. Work involves cleaning grounds, cutting grass and other work. Wages vary based on whether they worked last season, or if they are a group leader.

First Time employee - \$8.00

Returned employee - \$8.50

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Group Leader - \$9.00

The Board decided that there is no need for a motion to hire people. Applications will be distributed to the Department Heads who will contact the people they want to hire and they will come in and fill out the paper work.

Authorization of Change of Non-Conforming Use at 39 Vincent Street

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to authorize the change of a non-conforming use of a commercial garage to another non-conforming use of a single apartment at 39 Vincent Street (SBL 48.58-3-7).

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote – Four Ayes – Councilman David Brink was absent

Filling of a vacancy on the Kingston Public Access Commission.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to appoint Ronald Markisenis as an Ulster Public Access Commissioner

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Four Ayes - Councilman David Brink was absent

Filling of a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilman Artist motioned to appoint Mark Kaiser as Zoning Board of Appeals Member, filling Steve Burhan's appointed term of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2008.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Three Ayes – 1 Nay by Councilman Joel B. Brink – Councilman David Brink was absent

Approval of Change Order # 1 to Contract TU-061 in the amount of \$ 56,200.00.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign and approve charge order # 1 in the amount of \$56,200.00 for Contract TU-061 (painting for the 1.5 million gallon water tank known as the North Tower)

2nd by Councilman Artist

A Roll Call Vote was taken – four ayes – Councilman David Brink was absent

Resolution supporting the Phase II Fishing Platform Construction.

Councilman Artist motioned to approve the following resolution:

That Nick B. Woerner, Supervisor of Town of Ulster, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Hudson River Estuary Program in accordance with the provisions of the Hudson River Estuary Management Act (ECL 11-0306) of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in an amount not to exceed \$59,904.00, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the Hudson River Estuary program for such financial assistance to this Town of Ulster for Project C302892 – Phase II Fishing Platform Construction.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

Four Ayes - Councilman David Brink was absent

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Authorize the extension of Site Plan Approval to Cobra Manufacturing.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to extend the site plan approval for Cobra Manufacturing located on 68 Leggs Mill Road (SBL 39.015-7-19.1) one year, expiring on June 16, 2007
2nd Councilman Secreto
Four Ayes - Councilman David Brink was absent

To allow the Kingston Consolidated School District to use 12 voting machines for their June 20, 2006 Budget Vote.

Councilman Artist motioned to allow the Kingston City Schools Consolidated to use twelve voting machines for their June 20, 2006 budget vote.
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
Four Ayes - Councilman David Brink was absent

Mr. Nelson White stated that he dislikes the sole police commissioner style of government as he feels it is too much power for one person. He would like to see more members of the Town Board on it.

Supervisor Woerner announced that he has hired three full-time officers and promoted a full-time officer to sergeant.
Councilman Joel B. Brink stated that the hiring was done without consulting the Town Board
Supervisor Woerner stated the Town Board made no severe objections when he informed them.

Mr. Nick Harris asked the Town Board to take a stance on the proposed school.

Police Chief Paul Watzka reported that there is a very active investigation of the recent murder at the Ground Round restaurant in the Hudson Valley Mall.

Legislator Berardi reported that he had contacted the County Engineer to write letters to the Three Guys Furniture business to remove their (ugly) advertising signs off the county and state lands.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM
2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC
Ulster Town Clerk