

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19, 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
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
SUPERVISOR NICKY B. WOERNER

Barbara Wise expressed concern that the Building Department should be open everyday. She reported that a person was going to have their footings poured, a job that requires inspection by the Building Inspector, and that person had to cancel because the office was closed. Supervisor Woerner will handle the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Supervisor Woerner reported that Police Chief Watzka recommended a “yield” or “stop” sign be placed on the end of Costanzi Drive. The supervisor reviewed the plan with Sgt. Palen and will work with Mr. Tinnie, the Highway Superintendent on this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman David Brink reported, from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, that he is working on having insulation installed in the Town Hall Building. He stated that the Town has talked to a comprehensive planner to get the master plan set.

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Town Highway Department, that the Highway Department has been cleaning up the mini parks. He thanked Highway Superintendent Tinnie for his work. He reported that the department would start paving the roads soon.

Councilman Secreto motioned to generate a report on what to do with the Town Transfer Station and to submit it to the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent.

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink

No vote was taken – Supervisor Woerner felt a formal vote was unnecessary for this action

Councilman Joel Brink reported that he had attended a Metropolitan Planning Meeting at no expense to the Town. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss improving the highway system. The State wants to separate the roadways into commercial and commuter to improve transportation and have walkways and bikeways. He was invited to attend because he is a town appointed member to the Ulster County Transportation Council.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Town Insurance and Safety Committee, that he favored a stop sign at Parish Lane.

Councilman Artist requested that he and Councilman Secreto be involved in the meeting with

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Superintendent Tinnie about Costanzi Drive.

Supervisor Woerner stated that he will setup a meeting date with the Highway Superintendent and will invite the Safety Committee.

Councilman Joel Brink reported from the Personnel Committee that there are three gentlemen now working in the beautification program. Two more are going to be hired, one for Water and one for Waste Water.

Councilman Joel Brink motioned to accept the resignation of Carl Ricketson effective July 7, 2006 as Waste Water worker
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Councilman Joel Brink stated that the position of Water/Waste Water Worker, a non-competitive position, has been posted.

Supervisor Woerner asked to be notified if a person was considered for the position before July 3, 2006 so that it could be placed on the agenda.

Councilman Artist reported from the Building and Assessor Committee, that Mr. Marty Petersen, the Building Inspector, is sick and unable to attend the meeting, but he submitted his report.

Councilman Secreto announced that the Summer Camp Program will be underway, starting Monday, June 26, 2006. People who are interested in signing up their children can go to the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Water and Waste Water Committee, that the water tank known as the North Tower is finished being repainted and is being filled up.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Town Tax Collector – Cris Baldelli, the Tax Collector, read her year end tax report. She reported that the town phone message system was not working.

Assessor - Mr. James Maloney reported that a tentative assessment roll was filed May 1, 2006 and that the Final Assessment Roll will be filed July 1, 2006. He further reported that he, Mr. Petramale and Mrs. France will receive training on the tremble unit that was recently purchased.
Building Department- Councilman Artist read the monthly report.

Town Clerk – Read the monthly clerk report

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Mac Tinnie reported that his crew is starting the paving and patching. He asked people not to put brush over the drainage grates and to call the highway department so they know about it.

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Councilman Secreto reported that there is a dip in 9W. Mr. Tinnie reported that DOT is aware of the problem and it is being addressed.

Water Department – Paul Vogt, Water Superintendent, reported that the East Kingston Water District is complete. The Town is waiting for the City of Kingston to finish their work. The Ulster water tank that was just painted is being filled and the water has to be tested.

Waste Water - Waste Water Superintendent, Corey Halwick, reported that the Washington Avenue Sewer District Contract signing was June 12, 2006. He has not heard about a pre-construction meeting. He is hoping the district will be complete by August 2006.

Police Department- Supervisor Woerner reported that the murder investigation is still continuing, two computers have been installed in the cars and the rest are pending. The rest is running well.

Councilman Joel B. Brink reported that the traffic light installed in front of the Hampton Inn is not functioning correctly and the traffic light heading south on Boices Lane is skewed so that it is hard to see when the sun is behind it. Supervisor Woerner turned the matter over to the Highway Superintendent to handle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Woerner motioned to approve the minutes of May 1, 2006, May 15, 2006 and June 5, 2006.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

All Ayes

Councilman Joel B. Brink read and motioned to approve the following:

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

June-06 FUND	ABSTRACT CLAIM #	AMOUNT
UTILITIES		
GENERAL	601-623	6,410.90
ULSTER WATER	601-604	345.69
HALCYON PK. WATER	601	340.06
SPRING LAKE WATER	601-602	82.40
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	601	187.98
GLENERIE WATER		
WHITTIER SEWER	601-603	1,356.43
ULSTER SEWER	601-604	18,012.99
SPECIAL LIGHT	601-606	2,788.51
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	601-6164	153,488.42
HIGHWAY	601-633	48,189.57
WHITTIER SEWER	601-605	342.40
ULSTER SEWER	601-623	13,780.51
ULSTER WATER	601-615	11,889.01
HALCYON PK. WATER	601	25.00
SPRING LAKE WATER	601	25.00

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BRIGHT ACRES WATER	601-606	2,896.55
CHERRY HILL WATER	601	25.00
GLENERIE WATER	601-602	229.19
EAST KINGSTON WATER	601-603	2,487.50
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)		80,150.55
MEDICARE REIMB.		8,230.50
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TRUST & AGENCY	601-611	18,477.62
EAST KINGSTON WATER	601-608	816,835.12
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	601-603	15,147.00
GLENERIE WATER LATERALS	601-615a	43,392.50
ULSTER WATER CAP. PROJ.	601-608	127,028.80
	TOTAL	\$1,372,165.20

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Supervisor Woerner disclosed that Bill #623 – Hudson Valley Appraisal Corporation is a subsidiary of Hudson Valley Appraisal Corporation Real Estate which is a company that holds his real estate license.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman David Brink motioned to approve the following:

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

GENERAL FUND

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	
A3120.201 Pol. Vehs. & prep.	A3120.203 Veh. Leases	\$9,700.00

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Presentation - PM WET Systems

Mr. John Clark and John Bertoli presented a proposal to replace the current RRA with a private company that will produce a revenue rather than be an expense liability to the taxpayer with a unique manufacturing process of recycling materials and producing a cellos product that can be burned or turned into fiberboard. There will be almost no waste left at the end of this process.

A variety of questions arose from the audience. There was a concern about the number of vehicles entering the area and the effect on traffic. It was mentioned that this process has been tested elsewhere but has not been implemented to the large scale that is being proposed. There is no burning. Water will come from the current supply to start the process. The facilities are almost odor free. There are no smoke stacks. There are no plans for using barges. The company will have to follow all the current environmental laws so there is no greater impact to the environment. Roughly 65 jobs will be created for the waste management process and another 65 for the manufacturing section. The plant is setup for low maintenance with backup capabilities for emergencies.

Future scheduling of Town Board and Town Workshop Meetings.

The Town Board had a brief discussion on the scheduling of the meeting system and it seems that the majority of the Board feels the meeting date and time is acceptable, but the format could be further discussed.

The proposed construction of Kingston High School in the Town of Ulster.

Supervisor Woerner stated that he is not in favor of a school being built in a flood plain.

Councilman Secreto stated that he does not favor the property being taken off the tax rolls while he would favor a recreation field being installed there.

Councilman Joel Brink concurred with Councilman Secreto in regard to the property being removed from the tax roll. He feels that the public should decide about the school building and leaves that choice to them with their vote. He does not favor a memorializing resolution.

Councilman Artist requested that the Supervisor invite the School Board to make a presentation to the Town. He is against the School using a flood plain for recreational fields, as a lot of money is invested in these fields and if they are flooded it will cost money to repair.

Councilman David Brink feels that inviting the Town Board is a good idea.

The proposed formation of a citizen Police Commission.

Supervisor Woerner proposed a citizen commission consisting of the Supervisor and two citizens, who are not elected officials.

Councilman Artist is against one person having control over one department and feels more comfortable with a group of people.

Supervisor Woerner requested letters of interest for the position be submitted by June 30, 2006. He further reported that the commissioner would be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Councilman Artist motioned to approve the following:

Resolution in support of DOT Transportation Enhancement Program for the Town of Ulster

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation has announced that it is accepting applications for its Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP);

WHEREAS, the Transportation Enhancement Program funds a variety of projects for the implementation of specific transportation improvements which add value to the surface transportation system;

WHEREAS, TEP is a reimbursement programs that funds 80% of eligible project costs;

WHEREAS, applications are due June 30, 2006;

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WHEREAS, the Town wishes to apply for the funding to construct one or more projects to improve pedestrian and bicyclist transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to apply to the New York State Department of Transportation for a Transportation Enhancement Project for these project(s).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to submit Transportation Enhancement Program application(s) to the New York State Department of Transportation by June 30,2006.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Authorize the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with PLANIT Main Street in the amount of \$ 42,500.00 for work related to the update of the Town's Master Plan.

Supervisor Woerner reported that the cost of the agreement can come out of the landfill reserve fund or out of contingency. The town made more money in interest than the budget anticipated. He requested approval and the Board can determine the funding source later. The Town Board thanked the Comprehensive Committee for their work and the cost savings that occurred from their labor.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with PLANIT Main Street in the amount of \$ 42,500.00 for work related to the update of the Town's Master Plan.

2nd by Councilman David Brink
A Roll Call Vote - All Ayes

Supervisor Woerner stated he will obtain a written opinion from the State Comptroller's Office about spending Landfill Closure money for Master Plan.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to:

Authorize the Town Supervisor to sign Broker of Record Letters for the town's health insurance policies designating Palmiter Benefits Group LLC. as Broker of Record.

2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Supervisor Woerner motioned:

To increase the petty cash at Rider Park from \$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00.

2nd by Councilman Secreto
A Roll Call Vote - All Ayes

Authorizing a contract and payment to Grant Street Construction for work they completed for the construction of the Glenerie Water District.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the following:

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
Glenerie Water District
Town of Ulster, Ulster County, New York**

Whereas, certain capital improvements for the Glenerie Water District were completed pursuant to plans and specifications entitled TU-031: Installation of Water Mains and Appurtenances, prepared by Brinnier and Larios, P.C., and approved by USDA - New York Rural Development, CSXT (Railroad), and the Ulster County Health Department on behalf of the New York State Department of Health, and;

Whereas, due to the unforeseen presence of a rock ledge under the proposed subsurface railroad pipe crossing at the intersection of Eastern Parkway and Glenerie Boulevard, the railroad pipe crossing was not completed by Merritt Construction, Inc., as originally designed via pipe jacking, and;

Whereas, in late Summer and early Fall of 2005, it became vital to complete the railroad pipe crossing to provide the design flow capacity at the southern end of Glenerie Boulevard and to simultaneously allow for pavement resurfacing of Glenerie Boulevard after the pipeline crossing completion and prior to loss of funds available to the Town of Ulster, and;

Whereas, the Town of Ulster, via its Engineer, Brinnier and Larios, P.C., attempted to determine availability and willingness of specialty subsurface rock boring companies to perform the necessary work, and;

Whereas, after extensive communication with numerous contractors, only one proposal to perform and complete the necessary work was submitted by Grant Street Construction, Inc., dated September 7, 2005, and;

Whereas, on September 23, 2005, Supervisor Frederick J. Wadnola, accepted the proposal from Grant Street Construction, Inc., to perform the necessary work, and;

Whereas, Grant Street Construction, Inc., subsequently performed the necessary work in an acceptable manner.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town retroactively accept the proposal from Grant Street Construction, Inc., for the railroad pipe crossing, and retroactively authorize Supervisor Wadnola to execute the proposal with Grant Street Construction, Inc.

By Order of the Town Board, Town of Ulster, this 19th day of June 2006.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Supervisor Woerner motioned into executive session at 9:15 PM to discuss a contractual matter

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relating to the Water Waster Water Department.
2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

The Town Board left executive session at 9:30 PM

Councilman Secreto motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RM
Ulster Town Clerk