

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
JULY 3, 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

The proposed formation of a citizen Police Commission.

There was a discussion among the Town Board about the composition of the Police Commission. Councilman Artist checked with other towns to see how many persons were on their commission's and discovered it is common to have three members. Councilman Secreto inquired about what the Town would have to do if the Town Board wanted a five member commission. Supervisor Woerner reported that a local law would have to be enacted. Councilman Joel B. Brink favored a five person commission consisting of the Town Supervisor, two Board Members and two citizens. Councilman David Brink favored a three member commission of two board members and one citizen.

Councilman Secreto motioned to establish a police commission consisting of three members: Town Supervisor, Town Councilman, and a citizen.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

Councilman Artist asked if the Commission Members would have their terms stacked.

Supervisor Woerner stated that the members would serve at the Town Boards' pleasure and the commission would appoint their own chair.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 4 Ayes – Councilman Joel B. Brink voted Nay

Councilman David Brink nominated Paulina L. Leonard for the position of Police Commissioner

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Councilman Joel B. Brink nominated George Lucente for the position of Police Commissioner

2nd by Councilman Artist

A Roll Call Vote was taken on the nomination of Paulina L. Leonard –

Councilman Craig Artist – Nay

Councilman David Brink – Aye

Councilman Joel B. Brink – Nay

Councilman Secreto – Aye

Supervisor Woerner - Aye

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The nomination for George Lucente was defeated due to there being only one citizen position available.

Supervisor Woerner nominated Councilman Artist for the Town Board position as police commissioner.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

All Ayes

Supervisor Woerner announced that the new commission will have to be discussed when they will schedule their meetings.

Comprehensive Planning Committee update.

Councilman David Brink reported that the Comprehensive Planning Committee that he serves on has held several hearings in each hamlet of the township, soliciting information from the public. There was a meeting with Alan Sorensen, from Planit Main Street, where the information was given to him. A sampling survey will be sent out. Then, once that information is collected, a draft comprehensive plan will be composed. This will give the town a better chance for receiving grants.

Councilman David Brink stated that he spoke to Mr. Sorensen about setting a design zone along the Washington Avenue corridor. He wants that area to have a unified theme that will look nice as it welcomes visitors into the town.

Councilman Joel Brink inquired if the City of Kingston will have any input in the design and planning of the corridor.

Supervisor Woerner stated that they would have input but no vote in the process.

The Proposed Property Re-Valuation for 2008 Tax Roll.

Mr. James Maloney, the Town Assessor, reported that the City of Kingston, along with other Towns, is planning a re-valuation in 2008. He recommended that the town do the same to prevent a shift of school and county taxes. He would need a resolution from the Town Board and that would have to be filed with the state.

There was a discussion about implementing homestead/non-homestead tax rather than one flat tax. This would change the ratio of burden of taxes. Mr. Maloney will create a model to show the Town Board. This proposal will only be on the town portion.

The recent Flooding in the Town.

Supervisor Woerner thanked all the members of the Town Board for making themselves available over the weekend due to the flood conditions. He also thanked every town employee who pitched in and helped. He thanked Mr. James Maloney, the Town Assessor, for his work as flood coordinator in getting people back into their homes as quickly as possible.

Mr. Maloney reported that, on Friday, June 30, 2006, the water had receded and that the flood had affected 40 homes in the areas of Orlando Street, Buckley Street, Sandy Road and Brabrandt Road. The homes were inspected and power was restored to all but a half dozen homes as of 6:15 pm that night. It was a lot of work to coordinate electrical inspections since some homes had their electrical systems compromised. He thanked the Town Board, the Red Cross, Fire Chief Ed Molinaro and the members of Ulster Hose #5 as well as the employees of the Highway, Water, Sewer, Building and Police Departments for the joint effort. He further reported that the town will have dumpsters out to collect debris for two weeks.

Supervisor Woerner thanked the Bruderhof for their assistance to the affected residents in cleaning out their homes, sweeping grounds and the donation of food. He reported that he requested that department heads start compiling information so the Town can be reimbursed for its expenses from FEMA, such as dumpster costs and overtime.

Robert Barton requested that the agenda be put on the website sooner and that minutes for the Comprehensive Committee meeting be placed on it.

There was a discussion among the Town Board and audience about the horrible temporary signs that are popping up in the township. Legislator Michael Berardi suggested that the town use a hawkers and peddlers ordinance to require the sign owners to get permits. Councilman Secreto suggested that the County use the alternative sentence crew to clean the signs up.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to enter into executive session at 7:55 PM for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and a real property lease with Ulster County.

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

Councilman Secreto motioned to adjourn executive session at 8:35 PM

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

Councilman Secreto motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM

2nd by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by

Jason Cosenza, RMC

Ulster Town Clerk