

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 21, 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

COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to hire Christopher Williams as a Waste Water Worker at a rate of \$10.50 an hour effective August 28, 2006; he has passed all the necessary tests and physicals.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Four Ayes – Supervisor Woerner abstained, due to the fact that Mr. Williams is his second cousin.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Finance Committee that the Abstract had been reviewed. He reported from the Water and Waste Water Committee that “all was flowing well”. He issued a safety warning for Route 32 and 209 as a new traffic light was installed and drivers are not adhering to the regulations. He announced from the Parks and Recreation Committee that a Bid League for boys and girls, ages 7-10 and 11-14 is starting up. Sign-ups are going to be held September 15 from 5 PM to 8 PM, September 16, 10 AM to 1 PM and September 23, 10 AM to 1 PM.

Supervisor Woerner stated that he had spoken to Councilman Secreto and Recreation Commissioner Brocco about setting up a league for disabled children. He and Detective Cruse will head this with the help of the PBA.

Councilman Artist reported from the Information Service Committee that they are waiting for more information to come in for the computer support contract that is due to expire.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Assessor’s Office – Mr. James Maloney, the Town Assessor, reported that he had attended two hearings on the Town’s Assessment Roll. He was able to raise the equalization rate from 70.53 to 71.02. This will save the taxpayers money. He further reported that the STAR program rebates will be \$157.50 for the basic and \$263.03 for the enhanced for those that qualify with incomes of less than \$67K.

Mr. Maloney reported, as Flood Coordinator, that the PA, public assistance certificate, was filed through Art Snyder, from the County Emergency Management Agency. New York SEMO is

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trying to establish a mitigation program. He and the Town Supervisor conducted interviews to see if people wanted to sell their properties to the government. This would be a competitive program.

Councilman Artist thanked Mr. Maloney for his work on getting the equalization rate raised as he had to take time off from his vacation to attend those hearings.

Building Department – The monthly report was read. There was a complaint about Callanan’s blasting near East Kingston. He had investigated the site and had to do some more work.

Town Clerk – Read the monthly clerk report.

Highway Department - The monthly Highway report was read.

Water Department – The monthly report was read. There was one major water break that was taken care of. The City of Kingston is moving along on their end of the East Kingston Water District.

Waste Water Department – Waste Water Superintendent Halwick was excused due to another obligation. Supervisor Woerner reported that everything is running satisfactorily. The Washington Avenue Sewer District mobilization will begin Monday, August 28, 2006.

Police Department- The monthly report was read. Police Chief Watzka reported that the Ground Round is not going to reopen. Further, he reported that he hope to have good news on the murder investigation at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Supervisor Woerner motioned to approve the minutes of July 3, 2006, July 10, 2006, July 17, 2006 and July 25, 2006.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

All Ayes

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the following:

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

August-06	ABSTRACT	
FUND	CLAIM #	AMOUNT
UTILITIES		
GENERAL	801-824	7,608.77
ULSTER WATER	801-808a	8,872.95
HALCYON PK. WATER	801	319.55
SPRING LAKE WATER	801-804	274.61
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	801	197.79
GLENERIE WATER	801-802	28.04
WHITTIER SEWER	801-802	526.13
ULSTER SEWER	801-803	8,035.54
SPECIAL LIGHT	801-806	2,639.67
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	801-8132	173,986.28
HIGHWAY	801-826	87,696.64
WHITTIER SEWER	801-805	1,885.05

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ULSTER SEWER	801-837	30,627.40
ULSTER WATER	801-828	70,377.76
HALCYON PK. WATER	801-802	1,219.00
SPRING LAKE WATER	801-802	21,495.40
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	801-802	224.00
CHERRY HILL WATER	801	25.00
GLENERIE WATER	801	25.00
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	801-827	107,836.51
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TRUST & AGENCY	801-814	21,503.73
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	801-803	247.06
EAST KINGSTON WATER	801-805	19,569.00
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	801-805	17,869.00
GLENERIE WATER LATERALS	801-811	27,152.10
ULSTER WATER CAP. PROJ.	801	600.00
	TOTAL	\$ 610,841.98

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Supervisor Woerner disclosed that he had a prior employment history with Sawhorse Lumber and More to which General Fund Bill #8115 & Highway Bill# 820 was from.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Supervisor Woerner motioned to approve the following:

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

GENERAL FUND

Modify Revenue A1289 (Other Gen.Dept.Income) and Approp. A3120.101 (O.T.Wages) Special Task Force O.T. reimbursement by Hudson Valley Mall \$ 2,455.00

GENERAL FUND

Modify Revenue A1270 (Shared Service Chrgs.) and Approp. A3120.100 (Wages) City School District, School Resource Officer, salary reimbursement from Jan. thru June 06' \$23,292.00

GENERAL FUND

Modify Revenue A3089 (Other Gen. Aid) and Appropriation A3120.200 (Equipment) Bryne Grant from Div. Crim. Justice Service videos in cars \$25,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND

Transfer From	Transfer To	
D5130.413 Rental	D5130.413 Equip.Maint.	\$10,000.00
D5130.422 Rental	D5130.491 Parts	\$10,000.00

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

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Discussion: Town Transfer Station.

Councilman Secreto stated that he and Councilman David Brink had discussed moving the Transfer Station oversight from the Highway Department to the Town Board. He reported that the Town is losing money there and that, at the beginning of the year, the fees will be changed.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to transfer the day to day operations of the Town Transfer Station from the direction of the Highway Department to the Town Supervisor, who will form a Transfer Station Committee consisting of Councilman Joel B. Brink, Councilman Secreto and the Supervisor
2nd by Councilman David Brink

Councilman Artist stated that he was not in favor of one person being in charge of any town operation.

Supervisor Woerner stated that he wants to have a meeting soon to establish some guidelines about running the Transfer Station.

Councilman Joel Brink reported that the Town Board is looking to do away with the Town Transfer Station and have RRA serve as the Transfer Station or have Town pick up.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – Four Ayes – One Nay by Councilman Artist

Accepting the Town of Ulster Senior Club and the Town of Ulster Leisure Club as official clubs of the Town of Ulster Recreation Department.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to accept the Town of Ulster Senior Club and the Town of Ulster Leisure Club as official clubs of the Town of Ulster Recreation Department
2nd by Councilman Secreto

Councilman Joel Brink inquired if the Senior and recreation line item would be combined because of this.

Supervisor Woerner stated that it would remain the same with the possibility of more money being added to those lines

All Ayes

Declaration of Lead Agency Status for the Birches at Chambers Senior Housing Project.

Councilman Artist motioned to approve the following:

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2006, an application was submitted by Chambers Senior Housing, LP, for site plan approval for the construction of senior citizens housing at property known as SBL 48.49-1-20.110 located in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster and State of New York; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2006, the Town of Ulster Planning Board referred the application to the Town Board of the Town of Ulster for the purpose of the commencement of the environment review under the New York State SEQRA;

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WHEREAS, there are no other involved agencies as provided in New York SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Ulster Town Board declares itself to be lead agency for the site plan approval for the application of Chambers Senior Housing LP.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken – Four Ayes – Supervisor Woerner abstained due to his personal relationship to the owner of the project.

Councilman Artist motioned to set a public hearing for Chambers Senior Housing Project for Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 6:45 PM

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – Four Ayes – Supervisor Woerner abstained due to his personal relationship to the owner of the project.

Supporting resolution for the Kingston-Ulster Airport to obtain funding from New York State.

Supervisor Woerner read and motioned to approve the following:

MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS: Kingston-Ulster Airport, Inc. received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to pay 95% of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the following project at Kingston Ulster Airport:

"Design and If 1 Stall Inadvertent Entry Fence Including Slide Gates, Clearing and Grubbing"

WHEREAS: the New York State Department of Transportation is offering a matching grant to the Federal grant for 50% of the non-Federal share of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS: the New York State Department of Transportation, under Section 14h of the State Transportation Law, requires privately owned reliever facilities to obtain local municipal support to receive New York State funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster endorses the above described project for the purpose of making the project eligible for State funding;

RESOLVED: that the adoption of this Resolution shall be solely for the purposes stated herein and in no way binds the Town Board, the Planning Board and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Ulster to any approvals, permits and/or licenses which may be required by the applicant for future projects or work related to Kingston-Ulster Airport;

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RESOLVED: it has heretofore been determined by the Town Board, under Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), of the State of New York, that the aforesaid project to Design and Install Inadvertent Entry Fence Including Slide Gates, Clearing and Grubbing, including basic data collection, research and engineering studies, constitutes a Type II Action which will not have a significant impact upon the environment. The Supervisor of the Town of Ulster is hereby authorized to sign and date form DV -21-RI Agency Compliance Statement, as attached herewith; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Accepting the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Extension of Sottile Boulevard.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to accept the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Extension of Sottile Boulevard as submitted

2nd by Councilman David Brink

Councilman Joel B. Brink inquired if there was a cut off date for state funding? Why are the other alternatives still included in the document?

Supervisor Woerner reported that he had no clear answer. The alternatives are included to show that they were reviewed.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Approval of Scope for the Traffic Study of the Proposed Washington Avenue Quick Chek.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to approve the scope for the Traffic Study of the proposed Washington Avenue Quick Chek

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Councilman David Brink reported that he had just received the study.

Councilman Joel Brink inquired why the turnabout was used for the study.

A representative from the project stated that they had to look at all the future possibilities on the traffic and that was a known proposal that had to be taken into consideration.

Four Ayes – One Nay by Councilman David Brink

Supervisor Woerner read and motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Quick Chek Corporation proposes to construct a Quick Chek food store with gasoline sales and a car wash at 640-642 Washington Avenue in the Town of Ulster, County of Ulster and State of New York; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2006, the Town of Ulster Town Board declared its intention to be lead agency in said project; and

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WHEREAS, on June 13, 2006, Atlantic Traffic & Design Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Quick Chek Corporation, proposed to do a traffic study to assist the Town Board in making decisions pursuant to New York SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Town Board has submitted said proposed scope of traffic analysis to Creighton Manning Engineering LLP for comment; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2006, the Town of Ulster Town Board received comments from Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Town of Ulster Town Board hereby approves the scope of traffic analysis prepared by Atlantic Traffic & Design Engineers, Inc., as amended by the two (2) letters of comment of Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP, dated August 17, 2006.

2nd by Councilman Joel Brink
All Ayes

Mr. John Heitzman presented the Town Board with a proposal for a law to prohibit the posting of stickers, signs, handbills and posters in the township.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM

2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC
Ulster Town Clerk



RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF ULSTER

Completion of Final EIS Extension of Frank Sottile Boulevard

Date: August 7, 2006

WHEREAS, an extension of Frank Sottile Boulevard has been proposed to complete the road system in the Town's primary retail center; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared itself lead agency for the proposed action, approved a positive declaration and scheduled a public scoping session; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board approved a Final Scope for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on August 20, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized preparation of the DEIS by a team of special consultants; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board accepted the DEIS as complete on April 12, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board conducted a duly advertised public hearing on June 16, 2004, and received written comments until July 2, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the comments received were fully considered and addressed, including meetings with several involved agencies; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the comments submitted, certain modifications were made in the proposed phasing and implementation of the proposed Extension of Frank Sottile Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, a complete Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been prepared which includes detailed responses to all comments submitted and explanations of the modifications proposed in the implementation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received and thoroughly considered the complete FEIS.

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Ulster that:

1. The FEIS dated July 2006 is hereby accepted as complete and a Notice of Completion of FEIS shall be distributed to all involved and interested agencies.

2. The Findings Statement regarding this action shall not be approved in less than 10 days following distribution of the Notice of Completion of FEIS.