

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2007 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councilman Artist motioned to approve the minutes of May 1, 2007 and May 14, 2007  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Joel B. Brink  
All Ayes

**COMMUNICATIONS –**

Supervisor Woerner reported that he had received a correspondence from Mark Blauer, the Town Grant Writer, that there is \$16,366 left over from the Glenerie Lateral connection program and suggested that this could be used for lateral connections in East Kingston.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to set a public hearing for July 2, 2007 at 7:30 PM to hear public comment on transferring grant money in the approximate amount of \$16,000 from the Glenerie lateral grant program to the East Kingston lateral connection.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Joel B. Brink  
All Ayes

Robert Barton inquired as to what the application to the NYS Office of Parks and Historic Preservation was.

Councilman Secreto stated that the Charles Rider and Robert E. Post Park need updates. The town is applying for \$125,000 for Post Park and \$250,000 for Charles Rider Park. Charles Rider Park is in need of a pavilion and bathroom. There is a concern about erosion at both parks. He added that there is a need to install a handicap accessible restroom at Robert E. Post Park while increasing the kitchen, septic and storage area.

Supervisor Woerner stated that he believes there are no obligations attached to this grant money.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, that an alternative sentencing crew will be painting some of the Town Hall's offices and bathroom areas.

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Town Highway Department, that they are out paving. He thanked Frank Petramale for installing basketball hoops at the mini parks.

Councilman Joel Brink reported that he has received some beautification applications and will

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reach out to the various town departments to hire people.

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Finance Committee, that the abstract was reviewed. He thanked the Town Office Staff for their work on getting the abstract together.

Councilman David Brink reported, from the Personnel Committee, that they are looking for a building inspector to replace Martin Petersen who is retiring. Councilman Joel Brink reported that there are five people on the civil service list and a new test was administered to three people.

Councilman David Brink reported, from the Assessor, Planning and Building Committee, that Mr. Maloney, the Town Assessor, spoke to people at the Lower Esopus Creek to reduce the flooding and what flood preparation can be done. Councilman Artist reported that the Building Department is reviewing new software to increase the efficiency of the office.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Assessor** - Mr. James Maloney reported that the Final Assessment Roll will be filed on July 1, 2007. He recommended, as always, the flattest budget possible. The Sawkill Water Shed Alliance GIS has some flood coordination issues that are being addressed. For the Esopus Avenue flood project, a contractors' meeting will be held with about 16 contractors participating. He has contacted every contractor on the bid list and the project will be going out to bid. He was contacted by the Sawkill Water Shed Alliance to host a meeting with the Town Boards of Kingston, Ulster and Woodstock. He has received "as built" maps from Mr. Vogt, the Water Superintendent, and he would like to send them out to be incorporated into the town's GIS program. It will cost about \$3,000 to \$3,500 to do so. He has two unhappy property owners in the Washington Avenue Sewer District. He suggested reviewing to see if it is possible to change the property tax from an ad valorem tax to a benefit tax so each property is paying an equal share. He also reported that he had people calling from Hillside Acres inquiring about how the water billing is going to be handled. He had attended a meeting for flood relief from a variety of groups and agencies and it was stated that there needs to be partnering to solve the flood problems. The Town of Ulster Economic Development Committee received a wealth of information from Alan J. Sorensen, AICP, the Town Planner, to receive grants to set itself up with a revolving loan fund. He recommended that the 2008 budget include funding to cover this. He had a meeting with FEMA for the 2007 Public Assistance application that included requests for reimbursements for the sewer break for the police and highway department. Supervisor Woerner stated there is no problem with the digital map since the money was appropriated.

**Water Department** – Paul Vogt, the Water Superintendent, reported that the pump station for East Kingston has been installed. He is waiting for Central Hudson to connect the electric to get the system working. The last services for Glenerie were connected. There are 151 services connected. There are about 56 services connected in East Kingston.

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**Waste Water** - Waste Water Superintendent, Corey Halwick, reported that all the systems are running well. The Washington Avenue Sewer District is near completion. There is a need to do testing and there is a concern that the low flows will hinder the performance of the system. He thanked Mr. Tinnie and the Highway Department for their work during the last break and for their cooperation. Mr. Tinnie found the last break. He informed the Town Board that more breaks are to be expected due to the age and nature of the wastewater lines installed.

**Highway Department** – Mr. Donald “Mac” Tinnie, the Highway Superintendent, reported that things are moving along. They are cleaning out catch basins. He stated that he needs to sit down with the Highway Committee to discuss the paving over Esopus Avenue after the sewer break.

**Town Clerk** – Jason Cosenza, Ulster Town Clerk, read the monthly clerk report.

**Town Tax Collector** – Cris Hendrick, the Tax Collector, read the year end tax collector report. Her books have been closed and turned over the County Treasurer.

**Police Department** – Police Chief Watzka read the monthly report. Councilman Artist reported that this months Police Commission meeting was cancelled and will be continued next month. Councilman Joel B. Brink thanked the Chief and the Police Department for their hard work in getting accredited.

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

**ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS**

<b>June 2007</b>	<b>ABSTRACT</b>	
<b>FUND</b>	<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
UTILITIES		
GENERAL	601-629	<b>11,525.25</b>
ULSTER WATER	601-608a	<b>9,272.95</b>
HALCYON PK. WATER	601	<b>367.85</b>
SPRING LAKE WATER	601-604	<b>293.50</b>
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	601	<b>202.37</b>
GLENERIE WATER	601-602	<b>32.00</b>
WHITTIER SEWER	601-602	<b>984.51</b>
ULSTER SEWER	601-602	<b>12,640.81</b>
SPECIAL LIGHT	601-606	<b>2,771.99</b>
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	601-6182	<b>165,183.11</b>
HIGHWAY	601-659	<b>48,827.32</b>
WHITTIER SEWER	601-605	<b>511.91</b>
ULSTER SEWER	601-634	<b>27,782.46</b>
ULSTER WATER	601-630	<b>16,855.17</b>
HALCYON PK. WATER	601-603	<b>568.20</b>
SPRING LAKE WATER	601-602	<b>50.00</b>
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	601-603	<b>500.24</b>
CHERRY HILL WATER	601-602	<b>50.00</b>
GLENERIE WATER	601-602	<b>50.00</b>
EAST KINGSTON WATER	601-602	<b>75.00</b>

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INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	601-620	<b>102,582.78</b>
MEDICARE REIMB.		<b>11,936.50</b>
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TRUST & AGENCY	601-612	<b>5,702.50</b>
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	601	<b>29,496.01</b>
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	601	<b>7,174.50</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 455,436.93</b>

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Secreto  
 A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman David Brink motioned to approve the following:

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:**

**GENERAL FUND**

Budget Modifications:

General Fund	Modify revenue A2650 (Sale of Scrap ) and Appropriation A3120.421 (Veh. Maint ) check from Honest Johns for scrapped police vehicles		\$500.00
General Fund	Modify Revenue A2680 ( Insurance Recoveries ) and Appropriation A3120.421 (Veh. Maint. ) check from Selective Way Insurance for damage to Unit 382, '04 Chevy Impala loss date 4/4/07, K. Berardi		\$2,290.30
General Fund	Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Softball League) payment to Sawhorse Lumber & More		\$174.96
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General Fund	Modify Appropriation A8020.405 (Comprehensive Planner ) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Comprehensive Plan) payment to Planit Main Street for May Services		\$1,620.00
Ulster Water	Modify Revenue SW1.2680 (Insurance Recoveries) and Appropriation SW1.8340.421 (Veh. Main.) check from Selective Way Insurance for damage to '03 Chevy \$10., loss date 4/18/07, J. Cashara		\$2,202.60
General Fund	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	
	A1990.400 Contingency	A3120.430 Clothing	\$220.86
	A1990.400 Contingency	A1345.400 Meet.& Instr.	9,000.00
	A1990.400 Contingency	A1355.419 Veh. Lease	4,500.00
Washington Ave Sewer Cap. Proj.	HWS-8130.200 Constr	HWS-8130.400 Engineering	25,000.00
	HWS-8130.200 Constr	HWS-8130.401 Legal/Admin.	16,000.00
General Fund	Modify Revenue A1289 (Other Gen. Dept. Income) and Appropriation A3120.101 (O.T.) Special Task Force O.T. reimbursed by Hudson		

Valley Mall for April 2007

\$2,258.12

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Artist

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

**Michael Moriello Esq. regarding Twin Creeks subdivision.**

Mr. Moriello explained that he has been retained for the Twin Creeks Subdivision to form a storm water district for the development, as the alternative of a Home Owners Association would lead to maintenance problems for the town. He has written a petition for the town to take over the district once it is formed. He reported that he has spoken to the Town Attorney, Andrew Zweben, and he has requested that the petition include the property owners. A report would need to be on file in the Town Clerk's Office that it has to have some estimates and projected annual costs that the town engineer and attorney will have to agree to. A public hearing will have to be set for the town to consider the matter. He recommended that the special district be charged a user fee.

**Public Hearing – 7:30 PM Memorial Drive Plaza**

Supervisor Woerner opened the public hearing for the proposed Memorial Drive Plaza located on the southeast corner of Memorial Drive and East Chester Street Bypass (NYS Route 9W), parcel # 48.66-2-3.2 in an OM zone at 7:47 PM

A representative for the project reported that the proposal consists of developing approximately 4.231 acres with a new 14,220 square foot retail building. There will be a revision to their UCDC application that originally stated there were two buildings proposed. There is only one building to be built and there is no plan for a second. The application stated two for the purpose of finding out the maximum amount of funding available.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to close the public hearing at 7:53 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

**Public Hearing - 7:45 pm – Proposed Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union**

Supervisor Woerner opened the public hearing on the application of Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union located on 1633 & 1639 Ulster Avenue (NYS Route 9W), parcel # 39.82-2-13 & 14.1 in an OM zone at 7:54 PM.

A representative explained that the proposal consists of redeveloping two adjacent parcels composed of approximately 2.4 acres with a new 5,872 square foot bank facility. All existing buildings on the lots are proposed to be demolished. There will be a right turn in and a right turn out entrance on 9W. There will be sidewalks and the site will be MS-4 stormwater compliant. This will be their first branch in Ulster County.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to close the public hearing at 7:58 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman David Brink

All Ayes

Town Attorney, Andrew Zweben, expressed concern over the easement to the property for the Hudson Valley Federal Credit union and wanted the language to be tightened up so the town can enforce it.

Supervisor Woerner instructed the Town Attorney to contact Mr. Sorresen, the Town Planner, and the representatives of the bank to put his recommendation into a written document that will be enforceable and that will be able to be enacted on at the next Town Board meeting.

**Discussion - Regarding Town of Ulster Summer Camp Program.**

Councilman Secreto reported that the Summer Camp Program will start Monday, June 25, 2007. All the camp counselors are trained in CPR, the use of the AED and first aid. He thanked Captain David Alan for his services in training the camp staff. The police will be at the camp to review safety with the children. The staff will wear t-shirts and ID badges. He thanked the PBA, Lt. Sinagra and Sgt. Cruise for their donation of radios for use at the town park. He further reported that some local stores have reached out to him as sponsors. He will see what he can do. Supervisor Woerner thanked the Stote Family from Anaconda Sports for matching and beating all the prices for camp equipment.

**Memorial Drive Plaza – Resolution - 1633 & 1639 Ulster Avenue (NYS Route 9W), parcel 39.82-2-13 & 14.1 in an OM zone**

Supervisor Woerner moved a resolution approving the Memorial Drive Plaza site plan conditioned upon the approval of the traffic plan by the New York State Department of Transportation or compliance by the applicant with changes requested by the New York State Department of Transportation.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

**Resolutions - Authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an application to NYS Office of Parks and Historic Preservation.**

Councilman Secreto moved to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign any and all paperwork necessary to submit the application to NYS Office of Parks and Historic Preservation for grant money to apply to the Town Parks.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Artist

All Ayes

There would be a 25% match on the town's part for monies received from this grant.

Councilman David Brink moved to establish a Town Recreation Master Plan Board. The Board will consist of seven members; two members from the Recreation Commission, two Elected Officials and three Town residents. The purpose of this board is to put a plan in place on how the town wants to develop its recreation usage and the use of the Town Parks.

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2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Secreto  
All Ayes

Letters of interest are to be submitted to the Supervisor's Office by July 2, 2007  
Robert Barton suggested the town try to get more name recognition. He asked the Town Board to pursue a town wide zip code.

Councilman Artist motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Joel B. Brink  
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO  
Ulster Town Clerk