

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2007 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED IN HONOR OF HARRY SECRETO,
COUNCILMAN SECRETO'S FATHER.**

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN CRAIG ARTIST-Absent
TOWN COUNCILMAN DAVID BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
SUPERVISOR NICKY B. WOERNER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the minutes of June 5, 2007 and June 18, 2007.
2nd by Councilman David Brink
Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Secreto reported from the Buildings and Grounds Committee that he is reviewing the consolidation of thermostats in the Town Hall. Chair rails have been ordered to protect the walls in the meeting room.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Parks and Recreation Department that there are approximately 225 children enrolled in the Summer Camp Program with 31 counselors. 73 children, 10 counselors and 2 Police Officers (for security purposes) went to a Renegade's game. Councilman Secreto thanked Joe Ausanio, a former pitcher from the Yankees, for his generous donation of tickets. The Children's Day Parade was recently held and the Town had 70 children and 11 counselors participate. He thanked Ulster Excavating for the use of their truck and flatbed as a float for the Town. The Town has received a \$30,000 grant from Senator John J. Bonacic. The Committee has already planned the expenditure of \$18,000 of it.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Highway Department, that the backboards for the basketball court were installed at Jeanette Lane Park. He thanked Jimmy Corrigan for his work on getting the Beach Volley Ball Courts set up for the Town Park.

Councilman Joel B. Brink inquired as to the status of the proposed "Children at Play" signs on Harwich Street. Councilman Secreto stated that the recommendation would be forthcoming. Supervisor Woerner stated that speed was not the contributing factor for the accident where a young girl was hit by a car and recommended keeping the same speed limit. The Police Chief did express a concern about an insurance risk for the signage. Supervisor Woerner is waiting for an opinion from Kevin Ryan, the Town Insurance agent.

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There was a discussion about a stop sign on Pawan Circle. A recommendation would be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilman Secreto stated that there was a small increase in the cost to the town insurance policy due to the increase in the number of children participating in the recreation program.

Councilman Joel B. Brink reported from the Finance Committee, that the abstract was reviewed. He thanked Nelson White for his help with the committee.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Water and Waste Water Committee, that he met with John Davidson from Brinner and Larios about installing a water tank in East Kingston. The tank was set to be installed on the AVR property but the location is now where its access road is. There are two other possible locations for the water tank; East Kingston Fire Department property or Callanan's Property. There is adequate money set aside for that property.

Councilman David Brink reported, from the Assessor, Planning and Building Committee, that the Building Department has adequate coverage while the personnel committee waits to review the civil service candidate list for a new building inspector. The Town is borrowing building inspectors from the Town of Kingston and Hurley in addition to the Town's current part timer.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department – Police Chief Watzka read the monthly report.

Town Assessor – Mr. James Maloney, the Town Assessor, reported that the town's 2008 final assessment roll has been filed as of July 1, 2007. The FEMA application is 99% done. He is waiting for some numbers to come back from the State. He anticipates that it will be complete within two weeks. For the Esopus Avenue flood project, the contract work was awarded to Leo Boice Construction and there is an on-site preconstruction meeting planned. A meeting for the Sawkill Watershed Alliance is scheduled later this week in regard to a grant that was awarded this group and their study.

Town Clerk – Read the monthly clerk report. Town Clerk Cosenza announced a passport night scheduled for July 30, 2007 between 6-8 PM.

Water Department – Paul Vogt, Water Superintendent, reported that the district is running well. There were a few breaks along Dogwood Street. The new pump station is installed and is working well.

Highway Department – Mac Tinnie reported that his crew is out paving and doing some drainage work.

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2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

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

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

FUND	CLAIM #	AMOUNT
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UTILITIES

GENERAL	701-733	7,940.16
ULSTER WATER	701-705a	4,495.61
HALCYON PK. WATER	701-702	461.57
SPRING LAKE WATER	701-702	94.70
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	701	232.84
GLENERIE WATER	701	12.80
EAST KINGSTON WATER	701	32.00
WHITTIER SEWER	701-702	480.90
ULSTER SEWER	701-706	9,369.12
SPECIAL LIGHT	701-706	2,699.54
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	701-7139	98,006.23
HIGHWAY	701-756	68,268.47
WHITTIER SEWER	701-703	2,560.00
ULSTER SEWER	701-727	161,937.18
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	701	1,115.00
ULSTER WATER	701-723	53,437.87
HALCYON PK. WATER	701-704	2,323.82
SPRING LAKE WATER	701-702	15,827.50
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	701-703	2,282.52
CHERRY HILL WATER	701-702	7,178.45
GLENERIE WATER	701-702	4,719.13
EAST KINGSTON WATER	701-702	1,520.57
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	701-720	102,220.87
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TRUST & AGENCY	701-715	6,923.75
EAST KINGSTON WATER	701	6,406.00
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	701-703	138,630.00
GLENERIE WATER LATERALS	701-702	23,069.00
	TOTAL	\$ 722,245.60

2nd by Councilman Secreto

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 4 Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Councilman David Brink moved to approve the following:

Budget Mod:

General Fund

Modify Appropriation A8020.405 (Comprehensive Planner) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Comprehensive Plan) payment to Planit Main Street for June Services

\$2,565.00

Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Softball League) payment to Frank Peterson for field prep

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on Orlando Street from May 15 through June 13 th	\$275.00
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Softball League) payment to Anaconda Sports for drag mats, batter templates	\$244.00
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-softball League) payment to Central Hudson for electric at Orlando St. Ball Field	\$115.14
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Softball League) payment to Anaconda Sports for co-ed softballs	\$258.80
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Softball League) payment to Herzog supply for chalk paint	\$91.60
Modify Revenue A1270 (Shared Services Charges) and appropriation A3120.100 (Wages) payment from Kingston City School for John Dickson school resource officer from Jan. to June 2007	\$23,990.76
Modify Revenue A3089 (State Aid,Other Aid) and Approp. A3120.200 (Equipment) Grant from division of Criminal Justice for a Plate Reader, Police Dept.	\$20,000
Modify Revenue A2705 (Gifts & Donations) and Approp. A3120.200 (Equipment) Equipment Grant from Wal-Mart for Police Dept.	\$500.00

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 4 Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Supervisor Woerner opened the public hearing at 7:30 PM for the Dena Marie Plaza located at 800 & 810 Miron Lane

Robert Barton requested the town take into consideration the quality of life issues pertaining to noise, dirt and dust created from snow plowing, street sweeping and blasting. He asked for the construction, street sweeping and the snow plowing to be limited to certain hours so the noise does not disturb the neighborhood. He also requested that the Town Board improve the landscaping for the south end of the site. He wants all building and blasting materials covered to prevent blow off.

The developer stated that a proposed restaurant is being built on the right hand side as you enter the premises and its seating capacity is 239.

The public hearing was closed at 7:40 PM.

There was a discussion about the blasting study for East Kingston. Supervisor Woerner stated that the results will be reviewed at a later meeting. Mrs. Tina Carpino expressed concern over the delineation of the lines for blasting always changing.

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Town Attorney Andrew Zweben had spoken to Alan J. Sorensen, the Town Planner, about the Dena Marie Plaza site plan and he recommended approval with a negative declaration. The Town Board had already declared itself lead agency. Further, the Town Board will need an approval of a majority plus one to override the County Planning Board recommendations about requiring a new traffic study. The site use will decrease and it was the opinion that the former traffic study will suffice since it was geared toward a higher development use.

Supervisor Woerner addressed some of the comments from Mr. Barton in the public hearing for the site plan. The noise factor was addressed in the SEQRA. The town does not have the authority to schedule or limited plowing. He will review the Town Code about the street sweeping issue. The delivery of supplies does not seem to be an issue.

Negative Declaration for Dena Marie Plaza Site Plan

Councilman Secreto moved to declare a negative declaration for the Dena Marie Plaza site plan.
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 4 Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Site Plan Approval for Dena Marie Plaza Site Plan

Councilman Secreto moved to give site plan approval for the Dena Marie Plaza with the condition that if the site plan should move ahead to include additional phases that a traffic study will be required.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

Town Attorney Andrew Zweben noted, for the record that the last traffic study was for a higher use and doesn't make sense to redo the study for a lesser use.

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 4 Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Waste Water Supervisor, Corey Halwick reported that all the waste water plants are operating satisfactorily. They are trying to get the Washington Avenue Sewer up and running. They still have some testing to do.

Councilman David Brink suggested that the Town Board release its policy of giving the Town Board final approval over site plans and leave that in the hands of the Town Planning Board. Supervisor Woerner suggested adding an additional two members to the Planning Board to ensure enough people are at meetings and more eyes are watching the projects. There was some discussion of the matter. It was also pointed out that another Planning Board Meeting could be held to accommodate the work load. These items will be addressed at another meeting.

Councilman Secreto motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM

2nd by Councilman David Brink

Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk