

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 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

COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the minutes of July 2, 2007 and July 16, 2007.
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman David Brink reported that Keri Millham had left her position as a building department clerk for another job opportunity with the County. Supervisor Woerner asked Councilman Joel B. Brink to make the proper arrangements for posting the position for the union and request a civil service list to start the review and hiring process.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to promote Ryan Weishaupt, in the Ulster Water Department to a class 2B water plant operator, Grade 9, Step 4, as he has obtained a NYS Water Operator's license. The salary will be \$18.03 an hour retroactive to July 9, 2007.
2nd by Councilman David Brink
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Building and Grounds Committee, that the Rolling Meadows Park had a pavilion installed as part of an Eagle Scout project by Cuyler Olsen from Troop #6. He had raised funds to build the pavilion and had \$139.00 left over from the project. He donated that to the town. Councilman Secreto suggested adding \$110.00 to that amount and installing a grill at the park.

Councilman Secreto moved to add \$110.00 to the \$139.00 that was donated to the town to install a new grill at the Rolling Meadow Park.
2nd by Councilman David Brink
All Ayes

Councilman David Brink reported from the Building, Planning and Assessor Committee, that the building department is in need of a new server in order to install the new building program software.

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Councilman Secreto reported that, at the recent Finance Committee meeting, the bills were audited for the abstract. He thanked the office staff for their work in preparing this.

Councilman Secreto moved to renew the contract for Gateway Industries to clean the Highway Garage.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Councilman Secreto reported from the Insurance and Public Safety Committee that there is a request that a “Children at Play” sign be installed on Harwich Street.

Councilman Secreto motioned to install a “Children at Play” sign on Harwich Street with the Highway Superintendent to determine the best location.

2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

Councilman Secreto reported from the Highway Committee that a basketball court was installed at the Robert E. Post Park. He thanked the highway crew for their hard labor. The children appreciate it. The Summer Camp has ended. A picnic was held on the last day and many of the local businesses donated food and prizes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Assessor’s Office – Mr. James Maloney, the Town Assessor, thanked Leo Boice Construction for their work on the Esopus Avenue project. This is a USDA Grant to rebuild a retaining wall out of wood and stones that is subject to town drainage water. The town will be receiving a check for \$12,000 for dumpster costs. FEMA is requiring the Town to get flood insurance for its buildings or they will not cover future losses. He further explained the middle class STAR program. A card will be sent out in the mail notifying people about it.

Mr. Maloney also reported that the proposed settlement for United Parcel Service pertaining to 2005, 2006 & 2007 assessed value is agreeable. The total cost to the town is estimated to be \$2,700.00 plus interest and will be offset with \$9,500 non-compliance fee that the court awarded the town, so this will cost the taxpayers nothing.

Councilman Artist motioned to accept the proposed settlement for the United Parcel Service as submitted

2nd by Councilman Secreto
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Town Clerk – Read the monthly clerk report.

Highway Department - The monthly Highway report was read.

Water Department – The monthly report was read. The Department is working on a regular maintenance program.

Waste Water Department – Waste Water Superintendent Halwick reported all the districts are working well. He thanked the Highway Department for always being available when he needs help.

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Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the following:

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

FUND	CLAIM #	AMOUNT
UTILITIES		
GENERAL	801-822	7,581.13
ULSTER WATER	801-805a	4,821.98
HALCYON PK. WATER	801	380.49
SPRING LAKE WATER	801-803	187.33
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	801	219.66
GLENERIE WATER	801	18.00
WHITTIER SEWER	801-803	871.53
ULSTER SEWER	801-805	17,772.52
SPECIAL LIGHT	801-806	2,951.86
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	801-8206	179,842.05
HIGHWAY	801-842	64,058.18
WHITTIER SEWER	801-803	110.00
ULSTER SEWER	801-843	30,873.25
ULSTER WATER	801-822	112,430.90
HALCYON PK. WATER	801-803	2,054.24
SPRING LAKE WATER	801	25.00
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	801-806	3,283.15
CHERRY HILL WATER	801	25.00
GLENERIE WATER	801	25.00
EAST KINGSTON WATER	801-802	6,846.48
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	801-815	95,047.38
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TRUST & AGENCY	801-810	5,695.00
EAST KINGSTON WATER	801	64,770.25
GLENERIE WATER LATERALS	801-802	7,290.00
ULSTER WATER CAP. PROJ.	801-804	183,646.50
	TOTAL	\$ 790,826.88

2nd by Councilman Secreto
 A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Artist motioned to approve the following:

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

Budget Modifications:

General Fund Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp.Reserve-Softball League) payments to:

Sawhorse Lumber & More	masonry line reels	\$	27.40
Anaconda Sports	field marking paint	\$	34.80

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	Frank Petersen	field prep. June 17- July 17th	\$ 300.00
	Donald Genter	reimb. Concrete & fittings	\$ 67.89
	Anaconda Sports	field rakes & softballs	\$ 680.00
	Maureen McCauliff	flowers & score sheets	\$ 104.08
	Herzog	cement,field marking line	\$ 224.10
	Herzog	plum.,supplies,blocks,paint cement	\$ 45.80
	Total		\$ 1,484.07
General Fund	Modify Appropriation A8020.405 (Comprehensive Planner) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Comprehensive Plan) payment to Planit Main Street for Dec. 06' pmt.		\$ 4,909.50
General Fund	Transfer From	Transfer To	
	A1990.400 Contingency	A1420.400 Legal Fees	\$30,000.00
	A1990.400 Contingency	A1440.400 Engineering	\$ 2,471.00
	A1990.400 Contingency	A1632.404 Electric	\$ 600.00
	A1990.400 Contingency	A1920.400 Dues	\$ 90.00
	A1220.401 Meet & Conf	A1220.200 Office Equip.	\$ 900.00
	A1220.401 Meet & Conf	A1220.400 Contract Expenses	\$ 500.00
	A1220.401 Meet & Conf	A1220.410 Computer Tech	\$ 1,100.00
	A1220.401 Meet & Conf	A1320.400 Data Processing	\$ 1,500.00
	A1330.101 Clerk's Wages	A1330.401 Computer Expenses	\$ 624.00
	A1330.400 Tax Prep. & Data	A1330.401 Office Supplies	\$ 2.00
	A1355.404 GIS	A1355.410 Computer Tech	\$ 219.00
	A1620.400 Twn Hall Renov.	A1620.409 Repairs & Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
	A5132.408 Heat	A8010.403 Office Supplies	\$ 300.00
Ulster Water	Modify Appropriation SW1-9950.900 (Transfer to Capital Project Fund) to be funded through SW1-5990 (Appropriated Fund Balance) to transfer to capital project for partial payment to ITT Flowtronex for furnishing pre-fabricated water pumping station		\$17,501.35
Ulster Water Capital Project	Modify Original Budget :		
	Revenue	HWT-2401 Interest & Earning	\$11,754.20
		HWT-5031 Interfund Transfer	\$17,501.35
	Appropriation	HWT- 8130.200 Contruction	\$29,255.55
General Fund	Modify Appropriation A8020.405 (Comprehensive Planner) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Comprehensive Plan payment to Planit Main Street for July Services		\$ 625.00
General Fund	Modify Revenue A2665 (Sale of Equipment) and Approp. A3120.421 (Veh.Maint.) check from Honest Johns for purchase of a Nissan Quest		\$ 100.00
General Fund	Modify Revenue A1289 (Oth Gen. Dept. Income) and Approp. A3120.101 (O.T. Wages) Special Task Force O.T. reimbursed by Hudson Valley Mall for May 2007		\$ 1,329.90

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Modify Revenue A1289 (Other Gen. Dept. Income and Appropriation
A3120.101 (O.T. Wages) Special Task Force O.T. reimbursed by Hudson
Valley Mall for June 2007

\$ 2,882.10

2nd by Councilman David Brink
A Roll Call was taken – All Ayes

Public hearing for the application of El Dorado LLC at 1987 Ulster Avenue.

Supervisor Woerner opened the Public hearing at 7:46 PM for the application of El Dorado LLC at 1987 Ulster Avenue.

Mr. Clayton Van Kleeck and Mr. Steve Kaka gave a brief overview of the project and answered some brief questions. The proposal calls for removing the current standing building and adding a 3,600 square foot convenient mart with gas pumps. The project was reviewed by the County Planning Board and was given positive approval with no corrections or suggestions (a first for the county). The pump station will have a four pump set up. The canopy over the gas pumps was designed to reduce light pollution. The lights are angled downward. The project was designed to meet or exceed the standards of the Town Code. The store would be rented out. The parking lot will be shared with the current Van Kleeck's Tires. There is ample parking spaces for all the businesses. The siding will be a mortar type with a color design that complements the current tire business. The business will not be a 24 hour operation.

Legislator Mr. Michael Berardi and Brian Cahill stated that they are in favor of the project.

Councilman Artist motioned to close the public hearing at 8:03 PM
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Mr. Van Kleeck requested conditional approval in order to obtain a building permit to start some of the building process. There was a brief discussion about this. The Town Supervisor expressed that approval was not proper at this time as the storm water plan still needs to be finalized along with some other unresolved issues. The item would be placed on the agenda at the next Town Board meeting. A meeting will be set up with the Town Attorney, the Sewer Superintendent and Councilman Secreto to address some of the issues.

Setting a public hearing for the proposed Twin Creeks Subdivision Storm Water District.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to set a public hearing to establish the Twin Creeks Suidivision Stormwater District for September 4, 2007 at the Town Hall at 7:30 PM.
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Authorizing a six month extension for the submission of final site plans for the approved Quick Chek on Washington Avenue.

Councilman David Brink moved that the Quick Chek on Washington Avenue be granted a six month extension for submission of the final site plan.

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2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

Building Department Seminar in Middletown, NY

Councilman David Brink moved to authorize two building department personnel to attend a special two day training seminar in Middletown, NY at a cost of \$300.00 (monies will be taken from the department lines)

2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

Accepting the 2005 Audit as completed by Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill.

Supervisor Woerner moved to accept the 2005 Town Audit as completed by Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill

2nd by Councilman Artist
All Ayes

Authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into contract with Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill for 2006 Audit

Councilman Secreto moved to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into contract with Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill for 2006 Audit

2nd by Councilman Artist
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Councilman Artist motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM

2nd by Councilman David Brink
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk