

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 1, 2007 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN at 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A moment of reflection was held for Councilman Joel B. Brink who is in the hospital and not feeling well after surgery.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

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

Robert Barton – He inquired about the Town Senior Center being built. What is the money for the Small Cities Economic Development Application?

Supervisor Woerner – There are no formal plans as to where, who the architect will be and so forth for the Senior Center. The money is to encourage businesses to come to the town and employee people.

Lisa Rider- Requested a speed limit sign be placed on Potter Hill Road.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Woerner reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Mark Kaiser from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any person interested should submit a letter of interest by October 15, 2007 to fill his term of office (12/31/2008). He further reported that the town has received, from the Governor's Office for Small Cities, a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to be allocated for the construction of a Senior Citizens Center for the Town of Ulster and \$100,000 for the completion of Lateral Connections for low to moderate income citizens in the East Kingston Water District.

Scheduling of Public Hearing - The Tentative Budget for 2008

Supervisor Woerner announced that the tentative budget has been given to the Town Clerk and distributed to the Town Board Members. The tentative general budget is estimated to increase by 1.87%.

Supervisor Woerner set a Town Budget Hearing for Monday, October 29, 2007 at 7 PM. He asked the Town Board members to have their preliminary budget in by October 15, 2007.

Councilman Artist motioned to set a public hearing for the East Kingston Fire Protection District at the Town Hall for October 15, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Four Ayes – Councilman Joel B. Brink was absent

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Supervisor Woerner motioned to set the 2008 Town Budget Hearing at the Town Hall for October 29, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

Four Ayes – Councilman Joel B. Brink was absent

Town Board Committee Assignments for the Remainder of 2007

Supervisor Woerner changed the Town Board assignments, due to Councilman Joel B. Brink's illness, as follows for the remainder of 2007:

Highway; Councilmen Secreto and Artist

Insurance & Public Safety; Councilmen Secreto and D. Brink

Finance; Councilmen D. Brink and Secreto

Water & Waste Water Treatment; Councilmen D. Brink and Secreto

Personnel; Councilmen D. Brink and Artist

East Kingston Lateral Connection Grant Application Process

Supervisor Woerner reported that the East Kingston Lateral Grant Program has been approved. The residents in the area will be notified and applications will be sent out. Only low to moderate income residents can apply. He stated the program is only good for people who have not connected yet.

Proposed Town Senior Center

Supervisor Woerner reported that a grant was received in the amount of \$300,000 but no formal plans have been made and no professionals have been hired. He will have the town engineer review where the center can be placed and the costs involved. He suggested proposals for names for the senior center.

Proposed Small Cities Economic Development Application in the amount of \$ 750,000 relating to the Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) at Tech City

Supervisor Woerner reported that a business is interested in the Tech City area and the Town would like to apply for a \$750,000 grant from Small Cities Economic Development to encourage them with money to modify the building to meet their needs. In order to apply, two public hearings need to be scheduled. The first as a general hearing for the public to submit ideas and the second the proposal that the Town Board wishes to proceed with Alan J. Sorensen, AICP, handling the grant writing.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to set a public hearing for the purpose of a general discussion at on October 15, 2007 at 7:45 PM and the second one for October 29, 2007 at 7:30 PM for the final hearing.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Four Ayes – Councilman Joel B. Brink was absent

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Don Wise – He inquired if there is a set of plans and blue prints for the senior center or is the town just applying for a grant to see if they can get it. He feels that \$300,000 will pay for a 2,600 square foot building, but does not seem to cover engineering and labor expenses at prevailing wages.

Supervisor Woerner stated that this is at a preliminary stage and he is reaching out to other elected officials and agencies to raise more money.

Councilman Artist motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM

2nd by Councilman Secreto

Four Ayes – Councilman Joel B. Brink was absent

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk