

ULSTER TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2007 AT 1:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN at 1:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

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

Supervisor Woerner stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss several item related to personnel, particularly to the Town Transfer Station. He noted, for the record, that Councilman Joel B. Brink is waiting in the Supervisor's Office due to his limit mobility.

Councilman Elect Eric Kitchen was present. Town Attorney Zweben offered the opinion that Mr. Kitchen's presence in an executive session would violate the privilege of such session since he is still a member of the public and not acting in any official capacity for the Township. The matter will then be a public matter and discussed openly.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to enter into executive session at 1:13 PM to discuss a criminal investigation in regard to the Town Transfer Station. During the executive session the Town Board will talk to Chief Paul M. Watzka, Lt. Joseph A. Sinagra and any other office as needed.
2nd Councilman Secreto
3 Ayes – Councilman Artist and Joel Brink were absent

Councilman Joel B. Brink was present along with Police Chief Watzka, Lt. Joseph A. Sinagra and Town Attorney Andy Zewben in the executive session at 1:14 PM

Police Chief Watzka and Lt. Joseph A. Sinagra left the executive session at 1:45 PM.

At 2:05 PM, Union Representatives Nancy France and James Corrigan entered the session.

Nancy France and James Corrigan left the executive session at 2:30 PM

The executive session ended at 2:33 PM

Supervisor Woerner motioned to appoint William Loeffler as acting Transfer Station Supervisor (Landfill Supervisor), in a temporary capacity, effect December 6, 2007 at that position's pay level as set by the union contract (Grade 6)
2nd by Councilman David Brink
A Roll Call Vote was taken – 4 Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Supervisor Woerner motioned to post the position of a temporary Solid Waste Attendant for three days with internal replies to be accepted till Thursday, December 13, 2007, afternoon.

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2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
4 Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Councilman David Brink motioned to authorize the Town Supervisor to hire a temporary part-time employee, not to exceed 20 hours per week, to work at the Town Transfer Station.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

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

Councilman Secreto reported that he had received a letter that was passed to him through the Town Supervisor's Office requesting a one year site plan extension for Phase 2, Birches at Chamber's Senior Housing Project

Town Attorney Zweben and Supervisor Woerner noted their reclusion from the discussion for record.

Councilman Secreto moved to authorize the Phase 2, Birches at Chamber's Senior Housing Project be granted an additional year from the date of its expiration

2nd by Councilman David Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – 3 Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent – Supervisor Woerner abstained due to his relation to the developer.

Supervisor Woerner reported that the applicant for the Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union on Morton Blvd scheduled for December 17, 2007 was pulled from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

Supervisor Woerner set next Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 1 PM to discuss any further business relating to the Transfer Station situation.

There was a general discussion about Tax Collector Cris Hendrick setting up a credit card system for the township. No one was aware of her being authorized to do so and it may be possible to have her at the December 13, 2007 meeting to discuss the matter. Another discussion occurred in regard to placing the tax bills/assessments on-line. A concern expressed was that information being available on-line would allow people to identify age and incomes to target people as opposed to a person having to go to the town office in front of people and searching. Town webmaster, Nancy France, was directed to take no action to link any company to the town website.

Councilman David Brink discussed his concern about the sewer rate increase since he is in the district. He thought it was not appropriate to pass a budget and then have a sewer rate increase afterwards allowing a boost in funding. Town Attorney Zweben stated that the budget is drawn first and the rate is adjusted based on money needed. He further suggested to Councilman David Brink to place a meter on his home sewer system to allow more accurate charging.

Councilman Secreto reported that he will be talking to Attorney Elena Defio-Burke about a PILOT for Chambers Housing this weekend.

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Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
Four Ayes – Councilman Artist was absent

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk