

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2008 AT 7:00 PM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN at 6:38 PM for the
NY Small cities public hearing**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

**A moment of silence was observed in memory of Frank A. Brogden, the Town of Kingston
Supervisor**

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN DAVID BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
SUPERVISOR NICKY B. WOERNER

Supervisor Woerner reported that the Town Board is considering two projects: a Glenerie water tower or a housing rehabilitation program for East Kingston.

Mr. Mark Blauer, the town grant writer, gave an overview of past grants that the town has applied for and received. He had spoken to Paul Vogt, Ulster Water Superintendent, and it was determined that the Glenerie Water District needs a Water Tank to avert the problem of losing water and fire protection in the district when there is a water break. An updated income survey will need to be performed of at least one hundred and fifty people from the area to apply. He feels that the water tank application will have a better chance of being funded. If he is unable to gather the necessary data to apply, the town can fall back upon the housing rehab program.

Paul Vogt, Ulster Water Superintendent, stated that whenever there is a problem on the north end of the water district near the one million gallon water tank, the Glenerie Water district is out of water as well as its fire hydrants. He spoke to Paul Van Wagoner, from Brinner and Larios, and he thinks that the project can come under the threshold of the grant. He is concerned about waiting because the price of water tanks is going up and there is land currently available to place the tank on.

Edith Biesele requested that the town work on the drainage issue in the Glenerie area as there is a lot of standing water there.

Supervisor Woerner requested that Mr. Blauer do an income survey for the Glenerie area and apply for the water tank for the district and if this is not feasible then to proceed with the rehabilitation program.

Supervisor Woerner closed the public hearing at 6:52 PM

Supervisor Woerner called the monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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Robert Barton – On the budget modifications for insurance recoveries, is the \$50,000 the full amount to be paid? What is the reimbursement for a camera?

Supervisor Woerner – No, more is expected. A bid opening is forthcoming with the amounts to be revealed. A police car equipped with a camera was struck and those damages are being reimbursed through the insurance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman David Brink motioned to accept the minutes of January 31, 2008, February 7, 2008, February 21, 2008, and March 6, 2008.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

All Ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Building and Grounds Committee, that the bids for the Robert E. Post Park's large pavilion will be opened on Monday. A local boy scout will build a grill pavilion as the former pavilion has been removed.

Councilman Secreto, reported from the Parks and Recreation Committee, that the biddy basketball league held a dinner at the Hillside Manor and it was a success. Bicycles were donated by Wal-Mart. The league needs to purchase four score boards. Enough money was raised to purchase two and he will personally purchase the others (\$900.00). The Town softball league will hold an organizational meeting on March 29, 2008. Councilman Joel B. Brink thanked Councilman Secreto for his work on the banquet as it was well run. Councilman Kitchen reported that he attended his first recreation meeting and the summer camp planning appears to be moving along fine.

Councilman Secreto, reported from the Highway Committee, the Highway Department has it street sweeping calendar posted on the internet. Six inches of rain has shown some drainage issues that will need investigation.

Councilman Kitchen reported a problem with people tracking a large amount of mud with their ATVs on Tuytenbridge Road. Supervisor Woerner forwarded the matter to the Police Chief to resolve.

Supervisor Woerner reported that there are two street sweepers on the road so things will get done quicker. He further thanked all the emergency agencies for their work during the recent flood alert.

Councilman Secreto reported from the Finance Committee, that the abstract was reviewed.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to award the Salt and Chemical bids to the following:

Company	Product	Delivery Price
<i>US SALT</i>	<i>Bulk TX-10</i>	<i>\$ 110.00 per ton (24 ton min.)</i>

CHEMICALS

Slack Chemical Company Inc.	Liquid Chlorine	\$149.00 150# Cylinder *
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Potassium Permanganate * \$100.00/Cyl. Deposit
\$2.87 #

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Councilman Joel Brink reported, from the personnel committee, that they are interviewing for a part time court clerk position.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Building Department – Paul Economos read the monthly report. The Old Block Plant building on 9W was served through the Secretary of State. The Plotnick Property has been posted with “do not enter” safety tape. He has received several drainage complaints. He had placed a stop work order on 697 Old Flat Bush Road and “do not enter” safety tape has been posted.

Town Clerk – Mr. Cosenza reported that the office is busy with the tax collection process. He reported that he has received word from the Town Justice Court that they have received a grant, of which approximately \$10,000 is for digital imaging and microfilming court records with long term retentions.

Supervisor Woerner reported that the Court has received a \$26,344 grant of which \$5,000 will be for a bench, \$2,000 for a witness box, \$8,000 for chairs and additional money for improvements for safety and security.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent, Frank Petramale, reported that the department was busy with the weather. The roads are being swept. All the materials for sweeping will be recycled and mixed back into the salt mix. There are a lot of drainage problems in the town. He is looking forward to working with the Highway Committee to address those issues. He plans to start the cleanup of the Town parks soon. He thanks all his employees for their hard work.

Water Department – Paul Vogt, Town Water Superintendent, reported that all is running well with the exception of several water breaks. The town is still working on getting a site for the East Kingston Water Tank.

Waste Water - Waste Water Superintendent, Corey Halwick, reported that the sewer systems have a large amount of infiltration due to the high rain and that his department is doing their best to handle the situation. The Whittier Sewer District exceeded their SPDE permit. Ulster was below their mark. Both plants are exceeding their flow per day. Infiltration is a concern as it moves sediment to the plants. He had a visit from the Rural Wastewater Association and they have volunteered to offer assistance in videoing the collection system at no charge to the town. He thanked the Highway Department for their assistance.

Police Department – Police Chief Paul Watzka read the monthly report. He reported that the Ulster PBA is assisting in the Annual Town of Ulster Easter Egg hunt this Saturday, March 22, 2008. On April 19, 2008, the Hudson Valley Mall will hold an Emergency Service Appreciation Day where all the local emergency services will participate and show off their wares.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the following

FUND	CLAIM #	AMOUNT
UTILITIES		
GENERAL	301-330	13,983.85

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ULSTER WATER	301-309a	9,562.30
HALCYON PK. WATER	301-302	680.42
SPRING LAKE WATER	301-304	408.29
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	301	279.95
GLENERIE WATER	301-302	38.16
EAST KINGSTON WATER	301	81.10
WHITTIER SEWER	301-302	1,426.78
ULSTER SEWER	301-308	22,112.62
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	301	150.72
SPECIAL LIGHT	301-306	3,288.41
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	301-3153	117,846.15
HIGHWAY	301-357	75,386.95
WHITTIER SEWER	301-311	1,847.69
ULSTER SEWER	301-333	30,324.13
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER		
ULSTER WATER	301-325	11,173.05
HALCYON PK. WATER	301-303	665.80
SPRING LAKE WATER	301-302	50.00
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	301-304	6,756.37
CHERRY HILL WATER	301-302	50.00
GLENERIE WATER	301-302	150.00
EAST KINGSTON WATER	301-302	50.00
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	301-319	109,059.57
MEDICARE REIMB.		12,736.35
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TRUST & AGENCY	301-315	11,309.06
	TOTAL	\$ 429,417.72

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

Councilman David Brink moved to approve the following:

Budget Modifications:

General Fund:	Modify appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5220 Approp. Reserve-Softball) electric bill Central Hudson	\$58.91
General Fund:	Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Biddy Basketball) raffle items purchased from Wal-Mart	\$977.32
General Fund:	Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Biddy Basketball)	\$1,836.00

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sweatshirts purchased from Anaconda Sports

General Fund:	Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Biddy Basketball) refereeing expenses	\$540.00
General Fund:	Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Biddy Basketball trophies from Deuire's Trophies	\$840.00
General Fund:	Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Aprop.-Reserve-Biddy Basketball dinners for banquet at Hillside Manor	\$3,120.00
General Fund:	Modify Revenue A2680 (Insurance Recoveries) and Approp. A7110.426 (Repairs, constr.) check from Selective Insurance for park pavilion roof	\$50,000.00
General Fund:	Modify Revenue A2680 (Insurance Recoveries) and Approp. A3120.200 (Equipment) check from State Farm for loss of cameras, loss date 12/21/07 James Winchell	\$4,242.13
General Fund:	Modify Revenue A2680 (Insurance Recoveries) and Approp. A3120.200 (Equipment) check from State Farm for vehicle damage, loss date 12/21/07, James Winchell	\$8,078.40
General Fund:	Modify Revenue A2705 (Gifts & Donations) and Approp. A2989.400 (Dare Program) donation from NYS Union of Police Association	\$325.00
Special Dist. Fire	Modify Revenue SSF-1081 (Other Pymt-In Lieu of Taxes) Appropriation SSF-3410.403 (Ulster Hose #5) tax pilot program for Head Trauma Center	\$32,721.65
Special Dist. Library	Modify Revenue SLL-1081 (Other Pymt-In Lieu of Taxes)and Appropriation SLL-7410.400 (Library) tax pilot program for Head Trauma Center	\$5,573.61
	Transfer From Transfer To	
E. Kingston Capital Proj. 2 nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink A Roll Call vote was taken – All Ayes	HEW-8310.200 Constr. HEW-990.90 Transfer Other Funds	\$20,000.00

Accepting the 2006 Audit as complete

Councilman Secreto motioned to accept the 2006 Audit as complete
2nd by Councilman David Brink
A Roll Call vote was taken – All Ayes

Declaring our intent for lead agency status for the Albany Avenue Garage.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned for the Ulster Town Board to declare its intent in serving as lead agency for a coordinated (SEQRA) environmental review for the Albany Avenue Garage located on 135 Sawkill Road
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Declaring our intent for lead agency status for Rusi Holdings.

Councilman David Brink motioned for the Ulster Town Board to declare its intent in serving as lead agency for a coordinated (SEQRA) environmental review for Rusi Holding Corporation on 1354 Ulster Avenue
2nd by Councilman Secreto
Supervisor Woerner disclosed that he had worked for Steve Aaron and that he has or had held shares in the Rusi Holdings and that he will abstain from voting until confirmation can be obtained from the Aaron family that they do not hold any shares in the property.
Four Ayes – Supervisor Woerner abstained

Councilman Joel B. Brink moved to approve the following:

RESOLUTION MODIFYING PREVIOUS RESOLUTION GRANTING EASEMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN UNDERGROUND POWER LINE

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously agreed to grant a temporary and permanent easement to International Business Machines Corp. (hereafter "IBM") for the installation of an underground power line pursuant to a resolution dated December 4, 2007, and

WHEREAS, thereafter the Town was asked to prepare the necessary legal documents to effectuate the grant of the easements; and

WHEREAS, the Town has incurred legal fees in the amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred (\$3,200.00) Dollars in connection with the preparation the Temporary and Permanent Easements; and

WHEREAS, IBM has agreed to pay the Town for the costs associated with the grant of the easements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby modifies its previous resolution dated December 4, 2007, so as to provide that the Town shall charge IBM \$3,200.00 for the Temporary and Permanent easements.

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

Robert Barton – Has the Town picked a final site for the Senior Center?

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Supervisor Woerner stated that the town is still working on it. The Town Hall and the Transfer Station are two locations being considered.

Mr. Paul Brooks – He requested that more police be hired. He thinks Frank Petramale and the Highway Department are doing a good job. He expressed concern about medicines being in the local water like they have been reported in New Jersey.

Nancy Bradford – Submitted a brief proposal for Emerald Express Inc., a trucking company, for the Town Board review.

Richard Ulloa inquired about the standing of his site plan for the O2 Day Spa. Supervisor Woerner reported that it was sent back to the Planning Board for review on the storm water plan and they will make a recommendation for the Town Board.

Frank Almquist reported that Rutgers and Cornell University are working together on a water/clean water management project. One of their projects is to create rain gardens to reduce storm water runoff and the Town Hall was selected to showcase this concept. They will supply all the materials. They are asking for the Town Highway Department to dig out some of the earth in front of the Town Hall.

Mark Kuhnel – Reported a problem with cars parking on Van Keuren Highway along the road where the proposed O2 Day Spa will be located. He submitted pictures for review. A discussion occurred among the Town Board. It was suggested that a no parking sign be placed along one side of the road. Supervisor Woerner inquired if the Police Department could offer a recommendation. Lt. Sinagra stated he will have to find out how this will affect the residents in the area and he would need to research the Laundromat and see how their patrons are backing out. He thought it would be an issue that needs to be addressed by the whole community. The Supervisor will have a discussion about the issue with the public safety committee and report at a later meeting.

A lady from the audience thanked the Town Board for bailing out Kingston Public Access.

At 8:05 Pm, Supervisor Woerner recessed the meeting to be reconvened on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 9 AM for the purpose of awarding the large pavilion contracts to the lowest and most qualified bidders.

Supervisor Woerner reconvened the meeting at 9:10 AM on March 26, 2008 in memory of Robert Scanlon

Councilman Kitchen motioned to award the bids for the large pavilion at Robert E. Post Park as follows:

TU-081, General Construction, to: Idema General Contractors, Inc. of Poughkeepsie, NY in the amount of \$ 221,126.00.

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TU-081, Electrical Construction, to: Tom Sutton Electric and Plumbing, Inc. Mt. Marion, NY, in the amount of \$ 16,950.00.

TU-081, Plumbing Construction, to: Jim Taylor Plumbing & Heating, Inc., of Modena, NY, in the amount of \$ 21,858.00.

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

Supervisor Woerner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk