

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2008 AT 7:00 PM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPUTY SUPERVISOR CRAIG ARTIST, ACTING
CHAIRMAN**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Joel Brink motioned to approve the minutes of June 19, 2008.
2nd by Councilman Secreto
Three Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, that he, the supervisor and Councilman Joel Brink will be reviewing possible sites for the Town Senior Center. He further reported that, as part of the grant that the Town Court had received, a new bench for the Justice will be installed along with some other meeting room improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Metzger inquired about budget modifications.
Councilman Secreto explained that the money is for recreation and that the money is being transferred among the budget lines for recreation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Parks and Recreation Committee, that summer camp is moving along well. He reported that the senior picnic will be held July 31, 2008. The town football program is still forming to participate in the Pop Warner Football League. Councilman Kitchen reported that football sign ups are scheduled for July 22, 2008.

Councilman Joel B. Brink reported from the Water and Waste Water Committee, that both departments are running fine. The Department Heads were excused from the meeting. There was a problem with an air line in the Waste Water Department where a repair was not warranted by the company who repaired the line earlier.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Town Assessor – Nancy France, Deputy Town Assessor, reported that the town's 2008 assessment role has been finalized. Mr. Maloney had to attend a critical flood mitigation meeting in the county.

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Building Department – Paul Economos read the monthly report and accounted for some building code violations.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Frank Petramale reported that the paving programming and schedule has been posted on the town website. The Town’s MS-4 report has been filed. One of his staff members attended a training course in regard to storm water management paid by a grant. The speed bumps were modified at the Robert E. Post Town Park.
 Town Clerk’s Office – Town Clerk Cosenza read his monthly report.

Police Department – Police Chief Paul Watzka read the monthly report and the half year report.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Secretio motioned to approve the following:

FUND	CLAIM #	AMOUNT
UTILITIES		
GENERAL	701-733	10,089.23
ULSTER WATER	701-705a	4,709.81
HALCYON PK. WATER	701	552.08
SPRING LAKE WATER	701-702	145.17
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	701	285.66
GLENERIE WATER	701	18.00
EAST KINGSTON WATER	701	36.00
WHITTIER SEWER	701-702	624.78
ULSTER SEWER	701-706	12,699.12
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	701	47.35
SPECIAL LIGHT	701-706	3,065.75
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	701-7158	136,404.71
HIGHWAY	701-724	10,505.65
WHITTIER SEWER	701-705	1,081.70
ULSTER SEWER	701-723	21,543.17
ULSTER WATER	701-713	4,059.66
HALCYON PK. WATER	701	25.00
SPRING LAKE WATER	701-702	15,127.15
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	701-703	376.28
CHERRY HILL WATER	701-702	5,193.05
GLENERIE WATER	701-702	4,220.48
EAST KINGSTON WATER	701-702	1,856.85
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	701-720	112,885.95
TRUST & AGENCY	701-707	3,555.00
DRAINAGE PROJECTS	701-703	3,995.00
EAST KINGSTON WATER	701	165.00
EAST KNG. WATER LATERALS	701-711	11,857.50
	TOTAL	\$ 365,125.10

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2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – Three Ayes – Councilman David Brink and Supervisor Woerner were absent.

Councilman Secreto moved to approve the following:

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

General Fund: Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Junior Football) Liability and D&O insurance to Mid-Hudson Conference	\$935.00
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Softball) pitching machine softballs, cold packs, marking paint, field paint scorebooks from Anaconda Sports	\$1,263.65
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 Approp. Reserve-Softball) painting supplies, rapid mix, bike pump from Herzog's	\$317.73
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Softball) electric bill Central Hudson	\$289,016
Modify Revenue A1589 (Step Program) and Appropriation A3120.103 (Traffic Safety) Reimbursement from the Gov. Traffic Safety Commission -May Step wages	\$1,361.10
Modify Revenue A3089 (Oth. Gen. Aid) and Appropriation A3120.200 (Equipment) Reimb. From Gov. Traffic Safety committee for Step Radar equipment	\$2,500.00
Modify Revenue A3821 (St. Aid-Equip. Grant) and Approp. A7140.201 (Recreation Equip. Grant) State Grant #TM07879 for playground equipment	\$30,000.00

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

A Roll Call Vote was taken – Three Ayes – Councilman David Brink and Supervisor Woerner were absent.

Authorizing Thomas Yonta to construct a mobile home on 210 Potter Hill Road.

Councilman Secreto motioned to approve a special permit to be issued to allow a single mobile home to be located at 210 Potter Hill Road, SBL 39.12-3-32.

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

Three Ayes - Councilman David Brink and Supervisor Woerner were absent.

Awarding of Surplus Equipment to Highest Bidders.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to award the Town Surplus Auction to the highest and most qualified bidders.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

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Three Ayes - Councilman David Brink and Supervisor Woerner were absent.

Proposed Local Law for Record Management.

Town Attorney Andrew Zweben introduced an improved local law for Chapter 135 records management that was suggested by Town Clerk Cosenza to work the way the town's local law is set up and to be consistent with the other town laws. The current local law would be repealed and this law would replace it.

The Town Board set a public Hearing for August 21, 2008 at 7:30 PM for the proposed local law.

Mr. Richard Metzger requested that Speed Bump signs be installed at the Robert E. Post Town Park and the bumps be painted yellow.

Councilman Secreto reported that signs have been installed and town is waiting for the park to dry before they paint the speed bumps.

Mr. Brooks requested more police. He reported a problem with the railroad crossing on Boices Lane.

Police Chief Paul Watzka reported that the problem has been reported to rail road company.

The meeting was recessed at 7:32PM

7:45 PM – Public hearing for the proposed RUSI Holdings/ Blockbuster Plaza.

Deputy Supervisor Artist opened the public hearing at 7:45 PM

A representative of RUSI Holdings gave an overview of the project. The company wishes to construct a building behind the current one. He termed it a "build it and they will come" type of project. There is no official ternate for the building. They would like to rotate the Goodwill from their current location on the lot to the new building and get a new ternate for the front. They have agreed to the memorandum of sidewalks. A master sign plan was discussed, but the lot was small so it was thought it would not be necessary to navigate and find all the locations. They will get sign approval once they have tenants and go through any proceedings necessary. The front entrance would meet the current DOT standards, but approval is still pending. A NYS DOT would have to issue a curb cut permit. The project meets all the requirements for trucks to navigate the parking lot.

Mr. Robert Barton inquired about the turn in to the site locations.

The representative stated that there is no legal way a person can make a left turn into the site. This item was discussed at the Town Planning Board meetings. Also, a request for a connection was made to the adjacent property where Friendly's Restaurant is, but was refused. The existing entrance will be curbed for a right in and right out only. There was a discussion about connecting to the Hudson Valley Mall entrance and they declined a connection unless the Town took over the road.

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Deputy Supervisor Artist congratulated Joseph Sinagra on his appointment to Deputy Police Chief.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to close the public hearing at 8:03 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
Three Ayes - Councilman David Brink and Supervisor Woerner were absent.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
Three Ayes - Councilman David Brink and Supervisor Woerner were absent.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk