

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2008 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN at 7:09 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman David Brink motioned to approve the minutes of September 4, 2008 and September 18, 2008.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Woerner reported that he forwarded a communication in regard to the Chambers Senior Housing Phase 2 project, to all of the Board Members and requested that the Assessor, Building and Planning Committee notify him when any item pertaining to that needs to be placed on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Building and Grounds Committee, that through a grant from the Office of Court Administration, new meeting room chairs were ordered and a gentleman will be making new benches to accommodate the Town Justices and the Town Board.

Councilman Secreto, reported from the Parks and Recreation Committee, that the biddy basketball league had a good turn out for sign-ups and should be starting around November 15, 2008. He thanked Greg Maish for his work in starting the Town of Ulster Pop Warner Football League. Supervisor Woerner announced that tickets for the Pop Warner Pig Roast and Cookout on November 1, 2008 will be sold at his office for at \$20.00 a ticket. Children 10 and under are free. All the recreation programs are run through private donations. A raffle for Jets tickets is also being held to raise funds. Councilman Secreto further reported that volunteers are being sought for a tulip planting project. The town has received 5,000 tulips bulbs through Ulster County Tourism Department to plant for the quadricentennial celebration of Henry Hudson trip up the Hudson River.

Councilman Secreto reported, from the Highway Committee, that the Highway Department has been out paving and the leaf pick-up schedule is posted. No plastic bags will be accepted. Paper bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilman Secreto, reported from the Insurance and Safety Committee that they had a meeting to discuss health insurance with the Valley Group. A change of brokers was discussed, but there

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will be no change in health insurance coverage. A discount for insurance will be offered to Town employees if the town switches brokers.

Councilman Secreto moved to change the broker of record for all the town's insurance coverage to the Valley Group, with the exception of the Empire Plan as that is state administered, effective November 1, 2008.

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

Councilman Secreto moved to set a curfew of 8 PM for Friday, October 31, 2008, Halloween night for children 16 and under.

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

Councilman David Brink reported from the Personnel Committee that a part-time court clerk is leaving for another job. The committee will work to fill that position. Supervisor Woerner reported that Paul Economos, the town's building inspector, submitted a letter of resignation effective October 17, 2008.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to accept the resignation of Paul Economos, the Town Building Inspector, as submitted.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

All Ayes

Councilman Joel B. Brink will write a letter of thanks for his service.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Assessor – James Maloney, the Town Assessor, reported that the flood buy-out process has started and a list of properties has been trimmed down. Letters of consent from the property owners need to be handed into the county. Once they are in, appraisers will be sent out to review their property values. The flood mitigation plan has been finalized by the County and submitted to SUMO. Once filed, the Town can be eligible to apply for additional grants. Mr. Maloney will meet with a consultant in regard to improving communication and work efficiency between his office and the Town Building Department. He will come back to the town if there are any cost implement changes or grants available from this meeting. He recommended that the Town Board adopt the Cold War Veterans Exemption and town's senior exemption.

Councilman Secreto moved to set a public hearing for November 20, 2008 at 7:30 PM for a Cold War Veterans Exemption

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

Councilman Secreto moved to set a public hearing for November 20, 2008 at 7:45 PM for the amendment to the senior citizen exemption.

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

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Town Clerk – Town Clerk Cosenza read the monthly report.

Councilman Joel B. Brink moved the following:

The Town Board of the Town of Ulster hereby reaffirms the adoption of October, 29, 2007, for a portion of a northbound roadway from Pawan Circle to Varun Lane, a section of .2 miles, with two lanes, to be known as Pawan Circle, an extension of established road number 486.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent, Frank Petramale, reported that the leaf pick-up schedule is out. All the leaves from leaf pick up will be recycled. There will be no leaf pick up in spring. Highway paving is moving along. He attended a pre-construction meeting for the Richmond Parkway Drainage project. He is looking forward to meeting with the Highway Committee to review the budget and make cuts. The Highway Department purchased a “green washer”, an item to clean tools, that safe for the employees and the environment. Water Department – Paul Vogt, Town Water Superintendent, reported that all is running well. Police Department – Police Chief Paul Watzka read the monthly report. He reported that his department will host several Child ID events at various locations in the Town.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the following:

| FUND | CLAIM # | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| UTILITIES | | |
| GENERAL | 1001-1023 | 8,783.80 |
| ULSTER WATER | 1001-1007a | 5,668.37 |
| HALCYON PK. WATER | 1001-1002 | 608.30 |
| SPRING LAKE WATER | 1001-1002 | 160.28 |
| BRIGHT ACRES WATER | 1001 | 414.18 |
| GLENERIE WATER | 1001 | 20.00 |
| WHITTIER SEWER | 1001-1002 | 916.92 |
| ULSTER SEWER | 1001-1003 | 16,534.37 |
| WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER | 1001 | 33.87 |
| SPECIAL LIGHT | 1001-1006 | 3,698.35 |
| ALL OTHERS | | |
| GENERAL | 1001-10123 | 102,808.07 |
| HIGHWAY | 1001-1045 | 67,549.62 |
| WHITTIER SEWER | 1001 | 60.00 |
| ULSTER SEWER | 1001-1019 | 27,151.69 |
| ULSTER WATER | 1001-1022 | 10,274.19 |
| HALCYON PK. WATER | 1001 | 510.40 |
| SPRING LAKE WATER | 1001 | 13,209.75 |
| BRIGHT ACRES WATER | 1001-1003 | 1,046.80 |
| CHERRY HILL WATER | 1001 | 5,115.92 |

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| GLENERIE WATER | 1001 | 4,204.25 |
| EAST KINGSTON WATER | 1001-1002 | 2,180.99 |
| INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS) | 1001-1019 | 112,618.61 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | | |
| TRUST & AGENCY | 1001-1019 | 6,288.50 |
| DRAINAGE PROJECTS | 1001 | 5,525.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 395,382.23 |

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

Regarding a request for a waiver of maximum road length requirements for the Fink Subdivision.

A representative from the Fink Subdivision requested a waiver for a 2,300 foot drive. He presented a map and offered an overview of the project with roads to the houses. Councilman David Brink stated that he is not in favor of granting the wavier due to his belief that once the properties are sold, the town will be petitioned to intervene and fix the various civil problems that occur between property owners over the maintenance of a shared roadway. The representative reported that the roadway is made of a stone and requires low maintenance. Town Attorney Zweben reported that the lands are geographically hard to get to and it is easier to create one roadway. Every department has reviewed the roadway. The road does not meet the town roadway standards.

Setting Public Hearing on 2009 Town Budget.

Councilman Secreto motioned to set a public hearing for the 2009 Town Budget on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7 PM.

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Awarding bids for engineering and design services for the Town of Ulster Senior Center.

Councilman David Brink motioned to award a contract to Brinnier and Larios, PC for engineering and design services for the Town of Ulster Senior Center

2nd by Council Secreto

A discussion followed among the Town Board. Councilman Kitchen believes the expenses could be managed to stay within the cost of the proposed grant at a minimum expense to the public, as the projections in the proposals were costly. Supervisor Woerner stated a firm needs to be hired before work can be performed to get actual costs for the project.

A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Awarding bids for administrative services for the Town of Ulster Senior Center.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to award a contract to Blauer Associates for administrative services for the Town of Ulster Senior Center

2nd by Council Secreto

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A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the East Kingston Fire Protection District for 2009.

Councilman Secreto moved to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the East Kingston Fire Department for fire protection services for the year 2009 for the East Kingston Protection District in the amount of \$134,250.00.

2nd by Councilman David Brink

All Ayes

Authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Bloomington Fire Company for 2009, 2010 & 2011.

Councilman Joel B. Brink moved to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Bloomington Fire Department for fire protection services for the year 2009 for the Eddyville Fire Protection District in the amounts as follows \$51,000.00 for 2009, \$55,000.00 for 2010 and \$60,000.00 for 2011.

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

Authorizing an extension of Site Plan Approval for the Sawkill Meadows Project.

Councilman David Brink moved to grant a one year extension to the Sawkill Meadows Project from the date it expired

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

A discussion followed about the expiration date. The motion and 2nd were waived to add more time.

Councilman Kitchen moved to grant an 18 month extension to the Sawkill Meadows Project from the date it expired

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Setting Public Hearing for an Extension to Frank Sottile Boulevard

Councilman Secreto moved to set a public hearing for November 20, 2008 at 8 PM for a Road Facilitation District (the construction of improvements to Frank Sottile Boulevard)

2nd by Councilman David Brink

All Ayes

Robert Barton is not in favor of a parole office being placed in the township.

Mr. Brooks is in favor of hiring more police.

Councilman Secreto motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

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All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk