

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 5, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN at 7:05 PM at
TechCity, 300 Enterprise Drive, Kingston, NY**

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

Supervisor Woerner thanked Mr. Alan Ginsberg for allowing the Town Board to meet at TechCity for the presentation.

Filling a temporary full-time position at the Town Transfer Station.

Supervisor Woerner reported that Steven Williams was granted a 3 month leave of absence and he recommended that the Town appoint Andrew Hamilton as a temporary full-time transfer station attendant at a grade 2, step 1 rate of \$10.81 per hour.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to appoint Andrew Hamilton as a temporary full-time transfer station attendant at a grade 2, step 1 rate of \$10.81 per hour
2nd by Councilman Secreto
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Establishing a temporary part-time position for work associated with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 Fixed Asset Inventory Completion.

Councilman David Brink motioned to hire Stephen Ryan at a rate of \$10.00 per hour with no benefits as an Assistant to the Town Supervisor for Special Projects with the total salary set around \$13,000.00 for the remainder of 2009.
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Authorizing the purchase of a truck for the Town Sewer Department.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to purchase a Ford F550 4x4 truck with a limited slip rear axle and a waterproof tarp system for the Waste Water Department in an amount not to exceed \$53,188.00 from Van Bortel Ford. The funds will come from the Ulster Waste Water Equipment Reserve Fund.
2nd by Councilman Secreto
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

TechCity Redevelopment Plan.

Supervisor Woerner introduced Mr. Alan Ginsberg, who then introduced his redevelopment staff for TechCity to the public. Mr. Michael Divney offered an overview of the proposed redevelopment plan for TechCity. Some buildings will be removed to open up the site and add visibility. The buildings will be made recognizable with various building frontage schemes, renaming buildings verse the anonymity of being numbered. Buildings 1N and 3N will be recycled into an enclosed parking space. This will open up the older parking lots for more modern buildings. There needs to be an improvement to the internal roads and sidewalks as well as the possibility of connecting the site to Old Neighborhood Road. The traffic lights and entrances along Enterprise Drive and Boices Lane need to be improved as well. The site plan further reflects a mixed use with manufacturing, stores for shopping with residential apartments above them. This will help with the traffic flow by keeping workers on the premises and maintain a steady flow of low impact traffic to the area versus a large discharge. The plan hopes to create green roofs, add solar panels, rain gardens and increase energy efficiency.

Declaring Intention of Lead Agency Status for the TechCity Generic Environmental Impact Statement undertaking, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned for the Town Board to declare itself as the lead agency for the TechCity environmental impact statement
2nd by Councilman David Brink
A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Establishing an escrow account for the TechCity Generic Environmental Impact Statement undertaking.

Councilman Secreto motioned to establish an escrow account in the amount of \$25,000 for the TechCity Generic Environmental Impact Statement.
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Deputy Supervisor Artist assumed the chair at 7:46 PM as Supervisor Woerner fielded questions from the audience.

A discussion occurred on the floor about the concept of shovel readiness and the public input in the TechCity redevelopment process. TechCity is looking to attract more advanced technologies. The site will be “move in” and shovel ready. The GIS process is expected to be completed by late June.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Respectfully submitted by Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO - Ulster Town Clerk