

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 16, 2009 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WOERNER, CHAIRMAN at 7:08 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 MEETINGS

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the minutes of March 19, 2009.
2nd by Councilman David Brink
All Ayes

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the following:

FUND	CLAIM #	AMOUNT
UTILITIES		
GENERAL	401-431	16,110.78
ULSTER WATER	401-409a	8,776.47
HALCYON PK. WATER	401	399.77
SPRING LAKE WATER	401-402	169.17
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	401	320.24
GLENERIE WATER	401-402	47.56
WHITTIER SEWER	401-402	1,551.06
ULSTER SEWER	401-404	12,723.02
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	401-402	90.39
SPECIAL LIGHT	4014-407	3,684.64
ALL OTHERS		
GENERAL	401-4143	84,477.84
HIGHWAY	401-440	51,370.87
WHITTIER SEWER	401-405	299.30
ULSTER SEWER	401-428	38,295.52
WASHINGTON AVE. SEWER	401	1,193.61
ULSTER WATER	401-424	87,372.36
HALCYON PK. WATER	401-403	26,180.72
SPRING LAKE WATER	401-402	13,249.95
BRIGHT ACRES WATER	401-402	275.00
CHERRY HILL WATER	401-402	5,895.55

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GLENERIE WATER	401-402	3,974.54
EAST KINGSTON WATER	401-402	2,091.09
INSURANCE (ALL FUNDS)	401-418	117,039.77
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
TRUST & AGENCY	401-407	6,269.61
SENIOR CENTER CAP. PROJ.	401	975.00
	TOTAL	\$ 482,833.83

2nd by Councilman Secreta
 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 A5110 (Approp. Reserve -Softball League) electric at Orlando St.	32.40
Modify Revenue A2705 (Gifts & Donations) and Appropriation A1460.400 Records Management, donation from Richard Metzger	5.00
Modify Appropriation A7140.200 (Equipment) to be funded through A5110 (Approp. Reserve-Biddy Basketball) shirts and sweatshirts from Anaconda Sports	1,323.00
Modify Revenue A3089 (State Aid,Other) and Appropriation A3120.200 (Equipment) Surveillance Grant/Police	743.79
Modify Revenue A3089 (State Aid,Other) and Appropriation A3120.101 (O.T. Wages) Impact O.T. Grant from Div. of Criminal Justice Serv. for Jan. & Feb.	5,206.53

General Fund

Transfer From:	Transfer To:	
A3120.101 Overtime Wages	A3120.100 Police Wages	3,730.08
A3120.101 Overtime Wages	A3120.100 Police Wages	4,174.48
A3121.400 Drug Enforcement	A3120.100 Police Wages	16,971.68
A1990.400 Contingency	A1220.400 Contractual Exps.	13,000.00
A1990.400 Contingency	A1345.400 Meetings & Instr.	2,000.00
A1990.400 Contingency	A9050.800 Unemployment Insur.	5,000.00
A3620.403 Office Supplies	A3620.404 Office Equip.Maint.	1,500.00

2nd Councilman Joel B. Brink
 All Ayes

Section 175 of the Town Code Rotational Tow List Rules and Regulations

Deputy Chief Sinagra reported that the current tow law and its fee schedule need to be adjusted to improve services and reflect the cost of living. This change is requested by the tow truck operators. The law regulates tow truck operators and the fees they can charge people when they are called by the town to tow and remove vehicles that are obstructing traffic. The tow list is now being called in a straight order where it was previously called based on regions within the

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town. This is only for the town calling tow companies. People can still request the town to call a particular company.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to set a public hearing for May 21, 2009 pertaining to the revision of Chapter 175 Town Code Rotational Town List Rules and Regulations
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

7:15 PM - Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Application

Supervisor Woerner opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 PM for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Application

Mr. Mark Blauer, the town grant writer, stated that a HUD Hearing was held at the April 2, 2009 Town Board meeting to solicit suggestions on public projects. He suggested that the Town apply for a grant to install a water tank in the Glenerie Water District so that the district will have water when there are outages and for fire protection. The cost of the water tower is \$639,000 and the grant is \$600,000, so there would be little cost to the residents. This grant was applied for in the past, but was not awarded due to lack of funding.

Mr. James Quigley inquired if the water tank estimate is current as he found many capital projects cost have gone down due to the economy.

Mr. Blauer stated that this was an older estimate that he checked with the Town Engineer and it was recommended that the number remain the same.

Mr. Paul Vogt, the Town Water Superintendent, stated that he is in favor of the water tank as this will help the district out in an emergency. If there is a water break near the lines leading to the district, this would leave the district without water. With the tank, it could supply the district with water for up to two days. This will make the district independent of the other water districts.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to close the hearing at 7:26 PM
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Authorizing the submission of a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Application.

Councilman David Brink motioned to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign and execute all the necessary documents for the town to apply for a \$600,000 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to install a water tank in the Glenerie Water District
2nd by Councilman Secreto
All Ayes

Issuance of a waiver of road length provisions for the Fink (Crystal Ridge) Subdivision.

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Mr. Andrew Zweben gave a synopsis of the history pertaining to the issuance of waiver of road length for the Fink subdivision. There has been great input from various officials and consultants, past and present. The road waiver is mentioned in the deed so everyone will be on notice when they purchase the properties. The Town has no responsibilities to take over the road. A discussion followed among the Town Board about the road being made of gravel.

Councilman Secreto motioned to approve a waiver for the road length for the Fink Crystal Ridge Subdivision with all road improvements to be approved by the Town Consulting Engineer.

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

3 Ayes by Councilman Kitchen, Councilman Secreto and Supervisor Woerner

2 Nay by Councilman David Brink and Councilman Joel B. Brink

Motion carries

7:30 PM - Round 3 Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program Application for TechCity.

Supervisor Woerner opened the public hearing at 7:51 PM

Mr. Wieneke gave an overview of the grant funding that the town is applying for on their behalf. The grant would be applied to Building #25, a 300,000 square foot building that is separated into three towers. The first tower is the focus of the grant that consists of 100,000 square feet with 33,000 square feet per floor. This will be the training tower for excellence, a place for training people for green jobs. They have two or three applications pending to use this tower based on it being built to specs and needs of the tenants. The total project will be \$7.5 M dollars. They are requesting \$2.5 M in the grant. If they receive the money, Mr. Ginsberg will handle the remaining balance.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to close the hearing at 7:56 PM

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Authorizing the submission of a Round 3 Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program Application for TechCity.

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to authorize the submission of a Round 3 Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program Application for TechCity in the amount of \$2.5 M for building #25 and a portion of building #1.

2nd by Councilman Secreto

All Ayes

Approving the scope of the Tech City GEIS.

Councilman David Brink motioned to approve the scope of the Tech City GEIS

2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink

All Ayes

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Authorizing an application to the Ulster County Shovel Ready Program for infrastructure improvements to TechCity.

Supervisor Woerner explained that this is to install roads into Tech City and have the County or Town take them over using grant funding.

Councilman Secreto motioned to authorize the Town to submit an application to the Ulster County Shovel Ready Program for infrastructure improvements to TechCity
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Making a recommendation for appointment to the Administrative Board of the Kingston-Ulster Empire Zone.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to appoint Mr. Daniel Wieneke to serve on the Ulster Empire Zone
2nd by Councilman Joel B. Brink
All Ayes

Appointing the Director and Assistant Director of the Town Summer Camp Program.

Councilman Secreto motioned to appoint Kris Swart as Camp Director and Christine Kilfoyle as Assistant Camp Director
2nd by Councilman David Brink
All Ayes

Supervisor Woerner reported, based on information from Town Clerk Cosenza that the Board of Election will not be purchasing new election machines this year as was slated. The Town has approximately \$57,000 allotted for this expense and it was suggested that a portion of this money be placed into an equipment reserve line so when the Board of Elections does purchase the machines, the town will not be as financially impacted. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Supervisor Woerner suggested that the Town enact a contractor licensing requirement to ensure that contractors are capable of performing work in residential homes. Part of this requirement would require that all contractors submit insurance and workers compensation forms. There will be a small administration fee. A light discussion followed.

Mr. James Quigley inquired from the Town Supervisor as to when the 2007 Independent Town Audit will be filed with the town for review. Supervisor Woerner will consult the Town Attorney and CPA for an ETA of its completion.

Councilman Secreto motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM
2nd by David Brink
All Ayes

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Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk