

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
MAY 6, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7:06 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN
TOWN COUNCILWOMAN CRIS HENDRICK
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW
SUPERVISOR JAMES QUIGLEY 3rd

Public Comments

Mrs. Rosalind Stark inquired about the logging permit for lands of the Eddyville Corp. Supervisor Quigley reported that the proposed permit is to allow 400 acres of land to be selectively harvested, resulting in 1 ½ trees per acre being removed. He believed that, if approved, it would take place this season. There are limitations set on the permit for days and times for the work to be performed.

Mr. Robert Barton inquired about the retirement incentive program. He expressed concern about property tax increases for the years ahead based on the economy. He also inquired what petty cash means.

Supervisor Quigley reported that it is a discussion item only and no action will be taken at this meeting. The amount is a \$15,000 incentive. There are conditions involved. If an employee has a special skill that requires a length of time for training, then that request can be denied. The intention here is to reduce the head count of the town employees without a work furlough or layoffs. Further, it is to save money by not having to pay longevity costs. Petty cash is a pool of funds for making change. A discussion followed in regard to the cost of running the parks and the number of park attendants.

Mr. James McCausland inquired on why the town was opening an account with JP Morgan Chase which is not in the town. He also inquired about the town firing range and the paving of the road to the fire training center. He reported that the signs at Charles Rider Park need to have the supervisor name updated.

Supervisor Quigley stated that he opened an account with JP Morgan to get lower bond rates. This saves the town approximately \$5K in interest a year. It is the town's intention to enter into an agreement with the users of the firing range to limit the town's liability and to charge a fee at a later point in time. The road paving was not in the budget and the money was paid through the landfill closure fund.

Supervisor Quigley called the public hearing to order for the proposal of establishing a stop sign at the intersections of Lawrenceville Street and Lucille Street at 7:24 PM

Highway Superintendent Frank Petramale stated that a stop sign should not be installed to be used as a speed control as per the federal guidelines. He has reviewed Lawrenceville Street accident history and there have been 20 accidents reported since 1999. One of the accidents was at the intersection of Lucille due to the high snow banks. In his opinion, the street does not meet

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the guidelines for installing a stop sign. He stated that the town could petition to lower the speed limit for the area and then it would be an enforcement issue.

The Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs, stated that the town could incur some legal liability if an accident occurred and the signs didn't meet the federal guidelines.

Councilman Kitchen moved to close the public hearing at 7:29 PM
2nd by Councilman Morrow
All Ayes

Resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to go out to Public Bid for the purchase of a computerized refueling system for the Highway Complex

Councilman Kitchen motioned to authorize the Town Clerk to go out to public bid for the purchase of a computerized refueling system for the Highway Complex

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Approval of license agreement between the Town of Ulster and Kingston Airpark, Inc. to clear trees from property owned by the Town of Ulster to facilitate an FAA Safety Improvement Program

Councilman Joel B. Brink motioned to approve the license agreement between the Town of Ulster and the Kingston Airpark, Inc.

2nd by Councilman Morrow
All Ayes

To schedule a public hearing for EPO Excavating & Timber Harvest for a special permit to allow for selective timber harvest on lands owned by Eddyville Corp. off Route 32 South in accordance with Section 190-25 (E) of the Town Code.

Councilman Kitchen moved to set a public hearing for a selective timber harvesting permit for EPO Excavating & Timber Harvest for May 20, 2010 at 7:25 PM.

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Award bids on behalf of the Town of Ulster Highway Department for the purchase of materials for the Post Park Handicap Accessible Fishing Platform

Councilman Morrow motioned to award the following bids:

Contract

RFB-TOUH-2010-01 Precast Concrete Supports	LHV Precast	\$19,814.00
RFB-TOUH-2010-02 Steel Beams & Bearing Plates	Albany Steel	\$ 9,478.05
RFB-TOUH-2010-03 Lumber & Misc. Items	Herzog's	\$13,778.82

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

A Roll Call Vote was taken – All Ayes

Motion to add JP Morgan Chase Bank as a Town Depository

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Councilman Morrow motioned to approve JP Morgan Chase Bank as a Town Depository
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Motion to open savings accounts and checking accounts at JP Morgan Chase Bank

Councilman Morrow motioned to approve the town to open savings and checking accounts at JP Morgan Chase Bank
2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

User Agreement for the Utilization of Ulster Police Firearms Range

Councilman Morrow motioned to authorize the town to establish a licensing agreement for utilization of the Ulster Police Firearms Range

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

A discussion followed about the wording of the contract and the times that people are allowed to use the range.

Councilman Brink moved to amend the motion to include having the wording grammatically consistent in section article 3, scheduling, paragraph a, b, and c

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

Vote on accepting the amendment to the motion – All Ayes

A discussion followed among board members about night time firing. The Police Chief, according to the contract would have the authority to regulate the night time firing and amend the situation as needed.

Vote on the amended motion – All Ayes

Motion to appropriate \$50.00 petty cash for Charles Rider Park

Councilman Kitchen moved to appropriate a \$50.00 petty cash fund for Charles Rider Park

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Motioned to advance money from the General Fund to the Senior Capital Project Fund for partial payment to Sausto Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$11,000.00 to be reimbursed when funding is available from the Landfill Closure Fund

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2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

Hire Two Park Attendants

Councilman Morrow moved to hire Brendan Dunn at \$8.00 per hour and David DeAngelis at \$8.50 per hour as seasonal park attendants effective April 30, 2010

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

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Discussion on establishing a Retirement Incentive Program for Town of Ulster Employees qualified to retire pursuant to the rules of the New York State Employees Retirement System or the New York State Police and Fireman's System

The Town Board discussed the idea of establishing a retirement incentive program to save the town money. The Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs, was asked to redraft the proposal from a local law into a resolution that reflects a one time use and to ensure that critical skills are maintained.

Mr. Robert Barton inquired about the Town's bond rating and items being released to the paper before the public.

Supervisor Quigley stated that the town received a similar rate as other larger municipalities with higher ratings. The town limitation on borrowing is limited to its assessed market value. The agenda is in the process of being published and he is not going to withhold information. A discussion followed about the illegal borrowing for a bond by the past administration and if any penalties occurred. A discussion also occurred about the employee retirement incentives.

Mr. James McCausland feels the costs for the senior center are too high and requested that the town audit the cost of this project. He also requested that the bridge at the intersection of Ulster Avenue and East Chester St. Bypass be named after Orvil Norman, a former Councilman.

Supervisor Quigley reported that the budget for the Senior Center came slightly under and had a public awarded contract. The bridge stated is owned by the State and the Town doesn't have authority to name it. He will look into it.

John Iannotti, a former Councilman, reported that the town had some rules and regulations that should be reviewed before naming anything after a person.

Councilman Morrow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM
2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Respectfully submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk