

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7 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

Mr. Robert Barton inquired about the NYS Retirement incentives. He feels that the water rate exemptions should be applied evenly for all town buildings or none at all.

Supervisor Quigley reported that the incentives are meant to save money for the town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Hendrick reported, from the Buildings and Grounds Committee, that the Senior Center is nearly finished, but small items like the parking lot striping need to be completed. There were a number of donations received, including Brad's Barns who donated a large gazebo.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Town Assessor – James Maloney reported that the final assessment roll has been filed. All the building permits have been reviewed and were inspected for this year's roll. He cautioned the Town Board to make the budget as lean as possible due to lack of construction.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent, Frank Petramale, reported that the town has received CHIPS money in the amount of \$117,641.91. His department is getting estimates on doing some roadwork. The mower is making its second pass in the town. The summer crew is out. The "Stop" signs were installed on Lawrenceville Street per order of the Board from last month's meeting. He is preparing to pave the Waste Water Department Parking Lot. The Transfer Station is running smoothly. His department has finished 50% of the installation of the fishing platform at Robert E. Post Park.

Director of Recreation – Jeffrey T. Hayner reported that the summer camp is running very smoothly as well as the boat launch operation at Rider Park.

Waste Water - Waste Water Superintendent, Corey Halwick, reported that all the sewer systems are running satisfactorily. They are performing their operation maintenance. They are trying to be DEC compliant with the Whittier and Washington Avenue Sewer Districts. He thanked Highway Superintendent, Frank Petramale and his crew for the work in his parking lot.

Water Department – Paul Vogt, Town Water Superintendent, reported that all is running well. Water meters were read and bills are being sent out. His department is still repairing breaks and is performing valve checks, finding and replacing them as needed.

Town Clerk – Mr. Jason Cosenza reported that the office is busy with the town fees and he has completed his tax roll. He further reported that the Town will be responsible for the entire dog licensing process, sending out renewals and issuing Town Dog tags, as the State is not going to be performing these functions as of January 1, 2011.

Supervisor Quigley reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Metzger about signs being posted to utility poles and other acts of sign blight. The letter was referred to the Building Committee.

Motion to Accept the 2008 Financial Statement Audit

Councilman Kitchen moved to accept the 2008 Financial Statement Audit as submitted
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Review and Accept Bids on behalf of the Town of Ulster Highway Department to Purchase one New Utility Body and one New Stake Body for two Ford Chassis currently on order

Councilman Brink moved to award Hudson River Truck & Trailer Inc. in the amount of \$7,628.00 for one Stahl CST110CVDT48.5 utility body as specifications with option #1 and Amthor Welding Inc. in the amount of \$5,795.00 for one 9ft Knapheide Value Master PVMX93C Platform Body as per specifications with option #1.
2nd by Councilman Morrow
All Ayes

Schedule Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law of 2010 - A Local Law Providing for the Adoption of a New Chapter 131 of the Town Code [Peddling & Soliciting]

Councilman Kitchen moved to set a public hearing for July 15, 2010 at 7:15 PM for review of a proposed local law in regard to peddling and soliciting.
2nd by Councilman Morrow
All Ayes

Schedule Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law of 2010 – A Local Law Providing for the Adoption of a New Chapter 61 of the Town Code [Building Construction and Fire Prevention]

Councilman Kitchen moved to set a public hearing for July 15, 2010 at 7:30 PM for review of a proposed local law in regard to Building Construction and Fire Prevention.
2nd by Councilman Morrow
All Ayes

Discussion on Town Adoption of 2010 NYS Retirement Incentive

Supervisor Quigley reported that the State is offering an early retirement program for employees who meet certain conditions. The cost of the retirement is one year's salary of the retiring person that can be paid in one lump sum or over a period of five years. The retirements have to demonstrate that a savings can be obtained. This plan is not eligible for police officers as they have a different retirement plan. The Town has its own proposal that offers \$15,000 to employees who are eligible to retire. It was noted that both plans had various prohibitions for the retirees returning to work for the town.

Discussion on Town Adoption of Town of Ulster Retirement Incentive Award Surplus Equipment High Bid

Councilman Brink moved to award the following bids for surplus equipment as follows:

1958 Ford Tractor Mower VIN#109089	
John Laskowsky	\$ 711.00
1982 966 Cat Loader, VIN #99Y2057	
Keesler Truck & Tractor Sales, INC	\$26,601.00
2 nd by Councilman Kitchen	
All Ayes	

Discussion on the disposition of the abandoned right of way of Esopus Avenue and Orlando Street

Supervisor Quigley reported that there is a right of way between Esopus Avenue and Orlando Street. The Town is considering abandoning it and having the property return to the adjacent property owners, which in this case is Mr. Vincent Organtini

Exemption of Water and Sewer charges to Senior Center

Supervisor Quigley reported that there a proposal to exempt the water and sewer services charges for the Senior Center. This would be addressed at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

A discussion about Ulster County Self Insurance with Mr. Robert Barton and the potential savings, as well as the cost of a kayak park near the Town Hall with the property deeded over from the county. The Town is looking for grants to fund the project.

Councilman Kitchen moved to set a public hearing for August 19, 2010 at 7:15 PM for the purpose of public input for a proposed kayak park
2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Mr. James McCausland offered to help compile some of the information for the proposed kayak park. He requested that the senior center be used to the full extent possible to maximize the return.

Highway Superintendent, Frank Petramale requested that the Town Board send a letter of thank you to the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for their work release program that resulted in the Town Highway Complex getting some offices painted.

Councilman Kitchen moved to enter into executive session at 8:05 PM for the following topics:
To discuss pending Tax Certiorari cases
Finch v. Berardi
The matter of Ulloa
2nd by Councilman Brink

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
JULY 1, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

All Ayes

A tour of the new Senior Center took place. The Town Board started the executive session at 8:21 PM with Town Assessor James Maloney present. James Maloney left the executive session at 8:38 PM

Councilman Morrow move to exit executive session at 8:45 PM
2nd by Councilman Kitchen
All Ayes

Councilman Kitchen moved to allow the Town Assessor to settle the tax certiorari with the Bank of America property in accordance with the stipulation of settlement that has been provided to the Town Board by the Town's attorneys.
2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Town Assessor James Maloney reported that a structure was built in the Hamlet of Eddyville within the Town without a building permit. A stop work order was issued to the builder along with the request for the proper paperwork to be filed. The stop work order was complied with, but no further paperwork was submitted. Ownership of the property that the building is located on is in question. An appearance ticket will be issued to both parties.

George Lucente spoke in favor of the kayak park and the other parks that the town has that are useful assets.

Councilman Morrow reported that the Whittaker Family requested that the town name the kayak park after them since they were the property owners for over 40 years. The request would be taken into consideration.

Councilman Morrow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Respectfully submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk