

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7:00 PM

A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Steve Fisher who helped to revitalize and improved the Town of Ulster Softball League program at the Orlando Street Ball Park.

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

Report from Town Auditors

Mr. Joseph Klimek, a representative from Toski, Schaefer & Co., P.C, gave an overview of the 2009 Town Audit. They are still working on reviewing the budget processes for 2009. He reported that \$150,000 of 2009 fund balance was to be used for the 2010 budget, but that money was not available. This has created an additional shortage that needs to be noted so that the 2011 budget can be adjusted accordingly. This shortage has to be made up for through fees, taxes or spending reductions.

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Barton inquired about the contract for the agreement for the school resource officer and the town firing range.

Supervisor Quigley reported that the town receives money for services rendered from the school. The County wanted a different contract than what was currently being used for other municipalities. There is no charge, but there are in-kind services given in exchange for use of the range.

Mr. James McCausland inquired about the life cycle for accounting software and fuel systems. Supervisor Quigley stated the technology life cycles are short and that the current system is considerably outdated and needs to be upgraded due to problems. The agenda discussion in this meeting is about how to pay for them.

Mr. William Loeffler offered his assistance in order to prevent cutting of service at the Town Transfer Station.

Communication

A correspondence was presented requesting that a dog park or section of the town parks be set aside for dogs to use.

The item was turned over to the Recreation Committee.

Schedule a public hearing for a mobile home application, for a mobile home located outside a trailer park, for 6 Cedarwood Lane from Mrs. Edith Short

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Councilwoman Hendrick motioned to set a public hearing on September 16, 2010 at 7:05 PM for a mobile home application, for a mobile home located outside a trailer park, for 6 Cedarwood Lane from Mrs. Edith Short
2nd by Councilman Kitchen
All Ayes

Schedule a Public Hearing for the East Kingston Fire Department 2011 Proposed Budget

Councilman Morrow motioned to set a public hearing on September 16, 2010 at 7:20 PM for the review of the proposed East Kingston Fire Department 2011 Budget
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Schedule a Public Hearing to Revise the Planning Board by-laws and fully incorporate them into the Town Code

Councilman Morrow motioned to set a public hearing on September 16, 2010 at 7:25 PM for the review of the proposed local law for the Town of Ulster Planning Board by-laws
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Schedule Public Hearing on application of Kingston Buick GMC for Site Plan and Special Permit Approval for car dealership at 116-167 Ulster Avenue, Lake Katrine

Councilman Brink motioned to set a public hearing on September 16, 2010 at 7:45 PM for the review of an application from Kingston Buick GMC for Site Plan and Special Permit Approval for car dealership at 116-167 Ulster Avenue, Lake Katrine
2nd by Councilman Morrow
All Ayes

Discussion on modification of SRO Contract between the Town of Ulster and the Kingston Consolidated School District

Supervisor Quigley reported that the purpose of the modification to the contract is to reflect that the school resource officer (SRO) be solely dedicated to the Miller Middle school where currently it is required that he teach DARE in the elementary schools. The current SRO is not trained to teach DARE courses and DARE education is only available in the elementary schools.

Discussion of utilizing funds from the Landfill Closure Reserve Account for the acquisition of the Accounting System and Computer Upgrade and the Computerized Fuel Dispensing System

Supervisor Quigley reported that, with the upgraded software package, not only would there be a savings as a result of efficiency within the town but there would be a \$20,000 savings with outside consulting services. Those savings would be used to pay for the item in ongoing years. He was planning to use a portion of the unspent funds from the supervisor's salary line item to purchase the fuel system. But given the gravity of the town's fiscal state, he recommends using

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the landfill closure money to purchase the items to keep more money in the general fund to help offset budget shortages.

Highway Superintendant Frank Petramale reported that the fuel system is running very well and is a great improvement over the old system. This system can be tied into the fleet maintenance schedule.

Discussion on an Updated Procurement Policy for the Town – Last updated 1992

Councilman Morrow would review the Town Procurement Policy and report back later.

Discussion on Town of Ulster Towing Policy

Councilmen Brink and Kitchen would review the Town Towing Law and Policy.

Discussion of the Operating Hours of the Transfer Station

Councilmen Morrow and Brink would review the operating hours of the Town Transfer Station and report back.

Motion to Authorize the Superintendent of Highways to fill the Open Vacancy in the Highway Department for the MEO position

Councilman Morrow motioned to transfer Steve Williams over from the Transfer Station to the Highway Department as a MEO, effective immediately with a pay rate of \$13.03.

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Motion Authorizing the Supervisor and Police Chief to sign the Agreement with the County of Ulster for the Ulster Police Firearms Range

Councilman Kitchen motioned to authorize the Supervisor and Police Chief to sign the Agreement with the County of Ulster for the Ulster Police Firearms Range

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

A discussion occurred about the smoking policy on the range. This item could be a policy designated by the Police Chief or Police Commission.

Councilman Kitchen moved to accept a correction to a typographical error in article 4B in the agreement and for that to be incorporated into his earlier motion.

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

All Ayes on the motion as amended.

Public Comment

Town Clerk Cosenza thanked Ron Markisenis for his volunteer work in adjusting the speakers and microphones.

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Town Assessor James Maloney requested that the Town Board reconvene the public hearing for the Kayak Park to October 7, 2010 as he has a schedule conflict with the September 16, 2010 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Sue Alecca stated she was not in favor of the kayak park. The trees have not been removed from the water way since the flood. The property is a lake during the spring. She expressed concern that the town's money would be washed downstream. She put the town on notice that if chemicals or sewage from the property were to come on her property than she would take legal action. Grant money could be spent better elsewhere.

Mr. Robert Barton feels that a dog park's should be paid for by the people who use it. He was not in favor of the kayak park.

Mr. James McCausland requested that an alpaca park be created.

Mrs. Rosalind Stark spoke in support of the town prohibiting mining in the hamlet of Eddyville and fighting a lawsuit that would allow mining.

Town Attorney Jason Kovacs stated that written arguments in regard to the mining issues will be forwarded to the court for review and a decision.

Town Assessor James Maloney noted that the problem of resolving flooding along the Esopus Creek is at a standstill because the Army Corp. of Engineers is looking for a local co-sponsor with an estimated cost of five million dollars.

George Lucente requested that the Town Board do something about the abundance of signs appearing in the business section of the Town. He also complained about people hitchhiking and begging with signs along the roadways as he feels the business district should be kept neat and clean.

Deputy Police Chief Sinagra stated that there are legal issues involved in regard to panhandling and the Department is doing the best they can. A long discussion followed but no solution was imminent.

Mrs. Karen Markisenis reported that a comprehensive plan committee is working on the signage issues.

Councilman Kitchen moved to enter into executive session at 8:12 PM in regard to personnel issues and a legal update pertaining to the Eddyville Corp. v Town of Ulster

2nd by Councilman Hendrick

All Ayes

Councilman Morrow motioned to exit executive session at 8:48 PM

2nd by Councilman Brink

All Ayes

Supervisor Quigley reported that no actions were taken in executive session.

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Councilman Hendrick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM
2nd by Councilman Kitchen
All Ayes

Respectfully submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk