

ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 7, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7:00 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 discussion of the Town budget. Supervisor Quigley stated that the budget was going to be presented to the Town Board by the Town Clerk.

Mr. James McCausland reminded the Town Board that, in regard to the town budget, everything is on the table.

Department Head Report

Recreation Director – Jeffrey T. Hayner reported that the volleyball program is running very smoothly. The basketball program is missing equipment. He will create a list of what was provided and what inventory he has. Rider Park yielded an income that was twice the expense to man. The handicap fishing platform has been installed at Robert E. Post Park. He thanked the Town Highway Department for their work on the project.

Waste Water - Waste Water Superintendent, Corey Halwick, reported that all the sewer systems are running satisfactorily. They are trying to be DEC compliant with the Whittier Sewer District. Water Department – Paul Vogt, Town Water Superintendent, reported that all is running well with the exception of Bright Acres where an emergency temporary connection had to be rendered to supply water to the district. His department is in the process of flushing all the fire hydrants. He thanked the Highway and Waste Water Department for their assistance. The path to the East Kingston Water Tower site is being cleared. A balloon will be floated in November for view shed study.

Town Assessor – Assessor James Maloney reported that the building activity is low and recommended the flattest budget possible. Next year offers even less building. The Town is in the exemption stage of the assessment cycle. The STAR reminder notices will be sent out.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent, Frank Petramale, reported that his crew is about two thirds finished with the 2010 paving program. Trees are being removed from the roadway. The beautification program is finished. The leaf pick up schedule has been published and is on the website. Leaves are to be placed on the edge of the roadway. He has been setting up accounts with other government agencies to use the town fuel system for the price of gas and a small administration fee to cover the cost of the system. The Transfer Station is running fine. The RRA ground up all the brush and yard waste for free for the Town as a shared service for the town helping them with mowing of their landfill. The fishing platform at Robert E. Post Park still needs some rails to be installed as they have just arrived. He thanked his crew for their work on the platform during the hottest days of the summer. He also thanked the people who retired for

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their years of service: Nancy Pavay, 33 years of service, Steve Benson, 38 years, Russel Winchell, 36 years of service, Robert Dachenhausen, 36 years of service and James Corrigan, 36 years of service. In response to an audience questions, he stated he would like to restripe certain roads but he is limited as some are in need of repair and he does not want to waste the money on the striping when the road will be destroyed and rebuilt.

Town Clerk – Mr. Jason Cosenza reported that the office is busy with the collection of fees. He reported that a lockbox system will be installed for the tax collection process to save money. With this in place, checks are sent directly to the bank to be processed so that the money is more readily available.

Communication

There were no communications.

Public Hearing for a proposed Kayak Park at 7:15 PM.

Supervisor Quigley opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 PM

James Maloney gave an updated review of the proposed park being moved near to the Orlando Street Ball Park. This addressed the parking issue. The portable toilet rentals would be extended two months to accommodate the kayak season. This will add a total cost of \$250 a year to the cost of maintaining the park. The dock could be kept in the water all year long, but removing would increase its life expectancy. The cost for the project will be \$14,000 instead of the projected \$35,000. This funding will be the result of seeking grants opportunities rather than through property taxes.

Mr. Melville spoke in favor of the park.

Mr. James McCausland inquired if an electrical motor could be used at the park.

Mr. Robert Barton is against a kayak park being installed in a flood zone especially when property taxes are rising.

Mr. Jeffrey Hayner, Director of Recreation, spoke in favor of the project due to the location and its enhancement of the area.

Mrs. JoAnn Schoonmaker is not in favor of the park due to traffic and trash that is generated.

Mr. Jeff Coles and Mrs. Wendy Coles are not in favor of the park due to the traffic and trash generated that exists now. They requested that another route to the park for traffic relief be considered in the proposal.

Mrs. Linda Stuart is in favor of the park and feels that the people who kayak offer a low impact to the area as the numbers are not great and they generally clean up the property. They also help local businesses.

Mrs. Robin Bird is in favor of the park as it offers an alternative activity for children and people who can not use the Hudson River.

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Mr. Larry Winkler inquired about the total cost to the Town for the Park. Town Assessor James Maloney stated that the cost of a kayak park at the new location will be about \$14,000 instead of the projected \$35,000 that was proposed at the Mulvin Drive site. The additional yearly cost will be \$250.00. The \$14,000 will be paid for through grants. He also reported that the Glenerie Lake Association endorsed the project at any location in the town.

Mrs. Sue Alecca thanked the Town Board for listening to the residents and moving the park to Orlando Street.

Mr. Chris Clausi spoke in favor of the park's new location due to the positive economic impact that could result from it. He also offered to purchase the former proposed site to offset the costs of the new location.

Supervisor Quigley referred the gentleman to the County for purchasing.

Mr. Hans Funccius spoke in favor of the park and asked the town to notify the DEC of the log jammed about a quarter mile from the proposed park and asked them to remove it.

Mr. James McCausland suggested reviewing the traffic flow in the area and making some one-way streets if that helps the area residents.

Mrs. Mary McNamara spoke in favor of the proposed park and feels that the design will help the town acquire grant funding opportunities.

Councilwoman Hendrick stated that the Recreation Committee will look into the trash issue at the Orlando Street Park. A discussion occurred about erosion and costs. James Maloney reported that some sort of bank stabilization will be needed where the dock is to be installed. The dock will be taken out in the winter, reinstalled in the spring and anchored so it won't disappear in a flood. Everything will have to be monitored.

Councilman Kitchen motioned to adjourn the public hearing at 7:56 PM
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

7:30 – Public Hearing - Mrs. Edith Short - mobile home application

Supervisor Quigley opened the public hearing up for a mobile home application, for a mobile home located outside a trailer park, for 6 Cedarwood Lane from Mrs. Edith Short at 7:57 PM

There were no comments.

Councilman Kitchen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM
2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick
All Ayes

Designation of a police officer in charge

Councilman Morrow motioned to appoint Deputy Chief Joseph Sinagra as acting chief due to the retirement of Chief Paul Watzka effective until the Town Board appoints a new chief.

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2nd by Councilman Kitchen
All Ayes

Presentation of Tentative 2011 Town Budget by Town Clerk to Town Board

Town Clerk Cosenza presented the proposed 2011 Town Budget to the Town Board for the record.

Approval of Schedule for Adoption of 2011 Budget

Councilman Brink moved for the Town Board to adopt the following schedule for the 2011 Budget Process:

Presentation of the budget to the Town Board	October 7, 2010	Board Meeting
Review and Revision by Town Board	October 21, 2010	Board Meeting
Setting of public hearing date for November 4 th	October 21, 2010	Board Meeting
Preparation of Preliminary Budget and delivery to Town Clerk	October 25, 2010	
Notice of Public Hearing	October 27, 2010	
Public Hearing	November 4, 2010	Board Meeting
Adoption of Budget	November 18, 2010	Board Meeting

2nd by Councilman Kitchen
All Ayes

Approval of Committee Members for Senior Center

Councilman Kitchen motioned to approve the creation of a Senior Center Committee with the following members:

Cris Hendrick
Robin and Art Bird
Tina Crispell
Beth Barlow
Jacob Markiewicz
Erma Francello
2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Supervisor Quigley reported that if any person has an interest in serving on the Senior Center Committee to contact Councilwoman Hendrick

Approval of MOA for SRO John Dickson for Kingston Consolidated Elementary Schools

The Town Board discussed the merits of servicing residents' children who attend school outside the town. A legal opinion was pending pertaining to having a police officer working as a DARE Officer out of the Town's jurisdiction. This matter would be addressed at the next town board meeting.

To Authorize the Superintendent of Highways to fill the open vacancy in the Highway Department for the HMEO position

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Councilman Kitchen moved to hire Keith Hartrum as an HMEO (Grade 8, Step 5) at a rate of pay of \$20.18 an hour effective October 4, 2010.

2nd by Councilman Brink

All Ayes

Discussion on replacing boilers in Town Hall

Councilman Morrow motioned to authorize the Town Supervisor to replace the three boilers in the Town Hall that are broken in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Discussion on hiring a Consultant to review Town owned Buildings for Capital Improvements

Supervisor Quigley reported that he would like to hire a consultant to review the Town owned buildings to set up a maintenance and replacement schedule.

Councilman Kitchen moved to authorize the Town Supervisor to proceed in enlisting a consultant to start a maintenance and replacement schedule

2nd by Councilman Brink

All Ayes

Discussion on Halloween Curfew

A curfew of 8 PM was discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Discussion on Ulster County Planning Board Referral Exception Agreement

Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs, explained projects that occur near county roads requiring County Planning Board approval. This agreement will exempt minor projects in order to expedite the planning process.

Town Planning Board Chair, Reno Budziak, stated he is in favor of the agreement.

The item will be acted on at the next meeting after input from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals Chair.

Motion Authorizing the Supervisor to sign a License Agreement allowing the Town Highway Department “turn around rights” on Private Property

Councilman Morrow motioned to authorize the Supervisor to sign a License Agreement allowing the Town Highway Department “turn around rights” on Private Property

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

All Ayes

Resolution to adopt a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for (Cris Hendrick, Jeff Hayner and Sue Kesick) issues.

Councilman Morrow moved to approve the following:

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Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Be it resolved, that the Town of Ulster hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days of work to the New York State and Local Employees' retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Title	Name	Social Security #	Registration Number	Standard Work Day	Term	Participates	Month
Town Justice	Kesick, Susan	-	35551209	7	1/1/2010 - 12/31/2013	N	10
Town Councilwoman	Hendricks, Cris	-	41796780	7	1/1/2010 - 12/31/2013	N	5.16
Appointed Officials							
Recreation Director	Hayner, Jeff	-	50016005	7	1/1/2010-12/31/2011	N	11.10

2nd by Councilman Kitchen
 All Ayes

Public Comment

Mr. Frank Almquist reported that the emerald ash borer beetles have invaded NY State and all ash trees are endanger.

Mrs. Robin Bird reported Dutchess County lost all their ash trees.

Mr. James McCausland reported that former Councilman Orvil Norman will be honored at Fred's Place on October 21, 2010 between 5 PM to 7 PM. He requested that the town honor him by naming a venue after him while he is still alive.

Councilwoman Hendrick announced the grand opening of the Town of Ulster Senior Center on October 9, 2010 at 2 PM.

Mr. Robert Barton requested that the Town Board review the proposed 2011 budget and eliminate any unnecessary costs.

Mrs. Rosalind Stark inquired about the turnaround approval that the Town Board gave. Supervisor Quigley stated that a person on Cutler Hill Road was objecting to a plow truck turning around to plow the road so the town is getting permission from another property owner to do so.

Mrs. Robin Bird recognized Councilwoman Hendrick for her hard work on the Town of Ulster Senior Center.

Councilman Kitchen moved to enter into executive session at 8:29 PM in regard to personnel issues and legal updates pertaining to the Eddyville Corp. v Town of Ulster and Ulloa v. Town of Ulster

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2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Councilman Kitchen motioned to exit executive session at 8:49 PM
2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

The Town Board resumed the regular board meeting at 8:53 PM

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

Councilman Kitchen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM
2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Respectfully submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk