

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7:02 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A moment of silence was observed for Julie Corrigan who passed away. She was the wife of James Corrigan, the retired Deputy Highway Superintendent.

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

There were no public comments.

Communications

Councilman Brink reported that he had received correspondence from the Tobacco Free Action Coalition of Ulster County requesting that smoking be restricted in the Town Parks. The matter was turned over to the Buildings and Grounds and the Parks and Recreation Committees to review.

Approval of Change in Health Insurance Coverage for Town Employees

Councilman Morrow moved to approve the change in Health Insurance Coverage for non-union town employees and to authorize the Town Supervisor to take any action necessary to implement the plan.

2nd Councilwoman Hendrick

A Roll Call Vote was taken - All Ayes

Filing of Tech City Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement

Mr. Dan Shuster gave an overview of the environmental impact statement for Tech City. It is the intention of the developer to have a more flexible development and design plan at the Tech City campus. The Town Board has declared itself lead agency and conducted a scoping session. Professionals have reviewed the impact statement with the application. The Town Board has received a draft of the statement that is the result of those reviews. The Town Board needs to review it to see if it covers everything they want and then set a public hearing on it for input from the residents and all the agencies involved. The Town Board then has 45 days, from this date, to accept the EIS. The document was officially received (Volume 1).

Authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2011 Town of Ulster Contract for DWI Task Force Patrols

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Councilwoman Hendrick moved to table the approval pending further review to see if the town would receive more money to do it alone.

2nd by Councilman Morrow

All Ayes

Discussion on establishing a petty cash fund of \$25.00 for the Senior Center

Councilman Kitchen moved to establish a petty cash fund in the amount of \$25.00 for use with the Senior Center for the Town Clerk's Office

2nd by Councilman Morrow

All Ayes

Discussion of the Water and Sewer Charges for the Senior Center

Councilman Brink moved that the town general fund be used to pay for the Senior Center water and sewer fees

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Motion authorizing the Supervisor to open a checking account at Chase Bank for the TOU Highway Fuel Dispensing System Reserve Fund

Councilman Morrow moved to approve the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ULSTER SUPERVISOR TO OPEN A NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT AT JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Town Board determines it is in the best interest of the Town of Ulster to open one (1) new checking account at JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ulster, Ulster County, as follows:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Ulster hereby declares JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. an official depository for town funds.
2. That the Town Board of the Town of Ulster authorizes the Supervisor to open the following checking accounts at JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. according to the terms and conditions of the authorizations granted in this resolution:
 - A. Town of Ulster Highway Fuel Dispensing System Reserve Account.
3. That JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. is hereby authorized to pay and charge to any account of the Town of Ulster on their books, all such checks, drafts, or other orders when signed with mechanically affixed facsimile signatures of Town Supervisor James E. Quigley 3rd, Town Clerk Jason Cosenza, or Town Bookkeeper Ann Mitchell, regardless of by whom the facsimile signatures may have been affixed thereon, if the signature resembles the facsimile specimens furnished JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Either of these three may act individually; this is not intended as solely a joint authorization.

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4. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to file with JP Morgan Chase Bank. N.A. a duly certified copy of this resolution.

2nd by Councilman Brink
All Ayes

Motion authorizing the Supervisor to execute documents pertaining to grants for the Court Administration for court improvements and enhancements for the 2011 year

Councilwoman Hendrick moved to approve the following:
Resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor and Town Justice to apply for a grant under the Justice Court Assistance Program to assist in the operation of the Justice Court in the Town of Ulster.

Whereas the Ulster Town Court is in need of various equipment and

Whereas the Justice Court Assistance Program has made grant applications available to be submitted and

Whereas Justice Kesick has requested permission to apply for this grant and

Whereas the Town Supervisor is in favor of all departments seeking applicable grants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

Justice Kesick has been approved by this Town Board to make application for the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant

2nd by Councilman Kitchen
All Ayes

Install Pay Windows to Consolidate Tax Collection into the Town Clerk's Office

Councilman Brink motioned for the Supervisor to enter into contract to install pay windows in the Town Clerk's Office to consolidate the tax collection process in an amount not to exceed \$2,100.

2nd by Councilman Morrow
All Ayes

7:15 – 2011 Preliminary Budget Hearing

Supervisor Quigley opened the public hearing for the review of the 2011 Preliminary Budget at 7:25 PM

Mr. James McCausland requested that the Town sharpen their pencils more.

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Mr. Robert Barton feels that the budget could be displayed better so people can compare the revenue against the expenses. The tax increase is not acceptable. He requested that line items that are not needed be eliminated.

Mr. Robert Crane thanked the Town Board for their hard work in cutting the budget and he recognized that the Town inherited a \$300,000 debt, an increase in safety net costs and other expenses with a decrease in revenue. He is against job layoffs.

Mr. James McCausland supported the concept of paying more in taxes to cover the wear and tear on the items that need to be replaced in the Special Districts.

Mr. Renno Budziak inquired if the town has prepared a plan for maintenance and upkeep on the Town Buildings.

Supervisor Quigley stated that the town is working on that and that an RFP will not be prepared in time for consideration of the 2011 budget.

Mr. Robert Barton inquired why the Special Districts are increasing so much.

Supervisor Quigley stated that the same factors that affect the general fund are affecting the special districts.

Mr. Richard Metzger inquired about the number of employees the town has. Who takes care of cemeteries in the Town?

Supervisor Quigley referred him to the cover pages on the budget showing the number of employee positions in relation to their departments and their status as full-time, part-time and seasonal. Cemeteries are taken care of by the summer help.

Councilman Morrow thanked the Town Board for their hard work on the budget.

Councilman Morrow motioned to closed the public hearing at 7:53 PM

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Public Comments

Mr. James Maloney, Town Assessor, reported that the Town Board wanted the building department to inspect a septic system. The building department does not inspect septic systems, the UC Department of Health does. A discussion followed among the Town Board. A new system is going to be installed and it is perceived that the Board of Health deems this action as a repair. The Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs, stated that the town has received a letter from an engineer stating that this system should be installed to protect all parties involved. Supervisor Quigley requested that Mr. Maloney contact the town engineer to see what the town needs to do to resolve this problem.

Mr. Robert Barton inquired why the Senior Center was used for the election process.

Supervisor Quigley reported that the boilers were being repaired in the Town Hall and this was an emergency.

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Mrs. Rosalind Stark inquired about the fire at Buck's junkyard in Eddyville. She feels this place is a hazard and an eyesore.

Mr. James Maloney, Town Assessor, stated that they are aware of the problem and it is being reviewed.

Mr. James McCausland inquired about the status of the Little League and their financial issues that were brought up at an earlier meeting.

Supervisor Quigley stated a letter was sent out and he is awaiting a reply for a meeting.

Councilman Morrow requested that the "no-smoking" policy request be turned over to the Buildings and Grounds Committee rather than the Parks and Recreation Committee, as they have been considering a policy similar to the county's "no-smoking" policy. Supervisor Quigley referred the matter to both committees to meet and report back on their findings.

Councilwoman Hendrick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM

2nd by Councilman Brink

All Ayes

Respectfully submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk