

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2011 AT 3:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 3:10 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

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

Supervisor Quigley opened the meeting for the purpose of an information exchange between the Town Board, its experts and the NYS DEC about environmental concerns on the former IBM properties. Representatives of TechCity were present as well.

Councilman Kitchen arrived at the meeting at 3:14 PM

A lengthy discussion occurred between the Town Board and Mr. George W. Heitzman, P.E. the Chief of the Division of Environmental Remediation, about the contamination on the TechCity/ IBM properties. The goal of the DEC, basically, is to tailor the clean-up of the property to its permitted use with the long term objective of returning the ground water back to a drinkable quality. They are responsible for overseeing the environmental aspect of all the projects on the property. If the town, or anyone else, ever installed or assumes the responsibility of a road, measures will be put in place to prevent disturbing the contaminated area. Well monitoring operations have shown a decline in the contamination, which may take another 30 or more years to be clear or reach a point of diminishing return. The DEC hopes to address the source of the contamination. As the buildings are modified, they will have the ability to help remedy the situation. It appears highly improbable that the contamination or plume will ever reach the Town's water source due to the distance and the layout of the site. The Town requested that TechCity submit copies of their monitoring reports to the town. There appears to be no objection from the TechCity representatives.

Councilman Brink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 PM

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk