

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2011 AT 7:00 PM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7:00 PM at the  
East Kingston Fire Department on 885 Main Street, East Kingston.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>

Supervisor Quigley reported that the purpose of the meeting was to collect information on people who feel the vibrations and possibly have received damage from the blasting near East Kingston.

**Public Comment:**

Mrs. Jeannine M. McCullough expressed concern that many people are not home when the blasting occurs during the daytime. She can feel the blasts in her house. Councilman Morrow visited her house during the blast and felt it rocking and rolling. She would like the mining permit to be taken away until further investigation can be done. When the Hudson Cement Company left, there was a moratorium on blasting. How can blasting be going on now?

Mrs. Josephine Reina reported that east side blasting is the worst. The permit is expiring October 31, 2011. They are blasting below the road levels of East Kingston. Callanan Industries is funding a supersite in Massachusetts. She requested that seismographs be placed in her basement by a third party, not by Callanan Industries. She expressed concern about down blasts from the area. She would like to know what other names Callanan operates under. How much material is being removed from the site? She expressed concern about Callanan Industries regulating themselves. She expressed concern about the blasting affecting the underground water streams. She wants the DOT to get involved.

A lady from the audience inquired about the purpose of the meeting. Supervisor Quigley explained that the purpose of the meeting is to find out what is going in this area pertaining to the mining nearby.

Mr. Michael Berardi expressed concern about the aftermath of the mining and wanted a land reclamation plan in place that fits the needs of the community.

Mr. Jim Davis expressed concern about the blast's shock waves traveling through the ground and breaking the leech aid at the old landfill or accelerating the decay of the Central Hudson gas line in the area. Further concern was expressed about the contaminated water traveling through East Kingston.

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Supervisor Quigley noted that East Kingston was severed with municipal water so there is little fear of people consuming contaminated water. He further reported that the East Kingston Water tank should be finished soon and the water hydrants will be uncovered.

Mrs. Nora Budziak expressed concern about the wetlands and the effects of blasting on them. These wetlands help prevent flooding. The forests help regulate air quality and weather. The mining plan has left two large holes in the earth. There are archeological sites in the area and the Native Americans have ties to the area. They were requests from the DEC and they have not complied. The DEC was forced to grandfather in 350 acres of land for mining. She suggested looking at the amount of land grandfathered and what is being mined. They have clear cut along the ridge to and into K3. She suggested that the Town limit the tonnage on the Town Roads. A discussion occurred about who was using the town roads and prohibitions on the licenses. She wants the mining process to follow the SEQR process.

Priest Jim Borstelmann reported that Saint Coleman's Church shakes when the blasting occurs.

Rev. Betsy Stang stated we are all custodians of the earth and requested that the town look at what they get for what they give.

Mrs. Marion Hamilten reported that the blasting is extremely bad when she is at home. She lives on Railroad Ave.

Mrs. Jeannine M. McCullough felt they have valid complaints about the effects of blasting in the area and that an investigation needs to be done on the blasting before the permit is issued.

Mrs. Josephine Reina reported her gutters were knocked off her house and that the blasting is damaging the area.

Mrs. Nora Budziak reported that there is easement that goes from the mine to the Hudson River for the discharge of wastewater.

Mr. Joseph Alecca didn't think that Callanan Industries trucks were using the town roads. He inquired if anyone was inspecting houses.

Councilman Morrow reported that houses have been inspected by Callanan Industries or the Building Inspector as they were called in. Blasting on the east side has been finished. The Town Building Inspector reported that they could not render any opinion as to the cause of the damages. A discussion followed with the Town Board and the audience.

Supervisor Quigley stated that the Town would write a letter pertaining to the permitting process with that information collected.

Mrs. Nora Budziak inquired about the asphalt plant on the property.

Mrs. Jeannine M. McCullough inquired about Mining on Powder Ridge. She requested more information on this matter.

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Paul Andreassen , Town Building Inspector reported that the mining operations on Powder Ridge were shut down because it did not have a previous nonconforming use.

Councilwoman Hendrick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Brink  
All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO  
Ulster Town Clerk