

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 1, 2011 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 COMMENT

There was no public comment

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read from Ted Jones thanking Highway Superintendent Frank Petramale and his Highway crew for the great job on leaf pick-up and street sweeping.

Presentation by Mary MacNamara on LEWP

Mrs. Mary MacNamara gave an overview of the Lower Esopus Sawkill Watershed Partnership. It is an inter-municipal organization, from the village of Saugerties to the Town of Olive, that was founded in 2007, with grant money from the DEC for the purpose of gathering data along the lower Esopus to better understand the flooding situation. The other purpose was to advocate for the needs of this community along the Esopus Creek along with fundraising, education and promotion of some recreational activities. The purpose of this presentation is to connect the Town with additional funding source to promote and fulfill the needs of the lower Esopus.

Mrs. Christine Kane, CFRE, gave an overview of the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley. Their group builds community assets that will continue to benefit the area. They help groups and people with philanthropic purposes such as lending them a non-profit status for single purpose fund raising cause or connecting people to grant funding sources.

Supervisor Quigley stated that the Town Board would have no problem with a letter of support for the LEWP application to the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

7:15 – Municipal Agreement by and between the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster for the Hudson Landing Sewer District

Supervisor Quigley opened the public hearing at 7:16 PM for the purpose of discussing a Municipal Agreement by and between the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster for the Hudson Landing Sewer District

Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs, gave a brief overview of the agreement. The contract would create a sewer district for East Kingston which would allow the City of Kingston the use and service of the district and for the AVR development.

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Mr. Thomas Perna, a representative from the AVR Development, stated that they had put the entrance road in and that he was present to answer any questions or concerns.

There was no public comment.

Councilman Morrow moved to close the public hearing at 7:19 PM

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Discussion on No Parking designation for a section of Northfield Street

Councilwoman Hendrick reviewed the matter and suggested installing “Resident Only” parking signs along the road on Northfield St. The problem is that county employees park there and inconvenience the neighborhood. If “no parking” signs are placed there, there will be a burden placed on some of the residents as they need the space to park their cars on the road.

Councilwoman Hendrick has requested that the County designate employee parking areas in the County Building’s parking lot to keep the county employees from parking on the road. A discussion followed among the Town Board, on the “No Parking” designation. Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs would review the “Resident Only” parking as the town may need to adopt a local law to enforce it. The matter was tabled pending further legal review.

7:30 – Contract as proposed for the Eddyville Fire Protection District

Supervisor Quigley opened the public hearing at 7:30 PM for the purpose of discussing a Contract for the Bloomington Fire District

Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs reported that there are some modifications to the proposed contract that consist of making it a three year term and removing the prohibition on fundraising and the fire inspection clause which they lack the personnel for.

There was no public comment.

Councilman Morrow moved to close the public hearing at 7:32 PM

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Discussion on Financial Condition of Spring Lake and East Kingston Water Districts

Supervisor Quigley reported that the Spring Lake and East Kingston Water Districts were short on receivables that have been put on the 2012 tax warrant. Money would be borrowed from the general funds until they could be reimbursed by 2012 tax collection.

Authorization for the Chief of Police to go out to bid for 2012 Fleet Maintenance

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Councilman Morrow moved to authorize the Chief of Police to go out to bid for 2012 Fleet Maintenance with a one year service option

2nd by Councilman Kitchen

A discussion followed with some minor corrections to the bid package

All Ayes

Motion to approve the hiring of one part-time temporary employee for the Building Department

Councilman Brink moved to hire Charlotte Pecora as a part-time temporary employee for the Building Department at a rate of \$10.00 an hour with a start date of December 10, 2011.

2nd by Councilman Morrow

All Ayes

Public Comment

Mr. Robert Barton had a long discussion with Supervisor Quigley about the franchise fee revenue line which is funded by Time Warner Cable contract, the water districts shortage of funds and the Town Hall's cost of repairs. Supervisor Quigley confirmed that the shortage of funds for the water districts was from people that didn't pay their water bills and those bills have been placed on the tax levy for next tax bill. Those districts will be made whole when the tax bill is collected. Supervisor Quigley also reported that, at a future meeting, a review of the costs analysis of the Town Hall and the department's space needs is planned. He is waiting for a final report to come in.

Mr. Richard Metzger expressed concerned about the restriping of Boices Lane and Enterprise Dr. They didn't install white stop lines on the road. They also need to install some signage with the signal lights on the corner of Boices Lane and Morton Blvd. He also is concerned about the drainage for the road. Legislator James Maloney would set up a meeting for Mr. Metzger with the County DPW to resolve the problem.

Councilman Kitchen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM

2nd by Councilwoman Hendrick

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by
Jason Cosenza, RMC FHCO
Ulster Town Clerk