

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY at 7 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
SUPERVISOR JAMES QUIGLEY 3rd

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Frank Almquist – Discussion on signs (political, temporary signs in ground and on telephone poles)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Set a Public Hearing for Local Law No ____ of 2015 – A Local Law Providing for the Adoption of an Animal Husbandry Law for the Town of Ulster for September 17, 2015 @ 7:10PM

The Law presented at the Town Board Workshop Meeting will remain intact and unchanged until after the Public Hearing and comment period.

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Power Purchase and Gas Purchase Agreements with Direct Energy Business under the Municipal Electrical & Gas Alliance Bid for the period January 2016 – December 2016.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

CARRIED

Resolution to be considered at the next Town Board meeting for Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign Release of Reverter/Option to Repurchase the Town of Ulster Landfill from the UCRRRA.

Available to the Public for review.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Change Order Number 1 to Contract TU-151, Whittier Wastewater Treatment Plant, Replacement of Primary Clarifier in the amount of \$187,840.

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

CARRIED

Presentation of Resolution for the Interfund loan of \$200,000 from the Landfill Closure Reserve Fund to the Whittier Sewer District for the Primary Treatment Replacement Contract.

To be discussed at the next meeting and is disseminated for public review.

Presentation and Discussion by Devereux New York on their request contained in their notice of intent to develop four supervised apartments for people with developmental disabilities at the Sunset Gardens Apartments, located at 45 Birch Street in the Town of Ulster

John Lopez – Executive Director of Devereux New York, which serves individuals with developmental disabilities.

They have programs, day schools and residential settings in Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties. Mr. Lopez stated that they are looking to develop a project in Sunset Gardens for 4 individuals, these will be supervised apartments. These will be individuals capable of living in an independent setting. Staff would be available during the day for support including getting to appointments, medications, upkeep of apartments. One apartment will be a 2 bedroom in order to accommodate an office on site. Attendants do not stay overnights in the apartments.

Mr. Lopez is presenting this project and asking the 45 day review period be waived.

Motion to waive the 45 day waiting period for Devereux New York.

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

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Discussion on signs presented by David Brink – signs ordinances and controlling advertising throughout the Town.

He stated discussion was held by this group at a Planning and Zoning meeting, on the signs sticking out all over the sides of the roads. The question is how you enforce this particular part of the problem. One suggestion Mr. Brink thought might work was to have the Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer just pull the signs out and drop them off at the transfer station. He believes people would get the hint it is not allowed, and an easy way to enforce the law.

Mr. Sorenson is working on a draft of proposed legislation. Mr. Kovacs, in regards to regulations, stated that Mr. Sorenson has been working on this draft and will work with him to get something to the Board. Building Inspector Moniz had no comment, and the Highway Supervisor Petramale stated that there is law regulating signs within State Right of Ways. He will copy this information to Supervisor Quigley. Mr. Petramale also stated that the NYS DOT has gone thru in recent years and pulled signs out and discarded them.

Rosalind Stark, Eddyville NY stated it is a restriction on Freedom of Speech and they should not restrict the signs as a form of advertising. She stated it is a major part of advertising for Organizations and she reads them and considers them important.

Frank Almquist – a town resident and Planning Board member

He stated there are many temporary signs for stores that are never taken down off poles or in the ground. There is nothing in the code that allows these signs now. They are looking in to various methods of allowing signs, and right now most signs are illegal.

Councilman Morrow considers them a distraction and litter on the roads.

There was discussion on having permits issued in order for signs to be posted. Supervisor Quigley asked that they continue work on proposed legislation.

Before proceeding to Public Comment – Supervisor Quigley spoke on the issue with the birds at Robert Post Park, and the mess created by the birds being fed by visitors. He asked Mr. Rittie, Park Attendant, if he was still in favor of the signage as is at Dutchman’s Landing in Catskill. Mr. Rittie answered affirmatively. This is a DEC posting requirement.

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to write a letter to the NYS DEC requesting that the parks be posted with “Do not feed the Birds” signs.

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Nora Budziak 142 Van Keuren Highway – Town of Ulster spoke about coyotes in the area. They are a breeding pair of coyotes, and it should be brought to the attention of the residents not to feed their animals outside. In addition they should not feed the turkeys and other wildlife as it will attract the coyotes.

Ms. Budziak has already spoken to the apartment complexes in the area. Her concern is that they become rabid, and since they are in the area of Chambers School and she is concerned about the children. The Town Board will discuss this matter for options.

ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 3, 2015 AT 7:00 PM

Rosalind, Eddyville NY asked about the status of Buck's Junkyard, as it appears they are expanding operations. He has not cleaned up, and although he has put up some fencing, it is not finished and is haphazard.

Mr. Kovacs has, on direction of the Town Board, commenced a Supreme Court action against Mr. Don McKenzie, doing business as Buck's Junkyard and the goal will be a permanent injunction closing him down. He is hoping for a court date in October.

Delores Gil – Quail Drive Town of Ulster Resident

Spoke on petition signed by 99 residents on traffic concerns and speed. This petition started as just Quail Drive and has expanded to include Sunrise Park. She has supplied research she did on Speed Humps from Trafficlogix to the Town Board, and also supplied the Supervisor with pictures of a blind spot at one of the intersections. She also stated the 30 mph speed limit is too fast.

This has expanded from the initial problem which related to just Quail Drive Extension.

Supervisor Quigley stated that they are continuing research with the use of a trailer that collects data, the Highway Department is trying to get additional equipment to monitor the situation. In addition, they have spoken to various people in an attempt to clarify and correct the problem and will continue in this direction. If this does not correct the issues, the Town Board will continue to see what else can be done.

Hans Funccius – 3170 Rt. 32 Town of Ulster- He would like to compliment Mr. Petramale and Mr. Freer on the rail trail parking lot.

He would also like to address the issue of the many deer being killed on and around Rockwell Lane and disposing of the carcasses. In addition, he would like to see "Deer Crossing" signs put up to slow cars down. Highway Superintendent Petramale will contact NYS.

Also, the speed of cars on Rockwell Lane he believes is fast and possible speed limit signs need to be installed.

Frank Rittie Jr. – East Kingston – spoke on the "Chicken Law" again and asked that the law be reviewed and changed. Roosters should not be outlawed, and 6 chickens should be increased as it does not meet the needs of those raising chickens. He also asked if anyone had reviewed his video yet of his chickens being poisoned.

The Town Board members have not reviewed the video at this time.

Anna Parks –Fawn hill Court Town of Ulster– spoke on her concern of the medical marijuana facility coming to the Town of Ulster and that it will attract the wrong people to the area. Chief Cruise is talking to other municipalities to get their experience with this issue.

She also inquired as to whether we are going to get more Law Enforcement as we are a busy town and there is not enough police in her opinion.

Lorileen Adams – 186 North Dr. Town of Ulster – in reference to the chickens; she doesn't understand where this problem is coming from. She does not have chickens, but others in the area do and they are not a problem, in fact they teach respect and other qualities in children. She pays taxes as do others, and if residents want to have chickens, they should be allowed.

Kristin Montforte - Corwin Place, Lake Katrine stated that she has 29 chickens and 8 ducks with absolutely no complaints from the neighborhood. She also has roosters on occasion. She is a home school mom and her children are devastated by this, these are their pets no different from cats that roam freely. She has asked her neighbors if there is any smells or other nuisance problems from her yard and there is not, but it is a lot of work to properly keep chickens. She should not have to give up what she has when it is not a problem in her neighborhood.

Tom Cole – 169 Railroad Ave.- He would like to bring to the attention of the Board that at the end of the law (Chicken) it states "90 days after law is passed that all roosters will be collected". He refers to Charles McCullough vs. City of Kingston, 1964. He raised pheasants on Fairview Ave; you cannot make a law that supersedes someone that is already doing this, they have to be grandfathered in. It is not a chicken problem, it is a neighbor problem and it is not going to go away.

Councilman Secreto moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM
2nd by Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	- Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	- Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	- Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	- Aye
Supervisor Quigley	- Aye

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Respectfully Submitted by
Linda McDonough
Ulster Town Clerk