

TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING (03)

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:

Continuation of Public Hearing from January 20, 2022 Town Board Meeting on Special Permit Use for Moe's Motor Cars LLC, P-862, 454 Hurley Avenue, Town of Ulster, SBL 48.17-1-41.100

**MEETING HELD IN PERSON and VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM
BROADCAST VIA FACEBOOK LIVE**

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, at 7:00 PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL by Town Clerk, Suzanne Reavy:

TOWN COUNCILMAN CLAYTON VAN KLEECK
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN - Excused
TOWN COUNCILWOMAN ANNA HAYNER
SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3rd

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Kyle Berardi, Chief of Police
2. Warren Tutt, Building Inspector
3. Frank Petramale, Highway Superintendent
4. Jason Kovacs, Town Attorney
5. Vincent Maggiore, Wastewater Superintendent
6. John Rose, Water Superintendent
7. Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman
8. Seven audience members

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

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COMMUNICATIONS –

One letter read from Ulster County District Attorney, David J. Clegg, appointing Jason J. Kovacs as Special Traffic Prosecutor (excluding vehicle and traffic misdemeanors and/or alcohol related offenses) for the Town of Ulster.

DEPARTMENT HEAD YEAR END REPORTS

1. John Rose, WATER DEPARTMENT

2021 busy year. Everyone healthy. 487 service calls. 362-mark outs. 14 main line water breaks. Two service leaks. Drained and clean the 5M gallon tower, installed new valves at the base of the tower, installed new chlorination system and mixing system – all going well. Redeveloped two wells in Halcyon Park. Worked all valves in all districts. Flushed hydrants in all systems. Board of Health testing with no violations. Updated SCADA (data acquisition) system to include all small districts. Installed new mixer in Glenerie tower. Thanks other departments – sewer and highway. Ten mainline water breaks since Jan. 1 and they helped out.

Supervisor: Commends water department, sewer and highway, for three water breaks on Monday, Jan. 31, and another Tuesday - 24-hour work. Challenging leak on Lohmaier Lane, then Sawkill Rd. and Old Sawkill Road. Earlier tonight we discussed problems facing town in procuring necessary materials, e.g., truck ordered in April, 2021, guaranteed delivery January, 2022, we are now looking at April delivery; ammunition supply delivery delays. Asks Rose, how are we on supplies?

Rose: Still has a good inventory. There is a delay. Will order replacement for what was just used.

Councilman Van Kleeck: Regarding these breaks, are they caused by breakage or defective parts?

Rose: Old age. Possibly some improper installation.

Councilman Van Kleeck: Cleaning on 5M gallon tank, what is a guess at life expectancy?

Rose: According to report, 5 -10 years.

Supervisor: Grant application with EFC to replace the adjacent small tower, planning the eventual replacement of large tank

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New Business:

Presentation of Tax Collection Data to February 3, 2022

Suzanne Reavy: Total tax warrant is \$19,744,000. The town's portion of the tax warrant was satisfied on 2/2/22, totaling \$14,265,000. No longer using The Bank of Greene County to help us process tax payments. Thank you to my deputy.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2022 DWI Task Force Agreement with Ulster County (2022-M-056)

MOTION: Councilwoman Hayner

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to accept the resignation of Full Time Court Clerk Martino (2022-M-057)

Councilman Secreto: Effective 2/2/2022

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

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Motion to accept the resignation of Court Clerk Kaznowski as a Union Employee and hiring her as an Appointed Clerk to Justice Weiss (2022-M-058)

Councilman Secreto: Full time, General Fund, non-union, \$18/hour; start date 1/31/2021

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to hire a Provisional Full Time Court Clerk (2022-M-059)

Taylor Crespino: Full time, union, \$16.89/hour; start date 1/31/2022

MOTION: Councilwoman Hayner

SECOND: Councilman Van Kleeck

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Abstain
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to hire a Part Time Court Clerk (2022-M-060)

Anna Raskoskie: \$22/hour; start date 2/3/2022; rehired to assist training; less than 20/hours per week.

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MOTION: Councilwoman Hayner
SECOND: Councilman Van Kleeck

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement with Doctor Gerald Fix (2022-M-061)

Chief Berardi: Extension to current agreement. Psychiatric assessment for all police officer hires. Town of Ulster has been doing this for years.

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Presentation of Sec. ____ of the Ulster Police Department, General Operations Manual, Body Worn Cameras

Chief Berardi: During police reform (committee), the biggest request were body cameras. Currently, in-car cameras are past their useful life. Purchased in car camera featuring dash and body cameras. This policy preserves proper use.

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Resolution on Radio Purchase (2022-R-062)

Chief Berardi: Informed last year through NYCOMCO that our 20+ year old radios are no longer serviceable. New radios purchased this year and in service first quarter of 2023. NYCOMCO can maintain current ones until new radios received.

Supervisor: NYCOMCO owns towers. This is a sole-source contract.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF ULSTER
Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Twenty-One (21) Harris Mobile Radios
from NYCOMCO

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Police Department's two-way radio system operates on NYCOMCO's Enhanced Digital Access System (EDACS); and

WHEREAS, this public safety P25 trunking system is owned and maintained solely by NYCOMCO; and

WHEREAS, all the public safety rated frequencies that the Town of Ulster Police Department currently use on the system is owned and maintained solely by NYCOMCO; and

WHEREAS, the EDACS system and all of its components is a proprietary system and there is no other entity that can provide service for this system, which makes NYCOMCO a sole source vendor; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Police Department EDACS mobile two-way radios that the Department currently utilizes are approximately twenty (20) years old, and because of their age, there will no longer be supporting service for these radios; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ulster Police Chief recommends the placement of a Purchase Order by the Town of Ulster Police Department for Twenty-One (21) Harris Mobile Radios from NYCOMCO for a total price of \$104,611.50; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster hereby authorizes the placement of a Purchase Order by the Town of Ulster Police Department for the items listed in the attached document.

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MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Old Business:

Motion to set a Public Hearing for Local Law Allowing Members of the Town Board to Participate in Town Board Meetings via Videoconference from Locations Outside the Town of Ulster Boundary Lines, for Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 7:10pm (2022-M-063)

MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Presentation of Resolution Adopting Local Law to modify Section of the Town Zoning Code. A Local Law known and cited as Parkland and Recreation Fees

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MOTION to Continue Public Hearing 7:23 pm (2022-M-064)

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Public Comment:

1. Al Tufano: Still opposed. Fence unclear and does not fit neighborhood. Rural community No need to pass.
2. Holly Christiana: Cannot see where this project fits in the zoning code because this is for storage. Like a junk yard. Does not increase sales tax. Decreases property value. Does not know why town board is considering it. No jobs created. Shameful to approve this project because you “want to give it a chance”.
3. Henry Albrechtsen, Pastor Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Expresses again that he is against project – no service or benefit to the community. Requests that if there is a variance, that the town board request that the fence be masked or shadowed and existing foliage not be destroyed. Church would appreciate it. Thanks the planning and town board that no business be done at this property until noon on Sunday.

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Supervisor: Notes that in reviewing the 1987 planning file that included the construction of the convenience mart, heavy emphasis was put on the foliage between the mart and the church. This is not a new request. It was complied with.

4. Moe Waheed, Property Owner

Reverend concerns are legitimate regarding greenery and making. Regarding Holly, there is no benefit to the public and no local sales tax. Not true. Most of the business will be appointment value. Regarding property values, he has history of developing properties and does not degrade or devalue properties. Bought this property that was vacant and unwanted for seven years.

MOTION to Close Public Hearing 7:34 pm (2022-M-065)

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chris Beall, St. George's Court

Very impressed with the annual reports by various departments in town. Impressed with the water presentation. Good to hear good news from people.

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MOTION to adjourn (7:37 pm) (2022-M-066)

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Excused
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy
Ulster Town Clerk