

**TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING (21)**

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NOVEMBER 3, 2022

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:**

**1. 7:10 pm – 2023 Preliminary Budget**

**2. 7:15 pm – Local Law \_\_\_X\_\_\_ of 2022: Amend Chapter 171 “Taxation” to Amend Income Limits for Exemptions for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities**

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**MEETING HELD IN PERSON ONLY**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPUTY SUPERVISOR VAN KLEECK, 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

TOWN COUNCILWOMAN ANNA HAYNER

SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3<sup>rd</sup> - *EXCUSED*

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman
2. Warren Tutt, Building Inspector
3. Kyle Berardi, Police Chief
4. 14 Attendees

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA –** Deputy Supervisor adds two items regarding the retirement of Town Justice Marsha S. Weiss

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS –** None

**COMMUNICATIONS –** None

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**New Business:**

**Presentation of Resolution Adopting the Town Budget for 2023  
Motion to Accept Presentation (2022-M-293)**

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

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

*CARRIED*

**Presentation of Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the form of agreement with Archtop Fiber LLC**

*Deputy Supervisor:* Archtop was here at the last meeting with a presentation. When a company and municipality come together jointly, there is a better change of obtaining funding. (Van Kleeck reads resolution to be voted on at the next meeting.)

**Motion authorizing the hiring of one Part Time Police Officer (2022-M-294)  
*Presented by Councilman Secreto***

Michael Whelan: Union; part time; \$25.53/hour; start date 11/7/2022

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

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

*CARRIED*

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**Motion to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Dispatcher Policastro (2022-M-295)**

*Councilman Secreto reads letter*

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

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

*CARRIED*

**ADDITION:**

**Motion to accept the retirement of Justice Weiss effective 1/31/2023 (2022-M-296)**

*Councilman Secreto reads letter*

*Twenty years of service. Motion accepted by all with regret and appreciation.*

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

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

*CARRIED*

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**ADDITION:**

**Motion to form a subcommittee of Town Board Members to fill the Justice vacancy (2022-M-297)**

*Deputy Supervisor:* We have an obligation to fill this subcommittee. Sub-committee will consist of the personnel committee (Van Kleeck and Secreto) and Susan Kesick as a consultant. The committee will review and receive applications and interview the candidates as needed. The committee will make its recommendation to the town board for consideration, on or before January 5, 2023.

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

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

*CARRIED*

**Old Business:**

**Resolution awarding bid for Katrine Lane Stormwater Improvements (2022-R-298)**

*Deputy Supervisor:* Boice property on Katrine Lane needs stormwater remediation. (Van Kleeck reads resolution) Contract TU-221 be awarded to Hubbell Incorporated, Margaretville, NY.

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**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION  
Town of Ulster, Ulster County, New York**

**Whereas,** the Town Board has previously authorized the advertisement of bids for the Stormwater Channel Improvements, Contract TU-221; and

**Whereas,** six bids were received by the Town on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 2:00 PM; and

**Whereas,** the lowest responsible bidder was Hubbell, Inc. of Margaretville, NY in the amount of \$ 159,875.00;

**Whereas,** the bids have been reviewed by the project engineers, Brinnier and Larios, P.C., and they have recommended award of this contract.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Contract TU-221, Stormwater Channel Improvements, be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Hubbell Inc., 810 Old River Road, Margaretville, NY in the amount of \$159,875.00, and that the Town Supervisor be authorized to enter into a contract with Hubbell, Inc. on behalf of the Town of Ulster.

By Order of the Town Board, Town of Ulster, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2022.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hayner

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

*CARRIED*

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**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:**

**7:10 pm – 2023 Preliminary Budget**

**Motion to Open Public Hearing at 7:12 pm (2022-M-299)**

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

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

*CARRIED*

*Deputy Supervisor:* Supervisor did not provide a power point. He does a great job on budget development. Each board member participates in process.

- 2.7% increase in appropriations
- Result: -0.7055% decrease in tax rate
- 0.23% decrease in highway tax rate
- Overall: 0.56% tax decrease
- Not much has changed since last year. It is very similar.

*Significant Items to Note:*

- Health insurance typically budgeted for 100% and brought down to 75% of maximum exposure of deductible.
- No outstanding tax certioraris that brought concerns and potential disputes last year.
- Labor contracts are signed.
- All water tanks are in good shape.
- We have made good purchases and moves in obtaining vehicles for town departments. No unforeseen capital expenses.
- Some of fund balance used to offset any potential budget increase. Small application of small amount of fund balance.

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**Public Comment**

1. Regis Obijiski, 170 Ledge Road -- Reads from ATTACHED prepared statement.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing at 7:25 pm (2022-M-300)**

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

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

*CARRIED*

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**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:**

**7:15 pm – Local Law   X   of 2022: Amend Chapter 171 “Taxation” to Amend Income Limits for Exemptions for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities**

**Motion to Open Public Hearing at 7:26 pm (2022-M-301)**

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
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*Deputy Supervisor:* This could benefit about one hundred residents.

**~ No Public Comment~**

**Motion to Close Public Hearing at 7:27 pm (2022-M-302)**

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

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

*CARRIED*

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~ END OF SCHEDULED AGENDA ~

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

1. Linda Fallon, Glenerie Blvd.  
Glenerie Lake Park Association would like to establish a quiet zone regarding the train noise. Hoping that the town of Ulster can look into this request.  
Prepared Statement – ATTACHED
2. Joynn Simmons, Glenerie Blvd.  
Would like an update on 338 Glenerie Blvd. Never see inspectors there.

*Deputy Supervisor:* Building inspector and I have been there. The pressure is still on the property owner. Encourages all to contact the building inspector's office.



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*Warren Tutt:* The owner is attempting to clean and secure property. Supreme Court process began over a month ago. Owner is still in the process of cleaning his other property on Ulster Avenue.

3. Vicki Lucarini, 170 Ledge Road  
Receives copy of the prior ArchTop resolution and asks what the map of the areas in need looks like. What is involved?

*Deputy Supervisor:* The installation would involve current utility poles.

4. Stewart Dean, Ulster Landing Road  
Read online from a major news source that Spectrum will be raising rates.

~ END OF PUBLIC COMMENT ~

**MOTION to adjourn (7:38 pm) (2022-M-303)**

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

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

*CARRIED*

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy  
Ulster Town Clerk