

TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING (28)

November 15, 2017

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL BY CLERK, Suzanne Reavy:

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK - *Excused*

TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN - *Absent*

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW

TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO

SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3rd

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Dennis Doyle, Director -- Ulster County Planning Board
Steve Peterson, Director -- Ulster County Office of Emergency Management
Everett Erichsen, Fire Coordinator -- UC Office of Emergency Management

Spring Lake FD

Jeremiah McDonough, Chief

Jared Mance *

Deirdre Mance

Doug Storm

John Quick

David Allen

John Cranston

East Kingston FD

Bill McDermott, Chief

Justin Stracuzzi

Charles Phillips, Jr.

MaryAnn Rittie

Frank D. Rittie *

Ulster Hose FD

Sam Appa

John Kelly, Assistant Chief

Rich Quigley

Mathew Molinaro

Sawkill FD

Bob Steinhilber *

Ruby FD

Steve Dachenhausen, Chief

Matt Sutton

Tom Long

Bloomington FD

Fred Harries, Chief

Kevin Hines

Billy Lyons

Woodstock FD

Robert Bloom *

Ulster Police

Kyle Berardi, Chief

JP Gramoglia

Ulster County Legislature

James Maloney

Town of Ulster Employees

Susan Kesick

Paula America

***Ulster Fire/Rescue Training Center (Board Member)**

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Supervisor: Welcome. Discussion tonight on the Fire Training Center. Asks for:

MOTION to dispense with the rules of the Town Board and the conduct of a Town Board Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

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

CARRIED

Dennis Doyle – Presentation (slide show)

- Thanks Supervisor, Town Board, Fire Services; introduces Peterson & Erichsen (UC OEM)
- Original budget \$1.8M; started looking at 170 possible site with more than 5 acres; narrowed down to 30 sites; committee began to take a hard look at the Town of Ulster site. From financial and environmental standpoints; began to understand the needs of fire companies.
- Walker Valley – not easily accessible; however, secured southern end of the County.
- Showed:
 1. Site Contours
 2. Wetland Delineations
 3. Site Infrastructure
 4. Concept Plan – lower level, main level, upper level
 - a. Plan to avoid wetland area
 - b. Building on site was designed as residential. Some renovating needed.
 - c. Road to RRA not proposed. Too much road to build. Existing road is perfectly serviceable.

DISCUSSION:

Councilman Secreto: How many nights is the center used now?

Frank Rittie: A couple, sometimes none.

Doyle: Looking at 3x/week and Saturdays. No truck restrictions on that road.

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Secreto: Wants flyers sent to residents on Ulster Landing Road

Dachenhausen: Road to RRA was supposed to be built when facility was built. Easier to get to his fire calls.

Doyle: Tower facility to be removed; blue barrels=protein foam. Clean water test as recent as August (testing for PFOA). Tower is lower than tree height but smoke is visible from afar.

Supervisor: Opens the floor to comments from all fire and police departments

1. **Ulster Fire/Rescue Training Center**

Frank Rittie, Chairman: Nothing prepared to say; only here to answer questions.

2. **Ulster Hose**

Molinaro: Is the County trying to buy the training center?

Supervisor: No, this is strictly for shared services

Molinaro: Ulster Hose biggest concern is props and specialty. Would like to see standpipe simulator. Something real – elevator rescue. Who is coming up with the ideas?

Erichsen: City Scape was brought up. Standpipe you will see. Other things are at Ulster Community College.

3. **Spring Lake**

McDonough: Overall supports the idea. Big concern is access to the facility and training time. Tremendous resource to the Town of Ulster departments. Is a clean burning tower planned at the college? We should be guaranteed to not lose the facility, competing with 50 other departments. Should leave burn building in place until such time you need to tear it down for parking.

Doyle: We want the ability to expand.

Erichsen: Future involves expansion.

J. Mance: Questions funding.

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4. Ruby

Dachenhausen: Satisfied. Concern is the road to RRA.

5. East Kingston

McDermott: Departments can work together & overlap training times to eliminate problems. Striving for county-wide training center, right in their backyard. How long will facility be shut down to make improvements?

6. Bloomington

Harries: We use it but will not interfere with other departments.
How do we get this boulder up the hill? Wants to see this develop.

7. Sawkill

Steinhilber: We use it 6-8 nights per year.

8. Ulster Police

Berardi: Police work well with all fire departments. Never opposes anything that would benefit fire services and benefit the police. Has talked to UC OEM about police and fire department training integration.

Summary:

Doyle: Many moving pieces that have to be discussed and decided on; not in design phase. Some things cannot be answered right now – hypothetical. Looking to begin construction by next summer.

Supervisor: The Town will not transfer this property to a third party if this project does not go through. The companies have a need that will be provided by what is in place now. Tonight was opportunity for everyone to speak their minds.
Hears a broad basis of support with caveats involving 1. Access to the facility, 2. Traffic issues on Ulster Landing Road, and 3. Access road to RRA. Not asking police and fire to give up something and not get something in return.

Councilman Secreto: No problem with fire center. Wants residents on that road to know that a new project is presented to the Town Board.

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Councilman Morrow: Project is excellent. Points tonight are valid; departments in our Town need access.

Doyle: Thanks everyone for tonight. Support from the local companies helps the County receive funding.

Supervisor: Asks Everett (Erichsen) to communicate with each fire department and assess their demand for use of the facility to assist the Town Board with a starting point in determining scheduling.

We have tremendous opportunity here to benefit the local fire companies at no cost to Town residents.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:46 PM:

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	<i>-Excused</i>
Town Councilman Kitchen	<i>-Absent</i>
Town Councilman Morrow	<i>-Aye</i>
Town Councilman Secreto	<i>-Aye</i>
Supervisor Quigley	<i>-Aye</i>

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy
Ulster Town Clerk