

TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING (27)

November 2, 2017

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL by Town Clerk, Suzanne Reavy:

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK - *Excused*

TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW

TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO

SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3rd

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Highway Dept Superintendent, Frank Petramale
2. Police Chief, Kyle Berardi
3. Building Inspector, Kathy Moniz
4. Town Attorney, Jason Kovacs
5. Three town residents

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION authorizing the Bookkeeper to close the General Disbursement and Payroll Accounts with Chase Bank

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Morrow

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

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MOTION to authorize the BI and MCO to attend the Vacant and Abandoned Property Seminar in Poughkeepsie on November 6th

Kathy Moniz: Properties in the Town that have been abandoned. This seminar is to interact with other municipalities and address “zombie properties”.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

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

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MOTION to authorize the hiring of two part time Police Officers

1. Jordyn Kilfoyle: \$21.61/hour; Part time; non-competitive; union; Step 1; PBA; recommended by Chief Berardi; upon completion of Phase II of Police Academy

MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

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

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2. Tayshaun Butler: \$21.61/hour; Part time; non-competitive; union; Step 1; PBA; recommended by Chief Berardi; upon completion of Phase II of Police Academy

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

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

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PRESENTATION of the 2017-2018 DWI Task Force Agreement with Ulster County

Town Board and Jason Kovacs will review

Chief Berardi: Crackdown period/designated times; for specific times such as holiday season for the rest of 2017 and 2018 when there is an increased presence of under the influence individuals on the roadway. Increase of \$3000 in reimbursement for both 2017 and 2018.

Supervisor: No action necessary.

PRESENTATION of Municipal Cooperation Agreement for the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium

Supervisor: NYSERDA provided funding for a consultant to put together a municipal cooperation agreement requested by the Town of Red Hook (leading the bidding for fixtures and installation of LED lights). This is an opportunity for the Town of Ulster to participate at its option in that program. This will be voted on at our next meeting.

PRESENTATION of Police Firing Range Agreements for 2018 for the City of Kingston Police Department, UC Law Enforcement Training Group and NYS DEC

Chief Berardi: Only thing modified this year is the length of time given. Now 9pm instead of 8pm. The reason is because the department was not obtaining enough low-light conditions.

Supervisor: Received complaints from residents in that area. Consent of the Town Board to update the policy from 2013 (developed by Chief Cruise) and communicate it to residents in that area so that we can continue discussion on use of firing range.

Chief Berardi: We have continued with those standards since implemented by Chief Cruise and we will hopefully curtail concerns in that neighborhood.

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PRESENTATION of TOU-COK Intermunicipal Agreement for Police Services for 2018

Chief Berardi: This agreement worked well this year. We share in-service training sessions twice a year No request for modification.

Supervisor: Town Board will review and will bring this back at the next meeting. If a change is requested by Board member, we will take it up at that time.

PRESENTATION of Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan from the Landfill Closure Reserve Fund to the Whittier Sewer District

Discussion and ratification at the next meeting

PRESENTATION of Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan from the Landfill Closure Reserve Fund to the Glenerie Water District

Discussion and ratification at the next meeting

DISCUSSION on Ulster Fire Training Center and Ulster County proposed use of the facility for County-Wide Fire Training

Supervisor: This affects police department, local fire companies, and fire training itself.

Councilman Kitchen: We need to schedule a meeting between the County, volunteer fire companies, training center and police department.

Supervisor: This requires public notice. Asks Town Board for suggestions for dates for a meeting.

Kovacs: Supervisor has authority to call a meeting. Need 72 hours' notice.

Supervisor: I will call those agencies we named and ask for either Tuesday, Nov 14 or Wed, Nov 15th, get their feedback and circulate a memo. Then once it works, Town Clerk will post a notice.

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UPDATE to Town Board on Empire State Trail System in the Town

Supervisor: In Cuomo’s budget package 2017-18, rail system proposed from LI to Buffalo. NYS DOT to evaluate routes utilizing existing trail systems and public ROW, for walking and biking. Frank Petramale, John Morrow and Supervisor attended meeting last week with UC; C/Kingston; and NYSDOT where trail system discussed going through Town of Ulster. System to utilize Wallkill Valley line; discussion on Route 32; connect with C/Kingston rail trail, through Hutton Brickyard property; to Hudson Landing along the river and ending on John St (E Kingston); John St to Route 32 then to Route 199, over the Rhinecliff Bridge. Town officials made it clear that Route 32 speed limits were a concern.

Councilman Morrow: Discussion on alternate route using North Street.

Frank Petramale: Nice to see something finally develop.

Councilman Secreto: Who has lead on this?

Supervisor: NYSDOT. Costs are DOT estimates.

MOTION to set a Public Hearing for Local Law ____ of 2017 entitled “A Local Law to Amend Local Law No. 1, of 2008 to Extend the Cold War Veterans Exemption” for November 16, 2017 at 7:15 PM

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Discussion:

Councilman Kitchen: Wants to thank Jim Maloney personally for all of the work he has done . Kitchen is a veteran.

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

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RESOLUTION adopting Revised TOU 2018 Tentative Budget as the TOU 2018 Preliminary Budget

Supervisor: Makes note that after the public hearing, with assistance from John Morrow, Rocco Secreto and Frank Petramale, approx. \$50,000 was cut from the highway fund tax levy, which changes rate of increase from projected 5.2% to approx. 3.34%. Additionally, general fund reviewed and changes made to reduce tax levy \$100,000, resulting in 3.29% increase in rate only. Both general and highway are both approx. 1.7% lower than last year

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF ULSTER

Resolution Approving Preliminary Budget, *Nunc Pro Tunc*

The Town Board of the Town of Ulster, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of section 106 of the Town Law, and other applicable provisions of law, the annexed detailed statement of estimated expenditures and revenues be and the same hereby is approved and adopted as the preliminary budget of the Town of Ulster for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. Such preliminary budget shall be filed forthwith in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Ulster, where it shall be available for public inspection.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect as of October 5, 2017, *nunc pro tunc*.

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

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

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PRESENTATION of Resolution Adopting the Town Budget for 2018

To be considered at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT -- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (7:20 PM)

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Councilman Brink: *Excused*

Councilman Kitchen: *Aye*

Councilman Morrow: *Aye*

Councilman Secreto: *Aye*

Supervisor Quigley: *Aye*

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy
Ulster Town Clerk