

**Special Meeting Town of New Paltz**  
**April 1, 2008**

**Present:** Toni Hokanson, Kitty Brown, Jane Ann Williams, Dave Lewis, Ken Wishnick

**Agenda:** Supervisor Hokanson added to agenda MX Energy update; Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the amended agenda. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**MX Energy:** Supervisor Hokanson reported she received references from MX energy and they claim the Town could save \$3,000 per year if the Town chose to go with them. There would be no cost for change over. Supervisor Hokanson moved to try MX Energy for three months and then review bills. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes, cast, motion carried.

**Hudson Valley Material Exchange:** Jill Gruber, Rich Ruben, Tim Hunter from the exchange were present to give a presentation and a brief history of the Exchange. The exchange is an environmental non-profit organization with a mission of waste reduction, effective solid waste management and resource conservation education established in 1993 and was originally a program to the Town of New Paltz. They implement their mission through "Community Warehouse" where they redistribute surplus/used materials rescued from the local business waste stream. They specialize in materials for art, education and home improvement. In addition to the public the Exchange serves 16 school districts.

HVME is presently funded in part by NYSDEC with the remainder of income through the sale of materials, program fees and supplemental grants. The Exchange had been in Stewart Airport but they lost their home and had been closed for the last 4 months. They are requesting the Town to forge a relationship with them that will bring the operation to the grounds of the Town of New Paltz Recycling Center on Clearwater Road. They need to get their material out of storage trailers and reorganize them at the recycling center, which would require help from the New Paltz staff and maintenance.

Councilwoman Brown questioned if there would be a cost to the Town; she also questioned how these materials would be housed. She expressed her concern about large trucks causing traffic problems. She recommended a check with the Town Attorney on liability and also check with insurance. She had questions on insurance liability as well as expenses of the Town such as Attorney fees, crew fees and transportation fees.

Councilman Lewis questioned the type of materials that would be housed at Clearwater, and if there were any hazardous materials. He also questioned how much would be added to the landfill, and if the Exchange was expecting "seed money" from the Town.

Councilman Wishnick expressed his desire for the program to work but he sees issues to be addressed such as 1. stealing and the need for liability protection, to keep the town from exposure in the event that someone becomes injured at the HVME site, 2. the potential financial impact is on the tax payer. 3. He asked about the potential traffic and the impact on the roads, citing the 3,000 tons that have already recycled by the group. He stated that while he is in favor he is concerned about having materials on Town site. In these litigious times the Town has to be cautious – if there was a claim filed then the Town's insurance goes up and this could be a big risk to the Town.

Councilman Wishnick moved to explore a relationship with Hudson Valley Materials Exchange including fronting a limited amount of town funds for legal and material handling cost, provided HVME later reimburse the Town for these cost to the extent they are able. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Lewis moved to provide temporary storage for one trailer load provided liability is thru our Town or through HVME and with the understanding that cost is reimbursed to the Town and HVME provide insurance. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Contract for temporary Assessor:** Councilwoman Williams moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Assessor Michael Dunham. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Approval of Spring Cleanup Free Dump Day details:** Councilman Lewis moved to grant permission that landfill staff work Memorial Day. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Wishnick moved to set electronic disposal fees to \$3.00 for monitor, desktop printers, hard drives and laptops. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Wishnick suggested tracking the expenses of accepting waste versus the income received from disposal to aid in program evaluation at a later date.

**Prepayment:**

Councilwoman Brown moved the Town Board approve the prepayment of Voucher # 86036 in amount of \$74.49 to Wares Direct, Inc., budget line Global Warming CE BBB809140. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring firing, promotion of certain individuals. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:40 p.m. Councilwoman Brown moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:45 pm Councilwoman Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectively submitted

Mary Ann Liggan  
Deputy Clerk