

Town Board Meeting – December 18, 2008

Present: Kitty Brown, Jeff Logan, JaneAnn Williams, Dave Lewis, Toni Hokanson, Joe Moriello, attorney

At 7 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to open the Public Hearing on NY Energy Star. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The Town requires newly constructed homes to meet energy star. Specific code or qualification will reduce heating, AC use down the road.

Public Comment: Everette Payne, no one is qualified in the Town to inspect. Supervisor Hokanson: Independent inspectors will be used. Councilwoman Brown suggested Pasquale Strocchia. Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing on NY Star Energy. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:10 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to open the Public Hearing on hotel parking. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment: Robert Schaller, Jr, of Super 8 motel: law needs more consideration. Don't overlook employee parking, off-site caterer. Lyle Nolan, Planning Board, speaking in favor to bring hotel and motel parking together. One space per room is correct – confirm parking should be based on square footage. No requirement to pave parking lots.

Paul Brown, chair of Planning Board: Dave Clouser's points of January '08 are appropriate; one space per bedroom.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

7:30p.m. the meeting was opened by Supervisor Hokanson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: off street parking first: Councilwoman Brown: moratorium – hiring planner; placing a Menorah on the front lawn of Town Hall. Bridge of Dreams. Supervisor Hokanson adopted the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment: Everette Payne, Town resident, asked why are we still trying to hire a special presecutor? Supervisor Hokanson responded the Board agreed to try for six months during budget meeting. Amount exceed \$150 an hour.

Point to recoup lost revenue when state police don't show up for court dates.

Dave Lent, former Town supervisor, stated 10-15 years ago fees collected by justice were turned in to the State, the Town gets back \$10, amount stays the same. Supervisor Hokanson said it's not the same; Joe Moriello said: yet, it may depend on the offense.

Josh Honig, Town resident: you upset the balance by doing this. Joe Moriello clarified.

Fred Van Nostrand, Town of New Paltz resident, received donation of two cases of coffee cups and saucers to be used in the Community Center.

Paul Brown: showed pix of clean up of drill hall, again praising the work put forth by the B&G department.

Community announcements: thanks to SUNY New Paltz and Red Cross for providing a safe haven for those inconvenienced by power outages. Police offered thanx to fire department and town highway department. Councilwoman Williams stated the highway got a thank you from police for disturbed grave – nice to see cooperation between two departments; thanks to PD for the letter.'

Agenda: ..Parking Law for hotels, motels, resorts: County Planning says tie in to number of rooms, it doesn't recognize employee parking need. Councilwoman Brown: first draft said one space per employee. Supervisor Hokanson believes that didn't change. Joe Moriello current code read aloud; Supervisor Hokanson: intent was that they read alike
Councilman Logan: include go for square footage on non-room parking? Supervisor Hokanson: how about 1.1 per room gives you extra parking
Councilwoman Brown: go with proposed law that we have; making hotels consistent with 1.1?
Supervisor Hokanson: 1.1 and additional space may be required by Planning Board.
Joe Moriello: re-notice – Planning Board tie-in never a part of this proposal
Joe Moriello: paving requirements of Planning Board passed?
Supervisor Hokanson: made a motion to authorize Attorney Moriello to write new requirement of 1.1 parking spaces for motels, hotels, resorts and Planning Board can adjust number up and down. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.
Councilwoman Brown moved to rescind vote and pass the original. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, two ayes: Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman Williams. Three no votes cast, motion fails. Refer to both Planning Boards and work with late January date.
..Ice Rink: Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve paying the entire cost for the people of New Paltz, in the amount of \$4,153.76. At a Joint meeting with the Village discussion covered the rink. The Village declined to pay half of the cost. There is money in the Clearwater budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.
..Executive Session: A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular building. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.
A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye vote cast, motion carried.
..Arts Community: proposal for classes; children, seniors: establish program at the Community Center and sub-contract or establish fees for the building; different fee schedules for different kinds of groups. Info will come back for the Re-Org meeting in January.
..Energy Star Qualified Homes: Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the short form SEQR, which she read aloud. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to determine negative declaration of significance. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.
A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to pass the resolution to amend the Code of the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.
..USDA Solid Waste Management Grant: Laura Pettit and Jill Gruber present. Outline for grant – HVME needs Town take over, grant provides full time recycling coordinator – Laura becomes full time. Supervisor Hokanson pushing for a special meeting before grant deadline of 12/31. Resolution increases chance of getting grant.
Councilwoman Brown would like to see much less emphasis on taking show on the road.
Councilwoman Brown money to pay other Town to bring their stuff to us
Supervisor Hokanson: creating a re use center; monitoring; expanding recycling educators hours.
Resolution – Councilwoman Brown made a motion authorizing the Supervisor to apply for the grant. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..DMV Memorandum of Understanding: from last month – reimburse same as in 2008. Councilwoman Williams moved to authorize Supervisor Hokanson to sign the contract. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..Fire Protection Contract: Councilwoman Brown made a motion that Supervisor Hokanson be authorized to sign the Fire Protection Contract. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..PATV program policies: the exception from the Village's version is that they removed League of Women Voters as an example. Councilwoman Brown does not want to amend – keep the existing policy. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, 2 ayes votes, 3 nay votes cast. Supervisor Hokanson stated it is important the Town be consistent with Village and that removal of the LWV in no way changes the policy.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt the policy with removal of the League of Women Voters. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, 4 ayes votes cast, one nay vote. Motion carried.

..Updating Easement Endowment Policy: fund to be used to defend easements in court - \$5000 for every easement accepted in the Town. Our local law covering endowment requires the easement but it is never collected. Supervisor Hokanson suggested holding adopting the fee for the re-org meeting.

..Process for choosing Master Plan Committee:– Are the members itemized in any Meeting minutes? Yes, 10/16/08.

Administrative Committee will meet on Feb 6 and 7; at Courthouse and MPR Room, SUNY campus, respectively. The group is comprised of 2 Town Board, the Town engineer, 2 Planning Board members, Town planner if hired; Village resident Cara Lee, Dave Gilmour and Joe Bergstein.

Hiring Special Prosecutor: we need to get permission from the DA and he appoints one to us. Ask our Attorney to verify that. Try for 6 months.

..2009 Holiday List: Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to include Jan 2nd as one of the Town holidays. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..Re-organization meeting date: set for January 8, 2009 at 7 p.m. The Town Clerk is working with Police Commission to re-schedule their usual meeting night.

..Clearwater BMX: Councilman Logan moved to approve \$6000 to be carried over from the 2008 budget for paving. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..Shared Municipal Services Grant with Ulster County fleet services for GPS for vehicles: the cost will be \$342 initial fee per vehicle, and \$240 annually for software. Councilman Logan moved to pass the resolution to apply for the grant. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, 4 aye votes 1 nay votes from Councilman Lewis.

..Shared services efficiency grant: Councilwoman Williams read aloud – allows for shared services between the Village and Town of New Paltz for building, planning, zoning, building maintenance, road maintenance and plowing, water and sewer; Councilwoman Williams made a motion to apply. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..Revolving Loan Fund: UCDC – screening for revolving loan fund – we should have final say - \$2500 annual fee.

..Bridge of Dreams: cannot undertake project of this size at this time. Councilwoman Williams moved we take steps to decline the grant. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..Fire Dept Waiver fee: shed at Fire Station II – grant a waiver of fees (the shed houses the rescue boat) Councilman Logan moved to waive fee planning and Building Department. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Moratoria – Councilwoman Brown made a motion to refer discussion to the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

..Menorah Placement on lawn of Town Hall with solar lights: Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

..Appointments: – 1-2 openings. Post volunteer positions.

..**Warrants**:

Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the December warrant of \$392309.79. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the addendum of \$47807.14. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes.

At 12 (midnight) Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk