

TOWN BOARD-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

PRESENT: Nick Cartagena, David Lewis, Jane Ann Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:34 p.m. the meeting was opened by the Supervisor with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: add: authorization for the Ton Clerk to attend a conference. A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dave Lent, Town resident, reported some street lights are not in operation throughout the Town. He called Central Hudson; they inspected and corrected the problem. He informed the board that when street lights are out citizens can call the Police Department. They maintain a list of outages and call into Central Hudson. It would be helpful if you could include the pole number when reporting outages. The Supervisor will argue with Central Hudson for a refund.

Fred Van Nostrand, Town resident, asked what is going on in the assessor's office? He had a question on Cold War Veterans; the Town board has opted not to participate in that program. Supervisor Hokanson indicated training is coming. Cold War question coming up again; it could be on the next meeting agenda.

He offered an opinion on the Crossroads project, calling it the best proposal yet for that area. He brought up a problem with handicapped citizens getting into local restaurants. College Diner refuses to put in handicapped accessible entrance. If Crossroads has a restaurant that allows handicapped accessibility it's a good thing.

Regarding a Dog Park, he cautioned the Board to— really think about this — some dog breeds do not mix when they're off their leashes. Councilwoman Williams responded that some parks divide small dogs from the bigger dogs. Councilman Lewis stated that a lot of questions have to be answered. Supervisor Hokanson explained Field of Dreams is problematic and no decision made other than Councilwoman Williams being liaison to Recreation and Field of Dreams.

Mr. Van Nostrand went on to say that the money spent on the dog park would be better spent on a sound system in this room; it's a more proper use for that money.

Announcements

Clean Sweep 4/26 phone # 256-2043

Household hazardous waste 4/19

Free tax preparation 255-1435

Old Business

Municipal Building Committee – at work but no action to report at this time.

EnCC – designation change – Rhett Wheirs, Member of EnCC – a draft of the resolution – Attorney Moriello reviewed and suggested the Town Board pursue a local law rather than a resolution. Topic to go on the next meeting agenda; Board members need to review for language before publication. Councilwoman Williams spoke on development.....

Back hoe – Highway Department – no paper available, request to sell older backhoe – decision in 2007 not to sell but forward to recycling center. Phil Johnson argued with the decision saying new backhoe could be used by landfill when needed. Supervisor Hokanson suggested we should not sell old one, water main break last year and Bob called and was denied use of backhoe and we had to rent one. Bob now has a small one. Councilwoman Williams said she would like the new recycling coordinator to have a say in the decision. Councilman Cartagena questioned the age of machine.

Historic Use Master Highway Directional Signs: Supervisor Hokanson made changes, Code Enforcement Officer also made changes. Question is do we want to consider any other cultural use? Reduced from 10 to 5 and size to 15 square foot (from 20 sq. ft.) (Cultural example: Unison), can ask attorney how to do. Attorney will advise on separating us including in law.

New Business

Joe Bergstein – Cell Phone Recycling Program: Call Good proposes collecting boxes go in Town, Village Hall, library, food stores, Verizon and landfills. Joe Bergstein will send letter if Town Board approves Call Good is a partner with EPA, would involve high school students. Supervisor Hokanson moved the Town to support, and placement at Town facility and happy recipient of funds. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Clean Water Open Space Preservation request for appraisal services – 2 properties for appraisal – Councilman Lewis moved to hire appraiser. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. 2 properties – 2 local farms, Mays first deadline. Mailing slated for landowners with 20 Acres or more.

Village Solar Panel Project request from mayor with 3 options – 40% (\$16,058.); under \$.07 per kw hour \$1051.60 or disconnect. No reference as per deputy clerk – does not bind us to 40% research research done on bill – no significant reduction. Installed September of 2005, there is not

enough information to determine our benefit. Josh Honig stated if you have no copy, no village has, then not Town's responsibility. Terry Dungan – abstract – to NYCERDA – Town reimburse for use so far - \$500. annually. Supervisor Hokanson clarified letter from Supervisor with out Board action – can not pay 40%; received benefit? Supervisor Hokanson has not seen yet – not enough time to confirm – can not decide today. Councilman Cartagena did newspaper research – find conflicting information. Councilman Lewis stated Town should pay – Town usage meter. Supervisor Hokanson said she would like opinion of comptroller on what rate; can not pay for construction. Building and Grounds person to meet with DPW and inspect.

Donna Dietz – sewer bill request – look at last 3 quarters and reduce to highest of 3. Councilman Lewis moved the action. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Clerk's conference, NYSTCA-Saratoga Springs, 4/27-30: Councilman Cartagena moved the Town Board act as lead agency, declaring a type II action under SEQRA, and approving attendance at NYSTCA, the annual clerk's conference. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session: At 8:54 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring, firing, of individual. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:56 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to come out to Executive session. Seconded by Councilman Caragena, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant/Prepay

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve the prepayment of voucher #85842 in the amount of \$83.82 to Wares Direct, Inc from budget line Global Warming Task Force, B809140. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve the prepayment of voucher #85843 in the amount of \$125,000 to Elting Memorial Library from budget line library, A741041. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved the Town Board to transfer close out as indicated. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, all aye votes cast, motion carried

At 9:57 pm Councilman Cartagena moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk

Motions from Executive Sessions forth coming **(NOT AS OF 3/18)**