

## **Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting August 27, 2009**

**Present:** David Lewis, Jeff Logan, Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, and Toni Hokanson.

At 8:20 p.m. the meeting was opened by Supervisor Hokanson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Supervisor Hokanson added to new business: proposition for library funding, financial audit; resolution in support of Southern Ulster Alliance Grant; Youth Program letter. Move the forest ride to next meeting and MOU and Y. The Town Clerk read aloud the Library Proposition. Councilwoman Brown added executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Linnea Masson addressed there is no summer recreation program that is affordable; Camp Wiltmeet is not affordable for all children. Other towns have affordable programs, New Paltz should have one also. Recreation Director Chuck Bordino will be requesting funding for that program and requesting that the board support his request. Supervisor Hokanson explained that he is putting a program together.

Dave Lent said he walked in his neighborhood at the end of Lent Dr 20-30 foot road by Woodland Pond – 200 foot of road (10-15 foot wide)- road was made 28 foot paved with Planning Board. The owner of property near the end of the road is not happy with the road leading to Woodland Pond. He did not do his homework. You will saddle taxpayers down the road if you do not stick to original plans. Deed of the road goes all the way to the Bienstock property. Make sure the road is fully extended 28 foot paved. The paperwork goes back to 2000.

Josh Honig wrote letter about two people taking notes at the Board meeting. There is ample back-up for each meeting – on line minutes are accessible. Town Board worked hard to provide accessibility of board meetings. We have entire meetings on line. Budget time coming up – what is cost for paying for this. No link from Town to Town Board meetings. (npliving is the website) Supervisor Hokanson said she would look into this and also stated that the Board voted unanimously for a secretary.

Butch Dener wanted to reassure people that the Republican Party is not dead. He went on to praise the Woodland Pond site for seniors; they will have a beautiful community center and he suggested using it for elections. He spoke to Cynthia Rosenberg and she liked the idea. He is advocating on behalf of senior citizens. Supervisor Hokanson will provide the cost of elections for next year; she agreed that having one spot would be good. Woodland Pond and B.O.C.E.S. could work as two polling sites and B.O.C.E.S. is on the bus loop.

Everette Payne – last week two things brought up are a waste of time – signs – lighting and moratorium on Springtown Road. Human waste is present at the fairgrounds – an event is taking place this weekend and he insisted that the Town can stop the event. Supervisor Hokanson disagreed, the Town cannot stop it.

Erin Quinn, reporter: The board gave La Salle a year to find a permanent site for MRI trailer. Supervisor Hokanson stated no site plan plan change – 30 day court set. She asked if there were any reports on free days at the pool? Response: No. The Lent property site plan – road was intended to be connected to Erman Lane. It is New Paltz View's responsibility to build to Town Specs.

**Community Announcements**

Taste of New Paltz will be held on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Loop bus is available for the Primary Election at Deyo Hall near Huguenot Street, on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Items**

**Old Business:**

**Dubois Road drainage:** issue where cul-de-sac was enlarged and causing drainage problems. We will fund the work – it is not in the highway budget. Supervisor Hokanson read Superintendent's Johnson's memo. It does not make sense for time and a half before it is done – wait until we know the cost. Councilwoman Brown questioned if done by prior highway guy is it in the fund. Councilwoman Brown thought time would be appropriated during regular working hours. Supervisor Hokanson responded comptroller should answer. Councilman Lewis questioned if town board could request overtime not to be used. Supervisor Hokanson will talk to the Comptrollers' Office regarding which fund it should come out of. Councilman Logan made a motion the town commit to allocate funds for DuBois Road drainage repair. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Teamster contract:** to be discussed in Executive Session later.

**Rappa Sub-division (Pony Hill) storm water district** – the Town needs to declare ourselves lead agency and set a public hearing date. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to declare the Town lead agency. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilwoman Brown questioned blasting and notifying neighbors – blasting notes included in plan but not sure it will be

needed. Councilwoman Brown suggested sending note to channel 23. Cost of six lots total value \$88,452.00. Supervisor Hokanson moved to set the public hearing for the storm water district on September 24 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Comments on Commercial Construction local law:** Supervisor Hokanson default on law – compensation for employees when there are no employees

Councilwoman Brown responding on whole new bureaucracy, she sees this as a gift to the insurance companies. Regarding small contractors in our community, she asked if they have liability. If the County mandates then the county should provide.

Councilman Logan thought penalties too severe and that homeowners' insurance covers many expenses and questioned if this is necessary.

Councilwoman Brown: board may require bond – has to be some protection for the homeowners. Small claims can be used to resolve issues.

Supervisor Hokanson says it is opinion of Board that this will increase the County budget and will unnecessarily add to homeowners' expense.

**Resolution to commence proceedings: Diamond Car Wash:** issues with violations of permit to discharge in to Sewer 6. Compliance has been sought by Town unsuccessfully. The Town needs to take next step. Supervisor Hokanson moved to authorize to take proceedings for enforcement. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resident concerns on North Manheim:** Due to the problem of refuse being left at the cul-de-sac, Police Chief Snyder is stepping up patrols. Residents are requesting for "no parking, no standing" signs to be erected. Supervisor Hokanson asked if Mayor Dungan would write to ask the owner to post the property.

**Library Petition:** Supervisor Hokanson moved to add proposition as worded for the November ballot. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Discussion followed.

Councilman Logan abstaining, Supervisor Hokanson withdrew her motion and will try to call attorney Moriello during the break to question the procedure.

**Audit:** Visit from Comptrollers Office. The Town Board should be auditing certain financial records annually, which is not happening. The Accountant provided an estimate of \$5,000 for a full audit that is needed for next year. Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize the Board to pay up to \$5,000 for an audit for 2010. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Southern Ulster Alliance: completed trails project:** applying for planning grant thru Greenway – connecting trails, Lloyd to Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. New Paltz contribution \$3,000, Lloyd \$1,000 and So Ulster will provide the remainder, which will be at least 30. Councilwoman Brown moved to support and pay New Paltz's share for the grant. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**New Paltz Youth Program letter:** funding from the State thru County for youth programming. Not all towns use all their funds. A check in the amount of \$14,293 was received. Jim Tinger would like passenger van could start raising extra money. Councilwoman Brown likes effort to get a van, children's program is big push, and money could be used to fund that. She went on to say that there are a lot of grants available to help Youth program to do specific things. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to take no action on spending this money.

**Committee Reports:** Councilman Lewis reported the Police Commission recommended the Town Council made a motion to continue to fund the DARE Program for 09/2010. Chair Rick Remsynder asked Tom Nolan to write a letter to the Town Board. Supervisor Hokanson and School Superintendent Maria Rice met to discuss equitable funding for 2010-11 year. May be resource officer at that time. Councilwoman Brown would like to see a separate line for DARE and resource officer in upcoming budget. Ira Margolis says no – Nolan made a motion for the school and Town to sit and discuss. Councilman Logan questioned 64% of students from Town and Village of New Paltz, 36% outside of taxable New Paltz community. We are funding 36% of kids not in New Paltz. Councilwoman Brown read aloud a letter from the school district. Councilman Logan says he is okay with SRO but not paying for the other Towns. Supervisor Hokanson suggested getting affected Town Supervisors and School Superintendent to discuss. Can SRO be cut to 2 days a week? No discussion tonight. The meeting time of the Police Commission is moving from 6:30 to 7 p.m. to be more accessible to the public.

**Prepays:**

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the prepayment of voucher #89612 from Budget code BBB5228020.40, Planning Board CE in the amount of \$30 to vendor Patterns for Progress for Conference registration fee for Paul Brown to attend. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:09 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into executive session to discuss the promotion, demotion, hiring, and firing of a particular individual. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:23 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson said on advice from Attorney no need to pass motion on resolution, need cause to have petition delivered to Board of Elections. Town Clerk will take cover sheets to the Board of Elections.

At 11:25 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk