

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Workshop Meeting
September 17, 2009**

Present: Dave Lewis, Jeff Logan, Kitty Brown, Supervisor Hokanson

Public Hearing Continuation of Signs

At 7:05 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes.

Al Wegener, ex-director of Shawangunk Mountains Regional Partnership, explained that 11 municipalities participated in Shawangunk Mountain Scenic Byway. In 2006 founded as state scenic byway 88 mile – Ellenville, Rosendale, Town of Crawford, Montgomery. Intermunicipal Agreement signed by 11 municipalities. Bearing MPH – part goes thru New Paltz – thruway out to 299 up Springtown Rd. Byway does not regulate signs for municipalities. Town have to consider what is appropriate for their municipality. Byway encourage economic growth, historic resources. Regional open space plan created. Byway impacts: Mobil – enhanced plan and Sunoco, USBank- ZBA concerned of Hampton Inn and # of floors. Gardiners petition to have by-way go thru has been approved by Governor of NYState. Developing plan for Signage of byway. Councilman Logan spoke on internally lit signs – dark background and LED lighting – no white background.

Al responded that he could not act as expert open versus closed lighting, he has no opinion other than personal. Avoid gateway idea with 11 communities.

Mark Gruber gallery 33 business owner. Banner sign has been up for 6 weeks now and best business in 6 weeks.

Cara Lee feels internal lit signs are less attractive. Now working on Comprehensive Plan, it is poor timing to push this thru now in advance of comprehensive plan designer. If you can avoid internal lit you would be doing the community a service. Chase Bank and Kossover are examples of better lighting. Supervisor Hokanson explained that internal lit never allowed in last 25 years – how did this get thru? Unknown Craig S – Jim and Pete Kempner – owners – New Paltz Plaza – supporting institutional new signage. Hardship created due to lack of signage.

Rusty Staub, owner of professional center on Duzine and Main, signage is important. He is in favor of good directional signs

Craigs Commenst – looking for middle ground on behalf of this community. He met with Supervisor Hokanson and Dennis Doyle of Ulster County Planning Board, 66 – 7% consumer spending. Internal lit signs do not throw more light..

Supervisor Hokanson explained no County impact, questioned if public hearing should close or continue. Councilwoman Brown stated that there was no discussion, she would like to review new open.

Councilman Logan moved to open to 10/22, seconded by Councilman Lewis, Councilwoman Brown added close, discuss on 10/22 all ayes. Public Comment accepted until 10/22.

At 8 pm the pledge was recited and meeting opened.

Agenda: add Walkway and release of Ioveno bond and Councilwoman Brown would like to add signage on N Manheim Blvd.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt agenda as amended, seconded by councilman Logan, all aye votes.

Public Comment;

Ira Margolls – sign at pool says open to public after Labor Day – NOT

Josh Honig – looking for outdoor wood burning boilers. Supervisor Hokanson responded waiting for attorney to give back. Josh insists need to act season coming for heating homes.

Chris Ullrich – spoke of his disappointment on passing building moratorium, too restrictive. Questioned temporary tax relief and Supervisor Hokanson suggested he go to BAR. Councilwoman Brown added that many homeowners successfully got a break from the BAR. Chris went on to say flooding since beginning of time; not flooding more argued that emergency vehicles can not get thru Northern section. TAPE Everette Payne asked if “bordello” out back if it has kitchen. Bothersome that it has no kitchen. Questioned why the Town can not give \$700 to seniors.

Supervisor Hokanson responded that the senior group was told when the Community Center was built the Town would no longer pay rent – they would have a new facility to use.

Fred Van Nostrand commented on the lack of an American Flag when the Republicans held their caucus in the Community Center. He said that did not seem right that there was no flag available.

Councilwoman Brown stated that the Board allocated money for flags at vet grave stones and can include the Community Center.

Erin Quinn questioned if proposition and no impact, \$176,000 remains until there is a new resolution. Asking for \$351,000 hereafter.

Josh Honig suggested holding a public forum at Town Hall to discuss library funding.

Ira Margolis remarked that what they are asking is not a slight increase.

Announcements;

Ulster County Clerk – discovery display poster art 9-12/2009 from 9 to 5

Dorsky Museum 3rd Saturday family day.

Family food pantry – bare S&R and Rotary Wed 9/23

9/22 volunteers- sweet corn processing – Hutterians for pantrys and soup kitchens – Woodcrest.

Agenda:

New Paltz, Gardiner Senior Citizens: President June Le Mark – donate to food pantry monthly. The \$700 rent seniors are comfortable at VFW. Community Center not what they need. Seniors need whole room up to 60 people. 30-40 cars. Community Center has graveled driveway which is not good for those in wheel chairs and walkers. They need use of kitchen – no one asked the seniors what there needs would be. Storage is needed for TV, VCR, permanent place for equipment needed. The club has existed for 40 years, it is not a private club. They do not have to be members to attend meeting, they are open to public. They receive \$2,000 a year from Gardiner.

Susan Tychostrup – president 4 times - \$4,500 yearly under Susan Zimet’s, then they had to submit vouchers. Then cut \$2000. Members over 60 contribution of \$15 a year.

Ed Wood questioned how long for review, Supervisor Hokanson responded once a month.

Mrs Wood – missing mates – children are not here – we are family to each other.

Bella Z added Programs for Seniors in Town charge a fee, and complained that all are on fixed incomes. She questioned why should you take this away from this.

Ira asked how many member are from New Paltz -41; Gardiner 34

Angie Liberta questioned if federal county money is coming for seniors? Public funding for youth? She thinks there should be something for seniors, like youth.

Supervisor Hokanson said there would be no decision tonight, later in budget process. Councilwoman Brown assured we want to fund program for seniors.

Councilman Logan added that the information leads to further discussion- no demand for you to go meet at Community Center.

Memo of Understanding – SUNY Police – reciprocity occurs between the 2 police agencies for major emergencies – Councilwoman Brown said strike the word “major” approved by Police Commission. Councilman Lewis moved approval of Supervisor Hokanson to sign for the Town, seconded by Councilman Logan. Councilman Logan explained that to remove “major” would cause to go back for signature if changed. All ay votes were cast.

Julien Studley annual event: Councilwoman Brown made a motion that Supervisor Hokanson be authorized to enter into an agreement for traffic control for J. Studley event on October 17th, which raises money for Youth Center. Motioned seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried

At 9:31 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:38 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion for the Board to authorize her to sign stipulation agreement re: trailer at the Medical Center. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

National League of Cities movie program: could be free for 1 year – movie clips of town-movies is show on the internet, put on next weeks’ agenda.

Student Liaisons to Town Committees: College president expressed an interest. Supervisor Hokanson will invite committees to consider participating and make clear attendance is required. Ira added reciprocity does not exist – Town Gown meetings should allow public to attend

Walkway – emblem created by artist for Town – flags – transportation is question (bus). Supervisor Hokanson hopes to use UCAT seats without having to pay \$22.50 for bus driver – hold for next meeting.

Bond Release: Councilman Logan moved to release bond for \$\$30375, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrants:

Councilman Lewis move to authorize the supervisor to pay September warrant of \$250,975.46, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepay:

Councilman Logan moved to approve the prepayment of voucher #89790, in amount of \$4048.52 to Rapport, Meyers, Whitbeck, Shaw & Rodenhausen, LLP, reason for prepayment is invoice were received after the voucher due date. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Minutes: Supervisor Hokanson had correction 8/20 moratorium County comments should expire in 90 days as opposed to the 6 months as proposed, also references should say Flood Plain – area of special flood hazard.

Councilman Lewis questioned warrant of labor attorney's pay at \$19,000 yearly, wanted to know if that was standard with other towns. He also had questions on hanging baskets, the \$920 DARE t- shirts reimbursed by Rotary.

Councilwoman Brown \$400. reimbursed to police officers for cleaning uniforms.

Councilman Logan moved to accept minutes, councilwoman Brown seconded, all aye votes cast.

At 11:06 pm Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino

Town Clerk