

Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting  
September 24, 2009

**Present:** Jeff Logan, Dave Lewis, Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams and Supervisor Hokanson

Public Hearing Pony Hill

Supervisor Hokanson moved to open Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, vote is as follow Aye votes: Lewis, Williams, Hokanson; No votes: Brown, Logan

Formation of Stormwater district for Pony Hill Sub-division

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

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Public Hearing on Essential Services

At 7:14 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to open Public Hearing on Essential Services. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast.

Essential services allowing fire and Rescue Squad to be allowed anywhere in Town. Fire house in lane 1 to be lacated – action does not involve federal agency, other agencies – un listed action – establishment of fire house, ambulance, similar allowing them into all zones within the Town.

This excludes wireless facility (code 140-36). Land owned by or leased to .....exclude utility and wireless. Councilman Logan read aloud.

Councilwoman Brown questioned why is Town finding this action should be segmented?

Supervisor Hokanson stated segmented because application before the Planning Board with site changes.

Supervisor Hokanson added that the Board is not specially zoning. Councilwoman Brown stated that without seeing application the Board needs to amend law, waiver. Questions on the need to amend the law, question on waivers Supervisor Hokanson responded that time to review will be continued after tonight. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to continue the Public Hearing on Essential Services to be continued to 10/15 at 7:15 p.m. Councilman Logan seconded this motion, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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**Agenda:** Supervisor Hokanson added to agenda, sign presentation by Frank Falafyn – world leader in solar powered signs; Councilwoman Brown added executive session, Website,(under national league of cities; Councilman Logan moratorium building and continue discussion on funding for HVME. Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept agenda as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

At 7:35 p.m. Frank Falafyn gave a presentation on signs. Uses solar energy to make semi-conductor products. Solar power stored inside batteries in day light.

**Public Comment:**

Craig Shankles is interested in Greenway study regarding signs.

Everette Payne: Bothered by library – why is it on the ballot –asking \$351,000. They should publish payroll and expenses.

CouncilwomanBrown added that the head librarian gets health insurance.

Student – cost of sign – 30% income tax credit – questioned if panel be adjusted for seasonal?  
Dollar figure - \$4000 for new sign.

### **Community Announcements**

Old paper records ( Ulster County will shred up to 3 bags for free – St 9-1  
Rabies Clinic 9/30; Family requesting food for pantry; Giveaway at Community Center on  
Saturday and Sunday.

### **Agenda Items:**

**Establish Stormwater District:** Pony Hill, sub-division for Horsenden Road. Stormwater needs to be managed for houses; will be paid for by only those residents in the district. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to accept short form SEQR. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson read aloud the Negative Declaration. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to declare negative declaration. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to allow the formation of Pony Hill Stormwater district. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Essential Services:** Councilwoman Brown troubled by pre-empted exemption language. Supervisor Hokanson likes Planning Board ability to waive. Councilwoman Brown concerned every non-profit service organization will ask for similar waivers. Councilman Logan thinks it states emergency; he is not in favor of waiving SEQR review. Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan will look at similar laws in a few towns.

**Walkway Over the Hudson:** Councilwoman Williams said opening 10/2 bridge will be open for walkers on Sat. Volunteers are needed – please call Guy Visk if interested. Bring food and water for the day; porta potty use is available. Continuing on Sunday, when the road race will take place. After 9:30 a.m. the bridge is open to walkers’ .This will be a State Park after the opening activities.

**National League of Cities Movie Program:** Promotional movies about our Town with some advertising. Board viewed samples of other Towns, imbedded in the town websites which is contrary to website policy – no – interested to revise our website.

**Moratoriums** – subdivisions - convert flood plain of sub-division? Woodturning stoves

**Real Property** – schedule for re-vals recommended by assessor Lori King. This ensures we are at 100% amongst ourselves. We are starting with commercial properties. Councilman Logan moved to authorize Assessor and Supervisor to sign. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Highway Garage/amended 284 agreement,** which is higher than anticipated - Phil Johnson has sent an amended list. Change is Elliot Lane; amendment to budget is needed. Supervisor Hokanson moved 2009 budget 5110.40 total amount budgeted \$400476 to \$489,849. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Water hookup request:** Schwieger in water district #4. Councilwoman Brown moved to refer to the Village. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes amended to include Vigne on 83 Mountain Rest Road, all aye vote cast, and motion carried.

**Promotional residential** fee for Community Center use: Recreation Director Chuck Bordino suggested lowering fees as promotional fee. Councilman Lewis moved to accept new promotional fee for the community center until further notice from Chuck Bordino. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Budget Meetings:** October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm; October 15<sup>th</sup> after Essential Services. Councilwoman Brown questioned commission rep. and Police Department budget; another meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Appointments:**

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to appoint Jenna Dern to the ENCB vacancy. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown: website: publish all public hearing notices. Clerk to send electronic notices to Guy, Secretary to Supervisor. (Essential Services and Signs)

**PrePays:** Supervisor Hokanson authorized payment of voucher 89675 in the amount of \$704.30 as reimburse to NP

Voucher # 89798 in the amount of \$350. E for 350.org. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hiring, firing, Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:15 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:15 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk