

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
January 28, 2010**

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

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

Agenda: removing retiree health insurance, supervisor is meeting with labor representative tomorrow. Vaccaro sub division, grant apply with County; Time Warner construction fund. Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment

Fawn Tantillo – distributed sheet from school district relative to their upcoming ballot for renovations to the Middle School. She claims Don Kerr’s number of 49 million is not accurate.

Ed Burke, Town Resident – he was at school Board presentation, yesterday. We have opportunity for school taxes to go down due to retiring debt. Middle School can be renovated for \$10-11 million.

Bob Gabrielli, town resident, is bothered – state law referendum follows. School board is unduly trying to influence the outcome.

Fawn Tantillo – debate schedule for Friday night – ad in paper –she will not be present to represent Unite our district – but call us with questions.

Josh Honig and Kevin Barry – presentation for smart spending for Middle School renovation and other schools re: 4,157,979 – does not want to see cuts in people, programs. Tillson School requires asbestos removal. In closing, too many projects have been handled poorly, let us get this one right.

Councilwoman Brown questioned Construction Fund not part of the annual budget? Building aid is separate – the construction fund can be raided. It went from 10 million to \$50 million concept overnight.

Community Announcements

Blood drives 1/30 9:30 at the Middle School

Old Business

ZBA fees: revised last Friday – not here tonight.

Comprehensive Plan: meeting held last night – public meeting for review of draft – 3/19&20 – Waiting for confirmation. Press release will go out. Can we do interactive as in Hartford?

Rotational Tow List: 1. draft local law received from chief; 2. give permission to have chief and Town attorney discuss before deciding to pursue.

Joe Di Blanca – explained roster used when there is no preference by driver. Some causes for towing do not have ability to choose – DWI, drug, etc. Insurance, permit, certificates required of towers.

Supervisor Hokanson moved that attorney Joe Moriello to work with Chief Joe Snyder to review and compare our law, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

On fees they have not been updated since 2002 – we are below other Towns’ fees. Town sets a fee so that the rotational towers are consistent. Thruway is not included in this, there is bid process for mileage areas.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt new tow fees schedule – paragraph 41-16, one change days 8 – 6 evenings, nights and weekends – change d days to 8 -5. Councilwoman Brown moved to add money order- change to credit cards to include Discover-Visa-Master Charge. Councilwoman Williams questioned if this would impose a burden on the tower – Joseph replies absolutely. The motion of Councilwoman Brown was seconded by Councilman Logan, votes for this motion was aye from Councilwoman Brown, and 4 nay votes. Councilman Logan seconded the Supervisor’s motion to adopt the new tow fee schedule as amended. Four aye votes were cast and one nay vote cast by Councilman Lewis, motion carried.

Grant with County : local government – local government efficiency grant – add to highway consolidation grant; Looking at snow plowing contract – money goes in to highway budget. Resolution – Councilwoman Brown moved that the municipality of the Town of New Paltz is in support of Ulster

County's 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Time Warner Construction Fund – cost for remaining properties to be hooked up. Recycling information not included. Fund balance as of end of 2005 - \$155,000, now up to \$260,000. PA does not want to expend beyond \$10,000. TV construction fund should not be used just for internet. We get remainder of unspent fund.

Councilwoman Brown moved the Town of New Paltz not authorize any hook ups to individuals in excess of \$10,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Logan. Councilwoman Brown accepts \$15,000 friendly amendment, seconded by Councilman Lewis. Vote as follows: Nay votes from Council members Logan, Williams and Supervisor Hokanson.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to authorize any hook up to individuals not to exceed \$17,000. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Vaccaro sub-division "The Birches" before the Planning Board. Ulster County Planning Board recommends paving proposed connector– complete section of the road to Rocky Hill. A lot was unbuildable. Supervisor Hokanson suggested offering it to Town as pocket park – “Don't show it as a road?”

This is not the plan the Public Hearing was held on wetland – vernal pool exists. Ulster County is inconsistent and unfair to developer at this stage of the game. Councilwoman Brown states they are open to hearing a message from us.

Supervisor Hokanson stated we need to interconnect – Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Committee, and Zoning. Residents of Rocky Hill would like a bike path. Supervisor Hokanson offers that using a connector road does not preclude walking and biking. It allows an alternate access road in bad weather and emergencies.

Councilwoman Brown indicated there is debate on the Public Hearing held.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to recommend to the Planning Board they comply with Ulster County Planning Board, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Vote: Nay vote from Councilwoman Brown, 4 aye votes, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson is in favor of asking (Wetlands Inspector) Spyder Barbour to go out in the spring and see if there are any breeding critters and check on their protection. Seconded from Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

Prepayments:

Supervisor Hokanson moved to authorize the supervisor to approve the prepayments of the following vouchers, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes (Patti will send electronically request for payment list)

At 10: pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk