

5-26-11 Public Hearing

Bicycle parking and Town board meeting

Present: TH, JAW, DL, JL

Pledge at 7:30

TH opened public hearing- bike policy, , 2ND JAW, all ayes

TH- reschedule public hearing for June 16, 2nd JAW, all ayes

Agenda- amend

Remove public hearing on water/sewer rates. Remove road extension at Sunset Ridge

Add South Putt sewer grant application/ IDA. Add BMX agreement for traffic control. Add LL TB fees.

Add reset/rescheduled public hearing on bike parking for July. Add change of policy of use at community center

TH adopt agenda as amended, JL 2nd, all ayes

Public Comment-

Everette Payne- why no public forum? New speaker system

Butch Dener- **Ad Hoc Comm.** Has Board heard anything?

TH- application for grant for extension of sewer at S. Putt.

Ira M- Development was under 2 feet of water- Village doesn't care, did nothing. Across from Kniffen Annexation

TH- issues with sewer should be directed to Ulster County Health Dept. if Village doesn't respond.

Ron Turner- last heavy rain- sheet of oil at Moriello pool area-

Kim- Lupinacci- Ad Hoc- Community arts and sports organization. Mark Messeo and Kurt Lueken – theatre is not affordable when using school district . They need their own designated space. Want Town to provide land and shelter of a building. Town would take care of outside grounds. Committee would take care of inside at no cost to tax payers

Kurt Lueken- would be satisfied with just land. The arts have no place to go- just need walls and roof. Really need help, they would raise the money through the arts and sports organizations.

Mark Masseo (wrestling)- no healthy safe space for kids. Population is growing but limited by facility. Need a multipurpose building. Prefer to share space with other organizations and groups.

DL- what's the schools position

Kim L- school keeps adding fees, they are also in bad shape. Not as flexible as previously

KB- terrible shortage of facilities in New Paltz. Whatever structure is built would have to be a community center and not just for sports and arts.

TH- Town has contracts with groups to help provide _____. So they have first pick.

Board denied a survey for and approval at Clearwater last fall.

DL- is there room at the sports and recreation park?

TH- what size building?

Mark Masseo- 1200x1200

KB- land behind Duzine would create great neighborhood opposition.

JAW- Clearwater land is biggest parcel- not used too much except for hunters.

JL- huge burden to take on- maintenance, staffing, groups don't have enough money to keep the building running.

Kim L- grant money available, fund raising

KB- need to see a real proposal. Our Community Center is a big drain on our budget. Towns job is to provide that service to community.

DL- school's job to make their space available.

Kurt L- school is very limited with hours, charges high fees, unreliable.

Mark Maseo- let us put together a plan to really get this done- not fair for Board to say that this isn't the time.

JL- Town is more than generous to the community members of the school district. – more than the other 5 communities that make up the school district. This is not the time to make capital improvements. Very expensive to maintain a building of that size. May Need to include other communities, raising the money is not enough. Need a better plan.

Kellog found, Nyquist found

TH- NOT providing enough to the community. Need to pull the recreation funds out of the bank to get this stuff done. The community needs more!!!

KB- we just need a real plan.

This essentially should be a field house.

Kurt L- we'll stay in contact with chuck and recreation. Clearwater might be too small to fit in a sewer.

Amy Harrington- make recreation money more accessible for sports recreation park. Trail 1½ miles, nothing too costly with fitness stations, get sponsoring.

KB- main focus is for sports park, 2nd parcel of land is not in the table. Did not approve for Dave C to survey other parcels and projects.

TH- what is the reason to not use recreation funds for recreation projects?

KB- trails are not part of the plan

TH- money was spent on legal issues with the county.

JL- funds are limited- not for maintenance, just development

Amy- how can we get access to those funds to move forward?

KB- we need to see what we're being asked to spend money on. We don't get minutes from recreation community

Kim- will come back with more information

H.S. students- Piglets- project to solve a problem in our community. Ideas with environment/recycling. Water conservation is an issue. Energy star labels. Town does not have a law about water conservation fixtures in homes. Idea is to raise awareness about water conservation and get it to state legislator for new construction.

TH- send slides so she can put presentation on website.

Break 8:50

Norman Turner- chair, street light, and safety committee- 123 lights in New Paltz, belong to Central Hudson.

Cost to Town in 2009 was \$24,957.97. Cost has risen over the years. Removing unneeded street lights will fulfill the Climate Smart Pledge. Recommend removing 26 street lights. Supported by fire dept., highway dept., and rescue squad. Recommend putting up new signs at end of cul-de-sac., reflective. Better than street lights.

JL- those signs were vandalized on Plains road. We're great but vandalism ruined reflective feature.

Norman Turner- these 26 lights are not crucial. Have support of Police Department.

JL- allow TH to send letters to Central Hudson urging them to remove 26 street lights suggested but the street light committee – pending legal council- 2nd JL, all ayes

Repairs to Sewer 6-

Dave C- sewer 6 got sick. Is there a correlation between rainfall and flows? Flows at sewer 6 have been extremely high. Got video camera survey of lines. Found 3 places that need to be fixed. When ground water receded flows went down.

