

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
Public Hearings
January 24, 2008**

Present: Supervisor Hokanson, Kitty Brown, Nick Cartagena, Dave Lewis, and JaneAnn Williams

Public Hearing Directional Signs

Supervisor Hokanson moved to open Public Hearing on directional signs, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast.

Sue Stegen of CIT – concerned with signage in town. She sees it as a huge problem visual pollution created by agriculture “pick this” proliferation. Concerned with where we are going with this – there should be full time employee monitoring signs. Other states streamline their signage. *** H description is “off premises signs Direction is for places of historic significant i.e. Mohonk Mountain House. They are trying to upgrade. Some modification being done re: business signage.

Councilwoman Brown stated there is a need for consistency

Supervisor Hokanson – off premises limits and number of businesses putting up signs for better enforcement.

David Gilmour from the Village is concerned about blight on the landscape. He sees a clear need for standards. Questioned has there been determination this is consistent with by/way. If no standards in proposed law develop specific permit.

Paul Brown chair of Planning Board has requested more time of town board 140-98 word usage and definition – 39 page sign law – hopes Planning Board will look, not forward it to Ulster County on Monday night. Planning Board will meet on master comments.

Supervisor Hokanson need to close public hearings and start over with new one.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing on Directional signs, seconded by Councilwoman Brown all aye votes cast.

Public Hearing Off-Premise

Supervisor Hokanson moved to open and close off premise signs. Seconded by councilman Lewis all ayes votes. To be continued.

Town Board Meeting

At 7:32 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: add presentation Harper Keen a New Paltz High School student, bottom of new business. Support of media campaign. PC – prevention connection; request for refund of building permit. Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the agenda as amended.

Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried..

Presentation: Charles Karsten, driveway standards for ensuring fire department access. Ulster County fire advisory board represents all towns - mediates between fire service and legislature. No standards exist you get off the road. He worked with a prototype of Lloyd. Driveways are being built without regard to need for emergency vehicle access.

Presentation: Neil Larson, Summary of Intensive Level Survey: from Historical Preservation Committee – working with both Town and Village - Recon survey one in 2003-2004 –overview of what exists 1116 Town/ 655 Village. Second project was to develop brochure 2004. A recommendation was to look at rural properties, coinciding with Town’s Open Space inventory – 2006. National Register nomination Form prepared for New Paltz downtown historic district – 2007. Historic Preservation workshop for public – 2007. All are funded by CLG Grants.

Presentation: Harper Keen community service project Community Partnership for safer New Paltz youth center – trips for youth – who funds? Supervisor Hokanson responded that Town has sponsored 1 trip – celebrations money not used – First Friday trip – alternative to street hanging. Grant money available – Community Partnership applying for. One idea – plan a free Friday at pool in August; another idea is Windham.

Community Partnership started with grant money – to combat use of drugs and alcohol.

8:37 break till 8:46

Announcement

Public Comment

Fred Van Nostrand, town of New Paltz, Plutarch Rd – during Wilen’s administration – letter of annexation to Lloyd. Money came in – press coverage – Poughkeepsie Journal “Annexing to the Town of Lloyd” over Fred’s dead body, met weekly 13 people to fight. 200 more signatures obtained than original petition. Collected money for stamps, etc. Plutarch won – money to be used for celebration – Fred and Bea said no and suggested use money sign, which disappeared after 3 weeks.

Supervisor Hokanson said she would see what could be done to replace it.

Era – whining about Town/Gown meetings.

Margaret Human why not transparent signs.

New Business: Family of New Paltz – request for rubber duck race at Regatta, 6/8, fund raiser, the ducks go out while boats are being sent into water. Racing and Wagering – need permit under Games of Chance.

Councilwoman Brown expressed that the Town should not get involved.

NPHS tabled

Media Campaign Councilwoman Brown suggested to go the bars for funding, she is opposed, Councilman Cartagena agreed with the Councilwoman.

Request for refund: Building Permit application paid for \$220. Looking for alternate locations and requesting for a refund. Councilwoman Brown had no problem if there were no cost to Town. Councilwoman Brown moved to approve fund of \$220. contingent upon any Planning Board fees still owed, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Committees

Councilman Lewis went to Highway – things going well. Gradall excavator from grant with Lloyd arrived – setting up use schedule.

Councilwoman Williams met with Bob Leghorn several times re: property next to sewer 6. Good dialogue.

Supervisor Hokanson – inspection by USDA on handicapped accessibility. Lift installed at court house

Prepays

Supervisor Hokanson moved to authorize the payment of voucher #85464 for \$21,777.60: voucher #85454 for \$254,500. Extra space management as monthly prepay to avoid penalties, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

At 9:55 p.m. Councilman Cartagena moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes votes.

Respectfully submitted

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk