

# Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting

June 19, 2008

**Present:** Kitty Brown, Ken Wishnick, Jane Ann Williams, David Lewis, and Toni Hokanson

The meeting was opened at 7:39 p.m. by Supervisor Hokanson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Additions: HVME, second item under old business; add aqua yoga and free swim. Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

## Public Input:

Ira Margolis, Village resident, asked if the free swim included people on federal disability.

Everette Payne, Town resident, commented on spending \$5,000.00 to fix the building at landfill. Walls, floors ripped out. Supervisor Hokanson responded that it is too far gone to save.

Everette, is a union carpenter, claimed that they do not know what they are talking about. He offers labor, needs material. Councilwoman Brown suggested that Everette give the board a proposal.

Fred Van Nostrand, Town resident, is happy to see seniors getting the free swim. He then described the recycling center as terrible, with no room to back in. Supervisor Hokanson claimed that seven trailers came in on June 18<sup>th</sup> and things were moved around in preparation.

Alan Stout of the Bicycle–Pedestrian Committee encouraged the Town Board to act on parking. Sidewalk master plan developed; Village passed it; need 3 people to meet – Town Board, Planning Board and a committee person.

Supervisor Hokanson stated that Town should adopt a map for sidewalk location purposes.

Councilwoman Brown questioned bike lane width. Alan Stout stated that a 4-foot shoulder is adequate. DOT-multi use path is 10-foot wide.

Margaret Human, Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee, said the crosswalk signs need to be re-instated-get Board behind it.

Dorothy Jessup, Village Senior citizen, supports Fred’s request for a portion of Moriello pool to be used for seniors.

Supervisor Hokanson received a letter re: pedestrian signs – place signage.

## Agenda:

**Hudson River Estuary Grant-Governing Body resolution:** New Paltz land use and Bio Diversity lead agency, type 2 action under SEQR and approving resolution. Supervisor Hokanson moved, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast.

**HVME:** lead agency done, erred as type 2 action; no need for MSDS. Permissive referendum – 30 day window to voice opposition. Councilwoman Brown moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded short form SEQR. All ayes votes cast, motion carried. Resolution and notice of negative declaration: Councilwoman Williams moved. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown authorizing signing the Resolution for HVME to lease space. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

**Vaccaro-Birches Subdivision Request to create storm water district:** concern that run off does not create down stream flooding- storm water district to be formed for this property with tax imposed on the 15 lots; the Town would maintain the ponds. Moving to the next level for next weeks’ meeting.

**Bicycle– Pedestrian request for in-street crosswalk signs to be re-established:** Jim Hyland and Alan Stout spoke. Three crosswalks involved, Oakwood Terrace, Plattekill Avenue and North Front Street and the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail – effective. Who will put signs out and remove? The Village DPW can put them out in the morning and Supervisor Hokanson suggested sending a request to both Police Chiefs for removal – responding by next weeks’ meeting.

## *Five Minute Break Taken*

**Approval for senior free swim:** this includes Veterans and disabled—time held Monday and Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. Councilwoman Williams moved to approve free swim for seniors as defined in the pool policy. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Aqua Yoga set for 10-10:45 am, Monday and Fridays, fee set at \$10.00 from July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup> (\$35.00 paid by Town); Councilman Wishnick moved to approve; Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Village request to join in TEP Grant for sidewalks:** for non- motorized projects, tabled till next week.

**Report of Municipal Building Committee:** Carol Roper, co-chair of the committee, gave a report recommending not to move forward on leasing the Harp Building as a temporary space for the Police Department. The committee is currently exploring other sites/options, either temporary or long-term. Temporary rehab cost is \$275,000. and \$800.00 for permanent rehab.

**Resolution to join shared municipal services grant with Ulster County:** Councilwoman Brown made a motion authorizing our participation. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast., motion carried.

Margaret Taylor, Town resident, made a request to waive recreation fee for a subdivision: More information requested – table to the next meeting.

## Committee Reports:

**Highway Department** Report by Councilman Lewis: Marie Court paved, they are patching and providing reclamation; paving Deerpath, Crescent Lane, Willow, Burleigh Road. Three summer helpers have been hired; they are painting guard rails and flagging. The department is moving forward on gradall shared municipal grant. Pending problem at Highway -need to raise catch basin - awaiting word from Engineer Dave Clouser.

**Police Commission:** fulltime hiring pending – 19 officers out of 23; seven resignations have been received.

**Field of Dreams:** Councilwoman Williams reported all ditching has been completed; we are now awaiting clay delivery. Bleachers, fencing delivered. *Watchtower Farms* providing manpower assistance. Applying for second phase of grant.

**Citizens Corp.:** Supervisor Hokanson reports a September event is planned (being National Emergency Preparation Month)

**Community Forum Meeting:** To be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at B.O.C.E.S. Panel moderator will be Joyce Minard, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

**Historic Preservation Commission:** Councilwoman Brown reported there was no quorum at their last meeting. There are two residents requesting historic designation for their properties.

**Greenworks Committee:** They designated a “No Petrol Day” and have ordered more reusable bags.

## Warrant/Pre-pays and Budget Modification:

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve to create budget line in the 2008 budget in the B fund for the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Grant:

*Expenditure BBB522809240 in amount of \$26,667*

Revenue in the amount of BBB9803588 \$25,000. and BBB98099998 for \$1,667, (this is a reimbursable grant for \$25,000 with a town match of \$1,667, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to increase 2008 budget in amount of \$20,526.78 in the Highway Machinery ,Equipment expenditure budget line DBB522513020 and the Appropriated Fund Balance revenue budget line DBB9809999 to cover the expense of the truck purchased from Action Chevrolet, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve the following Prepays: seconded by Councilwoman Williams:

Voucher # 85962 in the amount of \$6,897 to DiStasi & Moriello;

Voucher # 86494 in the amount of \$1,3843 to David Clouser & Associates

Voucher #86318 in the amount of \$3,592.50 to David Clouser & Associates

Voucher # 86125 in the amount of \$1,209.00 to David Clouser & Associates

Voucher # 86513 in the amount of \$2,702.00 to NY Planning Federation

Voucher # 86492 in the amount of \$60.00 to Ulster County Clerk.All ayes votes cast.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to create budget lines in the 2008 budget in the DB Fund for CHIPS, Expenditure DBB522511220 Permanent Improvements, CHIPS for \$69,480.00

*Revenue DBB9803501 Consolidated Highway Aid for \$69,480.00*

And

To modify the 2008 budget with and interfund transfer from CHIPS Capital Project Interfund Transfer H09522990190 to Highway Interfund Transfer DBB9805031 in the amount of \$35,165.83, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes.

Councilwoman Brown moved to approve the June Warrant for a total of \$500,150.74. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:32 p.m. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk