

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
November 20, 2008**

Present: Kitty Brown, David Lewis, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:06 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to open the Public Hearing on Water Extension District for Woodland Pond. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

William Schnitzer, Village resident, deposit and bond holder for Woodland Ponds. Speaking in favor for it. Very detailed, excellent job to consider, give it a favorable approval. He is looking forward to peace of mind as a senior planning to move in.

Ira Margolis, Village resident, speaking against Woodland Pond. Overflowing sewer at Colonial Arms where he lives. Consent order with DEC, he does not think Village does the right thing with DEC when there is a sewer overflow.

\$10,000 item in budget for Woodland Pond, Supervisor Hokanson – put into escrow. A number of steps being taken to correct problem.

At 7:17 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing on Water Extension District for Woodland Pond. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:17 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened Public Hearing on Sewer District extension

Public Comment:

William Schnitzer – anything said for water applies to sewer. The Village is doing its piece.

Ron Turner – sewer camera only on Manheim not Mulberry.

Councilwoman Brown questioned neighborhood notification – not applicable says Attorney Joe Moriello.

At 7:23 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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

Agenda: Add Community Center sitework #3, Town Clerk had a request from the Dog Control Officer. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Marion DuBois, Village resident, questioned what is percentage of tax increase?

Supervisor Hokanson responded 4% to total budget. Tax rate change village tax payers pay less due to village residents paying a third tax.

Councilwoman Brown compared bottom line to last year and 10% increase but did not deduct lines Village people do not pay.

Town Board and Supervisor are getting 3.5% raise. This budget is bare bones.

Supervisor getting with Secretary – 7700 – 7969 This is not the year to give yourself a raise – bad situation for tax payers – appreciate taking that into consideration.

Everette Payne – Moriello pool liner – why do we need one? Suggested the town use gunnite.

Bob Leghorn – poured incorrectly

Everette Paine – liner is not clean

Susan Zimet, Town resident, read aloud a statement from Steve Auerbach – freeze budget

YMCA summer recreation program cost \$250,000 – Supervisor's Office very busy with that effort.

Helen Karsten said talk to Y for programming. First program was for swimming @SUNY. Then summer Recreation was done and cut ¼ million of our budget. They expanded their hours and number of weeks. Town put in \$25,000 as scholarship fund to offset increase Scholarship were for New Paltz residents.

Library – Family

Find a way to follow letter of law

Supervisor Hokanson: law says no to scholarship money; no gift to an individuals

Susan Zimet different times – you have heard. Hard stands to hold down taxes, she had to face the music. That is the responsibility as elected officials. Houses going up - people looking to rent a room. County legislative gave back 5%. You lead by example. She asked the board not to pass the budget tonight but take a re-look at it and hold special meeting to pass it.

Susan went on again to explain the Justice health insurance issue.

Councilwoman Brown stated that 40% of Town's pay for health insurance.

Supervisor Hokanson explained it was unique year – loss of revenue – What Susan is asking the Board to do is impossible.

Councilwoman Brown to get taxes down we need to consolidate governments. Small city grants could be pursued if we merged.

Supervisor Hokanson we would have to build something big.

Councilwoman Brown – PILOTS given out

Supervisor Hokanson responded they were given to the Medical Center, Water Street Market and Viking Industries, which the board had no control over.

Susan Stanmyer Chairman of Board of Y of Southern Ulster – please reinstate funding, have met terms of agreement with you for \$20,000. She gave brief history.

Ira Margolis thanks for departmental breakdown; college student on police commission dispicable.

Terry Dungan, mayor of Village, confirmed Steve Auerbach's figures on increases 8% for Town, 16 % for Village. Ambulance, street lighting and historian do not serve Village residents. Service districts – Village only, Town outside of Village. He outlined 4 things: parks, Rail Trail, street lighting.

At 9:12 a five minute break taken.

9:22 pm back to Water extension

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to accept the short form SEQR. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Read it aloud. Negative Declaration for this action Supervisor Hokanson moved seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast. Councilwoman Williams moved to adopt water resolution. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept short form SEQR for extension of Sewer. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt negative declaration. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to pass resolution of extension of sewer district #3. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2009 Budget

Supervisor Hokanson – changes – revenues up \$37683., expenses need to add \$1000 to HAVA.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to increase revenue by \$37683, increase expenses by adding \$18485.

Councilwoman Williams – Moriello Parking lot, line 7110.42 - \$30000 put in for improvement - \$50000 could repair, resurface, etc. the new roadway – (\$25000 for each government).

Councilwoman Brown moved down to \$15000, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, no votes from Lewis, Williams, and Hokanson

Supervisor Hokanson moved to decrease to \$17500. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, no vote by Councilwoman Brown, all other voted aye.

Extra gate person being denied – will be addressed at joint Town and Village meeting.

Councilwoman Brown commended Supervisor Hokanson on planner position, however asking

Board to withdraw position for this calendar year. Seconded by Councilman Lewis. Supervisor

Hokanson would agree if creating new position would save us in the long run. Councilwoman

Williams agrees planner position is important. Councilman Lewis stated the board needs to

economize someplace. This is the year to make a savings- reconsider the position down the road.

Supervisor Hokanson warned if we waited for a year the person would need time to hit the ground running. Vote is 2 aye votes, 2 nay votes, motion to remove position failed due to a tie.

Councilwoman Brown – better to have a contract for computer services. She asked if the Recreation Director needed such a skilled municipal worker.

Supervisor Hokanson take the Y from contingency with out increasing the budget. \$200000 for infrastructure planning – will it happen?

Councilwoman Brown moved to take out \$15,000 for Urgent Team. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, 2 aye votes (Councilmembers Brown and Lewis) 2 no votes (Councilwoman Williams, Supervisor Hokanson)

Councilwoman Brown – Open Space- take it down to \$45000 from \$59000 #8710.40, \$14150 decrease. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast.

Councilwoman Williams – Bridge of Dreams – line 7191.4 from \$40000 to \$25000 for engineering studies should do. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to increase expended fund balance to A Fund by \$25000, change to \$150,000 reduces amount to be raised by taxes. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:01 Supervisor Hokanson moved to pass the 2009 budget as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes, motion carried.

Agenda Items:

Comprehensive planner: Supervisor Hokanson – lead agency, type II action and sign contract .Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Clay Infield mix: Recreation Sports Park – Councilwoman Williams made a motion to award the bid to Recreation Sand. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Setting Public Hearing – Supervisor Hokanson declare lead agency – NYS Energy 12/18 at 7 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

:Supervisor Hokanson – lead agency – off street parking hotels for 12/18/ at 7:10 pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Pool liner: Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$9880. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried

Re-appointment to Ulster County Planning Board: Councilwoman Williams moved to name Supervisor Hokanson as regular member and Paul Brown as alternate. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes, motion carried.

Ice Rink at Moriello – half of amount, Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize Supervisor to purchase equipment, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes, motion carried

DMV Memo of Understanding – hold till December

Community Center – outside work pay \$28,840.55 – almost have electric – Councilman Lewis moved authorize payment and prepayment of \$28840.55, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye DCO – Supervisor Hokanson can confirm tomorrow – appears to be in budget – just an okay.

Appointments

Ethics: Councilwoman Williams made a motion to name Barbara Coddington as the employee member to the Ethics Board through 12/31/2011. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Unexpired Board seat: Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint Jeff Logan to fill the unexpired term of Nick Cartagena effective immediately. Seconded by Councilman Lewis all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrants:

Councilwoman Williams moved to approve and pay the November Warrant amount of \$854700.49. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepayments:

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve the prepayment of the following vouchers:

Voucher #87489 in the amount of \$20000 to YMCA,

Voucher #87488 in the amount of \$28840.55 to Landworks of the Hudson Valley

Voucher #87481 in the amount of \$5175 to Alfandre Architecture. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

At 11:37 pm Councilwoman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk