

Town of New PaltzTown Board Meeting
October 23, 2008

Present: Jane Ann Williams, Kitty Brown, David Lewis, Toni Hokanson, Attorney Joseph Moriello

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

Agenda: UCAT being removed; parking regulations for Hotels – Planning Board – no action – tie vote for one parking spot per room for hotel. Councilwoman Brown: change the law and keep on agenda. Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Bill Weinstein, member of Bicycle Pedestrian Committee, read aloud a four-page appeal to the Town Board to move forward with their interest in encouraging bicycle support, and in particular, to pass a bike parking ordinance.

Peter Healey, Village Trustee, discussed Public Access program policies – party affiliation – requests reference to league of Woman voters stricken

Ira Margoles – as a member of the Public Access committee, wants to move with policy; make revisions later. As for securing public prosecutor for traffic violations. Water Street raises revenue, 299 is STEP highway – gets funding. You take away ability of wrong –doer to question accountability. Fair and even shake will not happen.

Councilwoman Brown suggested inviting them to ask questions of them. Government taking away rights little by little.

Community Announcements:

Two positions available in the Town – one for a secretary for three committees: Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee, CWOSP, and Environmental Commission Board. The second position, taking resumes for Director of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement; it's a Civil Service position—a description is on the town website

Bus service for commuters – up and running schedules available

HEAP – revised income guidelines – a representative will be present at Town Hall on November 7th from 9 to 3.

Agenda Items

- 1) **Additional costs for the Community Center:** There are material cost increases. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve the contractor working on Community Center to be paid \$64,315. Councilwoman Brown then withdrew her motion. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to pay \$64,315. that includes the \$13,270 additional cost, based on David Clouser's memo of October 3, 2008. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.
- 2) **Public Hearing for extension of Water and Sewer 1:** Supervisor Hokanson moved to set the Public Hearing for 7 p.m. Water 1 on November 20th. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson moved to set Public Hearing on extension of Sewer District 1, on November 20th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. (Woodland Ponds)
- 3) **Salt shed for Highway:** the Board previously approved the purchase of a new salt shed once the highway department complied with purchasing requirements, which they have. They are now asking approval to award the bid and provide this shelter. Councilman Lewis made a motion authorizing the awarding of the bid. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilwoman Williams conveyed Phil Johnson asked if the Board needed to make a motion for hiring a structural engineer for concrete walls. The Supervisor responded *no*, the pay would come from the engineering line.

- 4) **Parking regulations for hotels:** At a previous public info meeting, Crossroads and Bob Schaller, Super 8 owner, pointed out motels require to have 1 parking space for every room which is an unfair advantage to hotels. They felt their argument was compelling – let us amend to have same code for hotel. The Town Board recently sent a letter to the Planning Board suggesting an amendment to the code. The vote was 3 to 3; a PB member who voted against a change, said the size of hotels coming to us is the problem to address. Unfair. The new Hampton Inn agreed to abide by the proposed change if they successfully build at the former Frito-Lay site. The Attorney was requested to draft an ordinance establishing per one parking space per one room.
- 5) **Request for *No Parking* signs:** Resident Chris Ulrich appeared before the Board. He discussed problems with cars parking on Canaan Road at the only turnaround, which is used by fire trucks and school buses; he is asking the Board to change signs on Canaan Road, and add *No Parking* on Cragwood. This area is not designated as a parking area for the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, but its use creates many near accidents with cars parking on a blind corner. There is a sign indicating authorized hours; Mr. Ullrich is asking the sign be replaced by a *No Parking* sign. The Supervisor consulted with Acting Police Chief Joe Snyder who agreed with *No Parking* signs on Canaan Road. The request is being referring to the Highway Department for signs –*No Parking* signs on Cragwood; on Canaan to remove the existing sign and replace it with *No Parking* signs. That motion was made by Councilwoman Brown. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Brown: Greenway giving \$75,000 to be applied towards the approved Master Plan.

Councilwoman Williams: reported the Community Partnership met this morning; they arranged for Dan Davis who spoke to two school audiences, students and parents. The Leadership luncheon focused on (students) avoiding alcohol and drug addiction in the community.

Supervisor Hokanson on water hook up for Community Center – Building and Grounds did not have a strong enough backhoe.

Councilwoman Williams stated she had missed Village Board meeting, due to Town budget meeting here; she is happy to have the highway inventory.

Supervisor Hokanson spoke of Winter Watch sponsored by the County– a program established to take care of people in need during harsh weather conditions..

Councilwoman Brown: Board of Elections – Supervisor meeting – legislators there assuring there was no intention of Towns to get that erroneous bill.

Budget of Town Clerk

Town Clerk referred to PT clerk who is shared with Supervisor Hokanson's office; her anticipated raise is 4%; deputy clerks got 3 and 3/4% raise. Had they gotten a 4% raise it would have only amounted to .05 per hour. Town Clerk's concern regarding the deputies in Town Clerk's office, Highway and Justice Court-none were inducted into the new labor union in Town Hall. How do they stack up? The clerk had concerns with DCO budget, she noticed that adoptions went down which she feels that with the economic outlook there will be more dogs that will be put up for adoption. Supervisor Hokanson responded that she thought she had increased that line, she would add that to her list to discuss. Regarding Records Management the Clerk suggested storing some records that have a long retention schedule at the Iron Mountain storage facility. She was waiting to hear what the cost would be. She questioned if she got a quote could she come back to the Board with an amount. They agreed she could come back.

At 9:16 p .m. Councilwoman Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk