

September 25,2008
Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting

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

At 7:20 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to open the Public Hearing on EnCC to become EnCB. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Maureen Rogers, chair of EnCC, spoke on purpose of EnCC. Will do same things as a board but will still serve as advisory.

Noman Turner reiterated Maureen's comments.

Bob Hughes spokes as former EnCc members supports the effort.

Maureen introduced Commission members: Rob Ferri, Joe Bergstein, Mike Domitrovits

Everette Payne – change is bad – trying to put farmers out of business.

Supervisor Hokanson responded this will be non-decision making board.

Ira Margolis anther group set to act – tell other people what to do.

At 7:34 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing,

At 7:34 pm the meeting opened.

Agenda: add Water and Sewer districts for Woodland Ponds, truck for highway, free electronic collections (put at end of new business). Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried

Public Comment

Joe Storch, 75 year Town resident, spoke about the economic situation – loaning money to folks who can't afford to have a house – 0.1 prices skyhigh – Senator: freeze interest rates what does that mean to the banks? Fannie Mae – go after them. Ask Board to commit with same money as last year. He cannot afford new taxes. Don't need a new Town Hall or Court – don't like working there – look for a new job. Wants commitment from Board – no more tax raising.

Bob Hughes – revision of Wetlands law provide filtration system – run off and flooding protect against flooding. Urged passage

Everette Payne – chicken law – why pigmy and not regular goats? Fowl is okay – this is the country not 42nd St.

Pete Healey – request for special prosecutor – take a pass – let people have a pass every now and then. New Paltz loop bus – being pushed back to November - haven't done anything in preparation of this plan.

Supervisor Hokanson stated she was waiting for a Memorandum of Understanding.

Era M. – special prosecutor will bring in the money.

Everette Payne – special prosecutor cannot prosecute with out a cop. We do not need a special prosecutor.

Community announcements:

Joint Meeting 10/21/2008 at Town Hall

Dessert 10/7/2008 at New Paltz High School

Old Business:

EnCC – Councilwoman Brown move to Board, seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Short form SEQR Supervisor Hokanson read aloud. Councilwoman Brown moved to Negative Declaration.

Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to change the Commission to a Board. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Keeping of fowl in an R-1 zone: Councilwoman Brown does not think it is ready for the attorney.

Sunset means lock up your chickens from 4-legged predators. Creating an attractive nuisance.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to refer to attorney to prepare for a Public Hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Guinea hens eat ticks? Are they allowed? Councilwoman Brown stated no more than 6 female fowl per property. Farm animals are not pets. VOTE: 2 no, 3 aye. Pigmy goats – just goats? Councilwoman Williams agrees with change goats in general

What did Planning Board say?

Councilman Wishnick – get it out to public for input.

Councilwoman Williams moved to send to attorney on pigmy goats, seconded by Councilman Lewis 4 aye votes 1 nay from Councilwoman Brown.

Resolution for Greenway Grant: Councilwoman Brown recused herself, Councilwoman Williams moved to name the Town lead agency and declare a Type II action, and authorize the Supervisor to sign. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick all (four) yes votes, motion carried.

Request for special prosecutor: N/A what is list from last week. % of tickets issued versus failure to show up.

Revised draft – Wetland Law – not intended for action. Supervisor Hokanson suggested to hold a public information session first. Further: clean up the draft before putting it online.

Water and Sewer for Woodland Ponds: lines will go through Lent property and into the Town. We need to extend water and sewer districts. No cost to the Town or Taxpayers or current users. (Woodland Pond will be in WD #1 and SD #1) Need to: author of map plan and report, declare lead agency and set Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Williams moved to pass resolution to authorize preparation of water district #1.

Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Lewis moved to declare lead agency of Water District #1. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to set the Public Hearing of extension #3 of Water District #1 on October 29, 2008 at 7 p.m., Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast., motion carried

Councilwoman Williams moved to accept the map plan of Sewer District #1. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams moved to declare lead agency of Sewer District #1. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to set Public Hearing on Sewer District #1 on October 29, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried..

Highway – Truck – went out to bid – only one respondent. \$65,000. Question to attorney --do we have to accept specific vin#? Was put in budget Board has to make motion to transfer funds. Highway Superintendent Phil Johnson would like to fly to South Carolina to inspect trucks. How is it getting here?

Councilman Wishnick suggested the Board support Phil Johnson. He made a motion, pending legal outcome of vin # and bid submitted, that Phil be allowed to pursue and pick the best truck and transfer of fund to line item necessary to purchase. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Free Collection of Electronics – non-residential – try BOCES space for traffic flow.

Prepays:

Supervisor Hokanson moved to prepay voucher #87113 of \$100 to NYS DEC for Field of Dreams.

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

Supervisor Hokanson moved to prepay voucher #87119 for \$258 for conference fro Recreation, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to prepay voucher #87133 for \$2078.59 for serial bond interest, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Lewis moved to approve the prepay of voucher # 87123 for \$1631.95 for shredder, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:23 Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring firing promotion of particular individual or individuals, seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Councilman Wishnick recused himself and left executive session.

At 9:56 pm Councilwoman Brown moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for position of director of Town Planning and Zoning and Code Enforcement in appropriate professional publications and venues. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye vote except for Councilman Wishnick who abstained. Motion carried.

At 9:59 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk