

Town of New Paltz Public Hearing: Palmateer Easement & 2010 Budget
November 5, 2009

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

Tom Nolan, Police Commissioner, discussed the K-9 – value cost money – vehicle seizure and 50,000 cash seizure due to dog. Would pay for self. Concern is safety of officers and people. The dog has nose – advantage over people low light ok.
Tracked many criminals including rapist of elderly woman hiding in the woods. The Board should not discount value dogs worth the price. Lost children and seniors helped by dogs.

7:10 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Palmateer proposal. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Seth McKee Co Chair of Open Space Committee, spoke.

Town purchased permanent restriction in partnership with Open Space Institute \$200,000 – 100,000 from Open Space Institute, \$100,000 from Town. Increase 12% to 25% in total of land purchase as Open Space Plan. He discussed the property proposal.
Values approved bonding up to 2 million. Town has not bonded yet. Open Space Commission formed. Commission operates under transparency theory – reached out to landowners with large tracts. Palmateer's responded. Cara spoke regarding the Palmateer property.
Seth indicated the ranking was 120 points. To conserve most of the land is the goal of the Palmateers. Easement appraised at \$376,000. Town would be getting 27% of appraised. Plan – OSI would purchase easement for \$200,000 and transfer to Town for \$100,000.

Vern Palmateer, property owner, spoke. He and Barbara moved here in 1971; their dream was to start a nursery and keep the property forever wild. Maintained that - eager to move ahead with Open Space opportunity available. Many animals prevail – would like to see property left as purchased “forever”
Bob – 2 votes of thanks to Board and Open Space. Thanked Vern and Barb Palmateer for vision and gift to taxpayers.

Councilwoman Williams – in perpetuity how will we set up?

Seth – baseline documentation would be needed – maps and paperwork Vern and Open Space keeps. The Town has to check on terms on the easement each year.

Palmateer: giving a \$5000 donation for easement to be stewarded (stewardship fund) Open Space Institute files easement with County Clerk.

Councilwoman Brown: views are taken for granted – generosity of Palmateers recognized and voters three years ago, thanks to Bob Annenberg and the Open Space Institute.

At 7:20 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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BUDGET

K-9 unit supports itself – (Ruger) if Board thinks of disbanding unit – dog helps to child and police officer. In support of unit in Town. It is a win win situation

Resolution: Supervisor Hokanson moved to pass resolution on Palmateer property, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Vern thanked the Board and said it was good to see cooperation.

Jeff Logan arrived at 7:33 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to go into Executive Session –subject: pass contract for acquisition of another parcel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:15pm Councilman Logan moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget

Supervisor Hokanson asked about employee only health insurance (eliminate health care coverage for retirees spouse and the 10% Co-pay)

Councilwoman Brown – only cover retired employees % of every retiree not a police officer – 10% - 26,400 savings. 10% of all retirees - \$7500 of income.

MVP versus Medicare part B to be explored.

Joe Snyder police chief: radar unit out - \$2200 savings (pg. 9 eq expense) looking seizure to replace a car. If do not get seizure have to get to replace a car for detective. \$14,200 out of equipment line 3120.20 \$32,900 to \$18,700 – 14,200 reduction.

Vehicle lease #1 (pg 8) \$12,100 subtracted line (3120.40) to \$410,983 reduction of \$12,600. (81,300?)

Changes –

Overtime expenses – changed from last budget – no reflection of salary decrease – 1,862,080 to line with \$4800 from donations 1,860,570. Enough booklets for 2010 for DARE program, but not shirts, or other perks. Rotary usually generous to help with those. 10 week cycle for DARE Officer in school. School says they can not afford to fund. Councilwoman Brown agrees to fund DARE officer but not in favor of Town funding solely, would allocate ½ of funding. Hopes that school would kick in. Police Commission oversees programming of Police Dept., not the Town Board, as of Sept. Councilwoman Brown wants to stop Town paying DARE officer. Supervisor Hokanson responded that there is no change in budget for that, and not discussing tonight.

\$22,000 over time reduction by Councilman Logan – canine training 12 weeks \$12,000 (\$9689 canine mandatory care \$25 hourly

OT – backfilling Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights. Done with part timers @ their pay rate \$19 + rate. Supervisor Hokanson questioned if seized assets cover hourly rate during training. OT reduction should be greater take out \$10,000 to eliminate canine. Supervisor Hokanson opposed to eliminating funding of program - more than pays for itself.

Does it pay for itself? Gas OT? No need for dog since accident. If so important why don't other depts. this size have them? \$50,000 seizure due to dog which Councilman Logan disputes.

Crowd control, bar fights – dog can prevents officers from getting hurt. Councilman Logan says we will have liquor license suspended if bar fights are a problem.

Unlocked doors – safer to send dog in than officer. Collect for false alarms – court has not changed fines. Councilwoman Brown questioned to share cost with another Town? Reserved accounts not in budget – may be \$4000- 7000.

Councilwoman Brown – added that Ford Escape is available as a hybrid.

OT is 18% of what we pay.

Supervisor Hokanson D line prevents OT; officers works Sunday – Thursday working D line is A line but set days not rotating.

Joe – trying to work with in contract.

Ira – what is return of investment on investment for canine?

Councilwoman Brown questioned if bar owners can provide own security.

Dog trained to sniff out drugs? Yes but can not cross train with explosive sniffing dog.

Councilman Logan moved to cut 18% of Overtime budget to save taxpayers money, seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Councilman Lewis claims motion too vague to vote on. Supervisor Hokanson claimed the result 18% less in budget but overage of OT in budget. No votes from Councilman Lewis, Councilwoman Williams, and Supervisor Hokanson, motion failed.

Ira – dispatcher Hoover got raise. Legal for town to accept donations of any kind for anything.

Councilwoman Brown questioned why the board not told of big donation – cut \$50,000 ½ hour before we left.

Councilman Logan claims the check was cut the 7th, deposited on the 16th, yet the board learned on the 27th. Wanted to know what happened and said this is not acceptable.

Supervisor Hokanson responded that she heard him, but cannot change that.

Councilwoman Brown we do not accept anonymous donations?

Ira claims the number does not add up. \$59,141 adds up it is corrected.

Reductions – personnel, equipment and contractual expense

1) 1510 2) 14,200(line A3120.20 PS) 3) 12,600 (line A3120.4)

****Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve 3 reductions, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, no votes from Councilman Logan, 4 ayes votes.

Point is voting on little piece of budget majority of Board unable to negotiate cuts.

Supervisor Hokanson can increase budget by adding in income – donations and grant money.. No buckle up revenue line?

2708 review line for canine; \$42,675 is new total for canine.

DWI – county; Buckle up - state, CPS – state Buckle up and CPS can be combined; revenue line for DARE. DWI - \$19,500 Ulster Co Step Vest grant ????? live Scan – carry over to 2010.

\$23,000 DCO - Gardiner spends \$22,000 for part timer.

Car Video 3581 – revenue \$10,000 – spent \$9680. Income received from Grant. Recorded on wrong line? \$38,463 – replacing camera in cars. Does not show up in expenses – need revenue and expense line for that.

Vest Grant – expense not in contractual; it is reimbursable - \$1500 – (money not being re-imbursed) next year put \$6000 revenue from vest grant \$6,000 line 980357.9 - \$7500 expense line.

Weapon line?

\$38,000 income from step, etc. offsets budget.

Live scan – not being purchased in 2009? NO. Find it in revenue? expense

\$5000 offer no bites.

Reimbursement grant – finger printing – car for k-9 – income for it – is it income?

No has to show both

All agree grant – incomes with matching. Income: vest grant \$6,000 line 980357.9; line 980358.2

\$30,000; Recovery Act Grant line 980358 \$38,463

****Supervisor Hokanson moved approval of income being included in budget, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes.

Spending of K-9 donation – state bid price – increase line equipment – 1 time purchase.

Councilwoman Brown – idling cars should be hybrids.

Chief will investigate hybrids, especially for sergeant's car.

Supervisor Hokanson increase 3120.20 by \$41,307 for cost of K-9 car

Supervisor Hokanson moved amend fund in A fund donations, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, no vote from Councilman Logan, 4 aye votes.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to increase unexpended A fund by \$42,675, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, no vote from Councilman Logan, 4 aye votes.

Body Armor – as replaced – will look at donating older

Police Coverage – County events – Councilwoman Brown it is most expensive Town in Ulster County.

Joe reduced overtime in budget – he will monitor. Uses part timers for fair no over time.

Supervisor Hokanson looking at special prosecutors. Joe done 11:03 pm

Salary for Highway - \$43,797.68

\$1000 in revenue (9801519) – police review of parade and event routes. (charging people – A-line)

Supervisor Hokanson moved to add revenue line as above, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes.

Income Lines

Clerk fees (2500 – 2340) polices fees 37xxx – budgeted 30,900 – (increase 3100) 34,000. Dog Control \$601 -> 500

Recreation Day Camp(9802001) - \$61,200 residents only -7030 \$20,000 in contractual (e.g. pool fees, misc. expenses - \$63,700) add: 2500 to subsidize (\$120 for 2 weeks)

Moriello Pool - \$87,000 took in 90633 (line 9802004)

Community Center – usage fees – 340 in so far – leave it

General recreation activity fees – up to \$700 (9802008)

Landfill fees - \$55,000 budgeted @52741 – up to \$60000 (plus \$5000- 9802130)

Lease of property HVME – 0

Commissions – soda machines, etc. go out to bid before adding machines. Collected \$350.49 leave it.

Dog licenses – leave

Other licenses – add \$500

Fines and forfeited bail – court fees - \$174,775 now.

Sale of scrap - \$15,000 - leave

Canine donations - \$42,675 – moved into 21010 unexpended fund balance

Copy fees - \$1,104 –collected so far - leave

Finger printing – wash – expense and revenue

Joe's budget – grant items included in budget

Hi-priority planning grant

Harcourt Sanctuary – match of 2 grants could cover bond payments.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to make all amendments. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Errors page 9 A funds – expenses

\$2250, \$16350 (assessor) increase by \$14100.

Municipality association dues \$2730 should be \$5 error (1920.4)

Election, CE (machine money put in reserve)

Community Center, PS - page 17 - \$18720 went to \$6240. (7150.15)

Ambulance – total bill \$145957.90 – 45% of budget \$65680

Village is 25-27% of Town - \$29191 owed to us

Bridge of Dreams – have not given up grant – multi – use path for 299 proposed

7150.45 - \$28400 should be CC

Library - \$321,000

Town Board up – hired secretary

Deputy Supervisor salary and others – executive session

B revenues

Dog park- \$500 in - find location come to Town Board and have Dave Clouser develop it

General Recreation fees separate line – tourney fees

B Fund Revenues – fire inspection 6025 safety 80000

Clearwater put \$500 back in

Board Meeting Agenda:

Set Public Hearing for Signs: Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to set the Public Hearing for signs on December 3 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried

Birches – red line version

Mangelli – hold 11/9 Monday at 4 to finish budget discussions.

At 12:50 a.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino

Town Clerk