

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting, Public Hearing continuation  
Essential Services - 10/15/2009**

**Present:** Kitty Brown, Jeff Logan, David Lewis, Jane Ann Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Zoning code use table did not allow for emergency vehicle stations. Changing for any Town zone except the flood plain.

Needs to be held over - not sent to County. Planning Board Chair Hokanson explained County Planning Board review process. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion for continuation to November 19th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

7:24 p.m. Presentation by Cornerstone

Vince Bradley, Mark Hoops, - consumer fraud representative spoke about Project sunlight

Sunlight, NY.com or org. focus on government transparency to Intro to public. Brings public information available to public come to 1 spot. Website offers variety of info – contract and money on bid projects. Use tutorials to help find what you are looking for. Can also be accessed thru Attorney General home page.

At 7:56 p.m. the meeting was opened by Supervisor Hokanson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** add Box Culvert on New Paltz Rd. (new business), rearrange Super 8, CWOSP first. Councilman Logan requested to put HVME and add to old business also New Paltz Volunteer Fire Dept. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, all aye votes cast.

**Public Comment**

Ira Margolis – budget process – library funding (private corp. not public not public, not subject to oversight by board. Library does not want elected officials to decide how much money they should get.

Councilwoman Brown disputed defunct opportunity.....

**Agenda items:**

Super 8 Motel did not receive their quarterly water/sewer bill – Supervisor or Water/sewer dept. not authorized to waive. The problem has never happened in 25 years. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to waive future penalties and give six months to pay from tonight. Penalty is \$631.45. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes. A letter is to be sent to Motel 8 advising them of the Board's action.

CWOSP – Seth McKee co-chair with Cara Lee – purchased development rights – Town passed water/sewer bond and plan in 2006 – Canaan Buttrville foothills. First project (Protect clean water, recreation, etc) Palmateer Property – 51 Acres – Humpokill runs thru it. Cara considered it to be quality piece of habitat. Partnered with Open Space Institute. Permanent conservation easement is in the Town's best interest. If Town puts up \$100,000 it will be matched \$100,000 by OSI. Will donate \$5000 to Town for monitoring stewardship, OSI will purchase for \$200,000, OSI then transfers easement to the Town for \$100,000. Cara stated the Board should consider moving forward without Bond. Supervisor Hokanson: need full audit to improve bond rating and need to hire financial advisor. Audit will be held early in the year.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Palmateer Easement for November 5th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. .

Fire Department – Councilman Logan received question on payments going to Village for 2008 – 6/1/2008 contract expired. Supervisor Hokanson explained that she asked for contract monthly – threatened in November – gave us Terry in January so we could close out 2008. Received letter last week from mayor stating this was illegal our proposed changes. Supervisor Hokanson gave to Attorney on Monday. (Process: village sends town contract by village fiscal year – we used to get it in June, July and pay in August.)

Essential Services – Councilwoman Brown we are doing a lot of zoning before our master plan. Town environmental policy may be developed. Hold municipal buildings to higher standard than other properties. Councilwoman Brown: amend to say – allowed everywhere but would conform to municipal environmental policy in master plan if adopted. Councilwoman Brown suggested to strike sections giving authority to Planning Board to waive and just send to County.

Councilman Logan – suggested group of volunteers well versed to review.

**Councilman Lewis made a motion to beg the question. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to send pat of law to County and strike provision for Planning Build to waive. Seconded by Councilman Logan, motion by Councilman**

lewis withdrawn. Vote: 3 no votes by Supervisor, Council members Williams and Lewis; , aye votes by Council members Logan and Brown, motion failed. Supervisor Hokanson: this will go as is to County Planning Board and we will hold another Public Hearing, no doubt lively.

HVME – Councilman Logan stated there were multiple items to be cleaned up, and Stacy (BI) was going back out. He asked if a rent check has been received. Supervisor Hokanson responded that it was unlikely. Councilman Logan stated we are budgeting for 2010 revenue line, without a rent check suggests we should move to evict. Supervisor Hokanson received report of BI-save for next week. She will get advice from attorney for the next step. HVME is getting ready to close down for the season. Councilman Lewis asked if this Board can ask their Board of Directors to meet with us. Supervisor Hokanson will ask Stacy to write something up and will talk to attorney Moriello on Monday.

Cornerstone proposal – 3 years ago bought service – time for renewal – gave us a quote on purchasing/renting system for court – rental and change in rates - less than \$6 increase over current rates. Councilman Logan stated that purchase looks like a good deal. Supervisor Hokanson suggest to do purchase this year. Councilman Lewis moved to authorize supervisor to sign, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Councilwoman Williams moved to authorize supervisor to purchase system, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes.

Box Culvert – Highway Superintendent for 2010 - \$100,000 – DA fund – no unexpended fund balance. Do repair on bridge on old rte 299 – TS coordinate repairs and split cost. Dave Clouser - \$60,000 reasonable for materials and in house work, based on earlier repair. \$250,000 requested by highway in Lloyd. Lloyd not covering in their budget. \$30,000 in New Paltz budget.

General budget info – 10% of unexpended proposed contingency amounts.

Comptrollers Office says no more than 3-4% in expended. If we fully fund liabilities – buy backs but also higher amounts in less unexpended revenue (column on right) Steve A gets letter and budget

Reduce amount of dollars laying in bank account – unallocated unexpended – will ask Board at end of the year to put money into reserves (can offset taxes in the future).

Meet with Police, Youth, Recreation, Highway, Justice, The rec program is not replaced by the Y program – modeling after Gardiner program.

**Appointment** – Councilwoman Williams moved to appoint Martin Irwin to CWOSP. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown has warrant questions – cash back credit cards – Police Dept. turned over their cards. Credit card policy will have to be adopted. Emergencies and travel – when there is no time for voucher is when cards should be used. (BOCES and the School district have policy)

Community Center – Town creates programming and hires or outsider using space pays.

#### **Warrants:**

Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize supervisor to pay \$447,353.26 for the October warrant. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes, motion carried.

#### **Prepays**

Supervisor Hokanson moved the town board to approve the prepayment of voucher #89845, budget code AAA522731040, in the amount of \$592.60 to Headless Horseman, due to the youth director waiting for a final count before ordering tickets. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

At 10:13 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk