

Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting July 22, 2010

Present: Jeff Logan, Dave Lewis, Kitty Brown, Jane Ann Williams, Toni Hokanson.
At 7:42 p.m. the meeting was opened by Supervisor with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

The Supervisor did not call HVME. Her update is that three checks possibly have been received. Total debt is not a debt, it is a loss of anticipated revenue. Supervisor Hokanson said she would follow-up with them. Mike will be arriving at 9. Councilwoman Brown wants to add PUD and Conservation Easements. Topic of mass gathering moving up the agenda; Councilwoman Brown suggested going into Executive Session for contract discussion.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Pete Healey advisory group – Town and Village for feasibility study. Police, fire rescue, HHS Family, Senior task force any group may be affected by restructuring – need to be there and have seats; Town and Village employees need to be consulted.

Ira Margolis did research – Town police department issues summons for the Town, but the Village gets the money. Supervisor Hokanson worked to get Town money for Town issued tickets. Village got \$2225. He suggested Town Board should consider tickets for Village parking meter.

Fred Van Nostrand re: seniors – cringes at sight of IDA. It cost us money. Regarding senior lunches he would like to add additional lunches provided, preferably on Mondays, but the Community Center suggested Tuesday as nothing is happening on that day. Supervisor Hokanson explained that the County wants to see the registration reach certain numbers before adding another day. Supervisor said she would follow up on this. Fred feels it is revolting - will take Seniors to Rosendale.

The Town Clerk mentioned Bob Clark passed away; Supervisor Hokanson acknowledged he was currently the fire company president, and stated we will adjourn the meeting in his memory.

Kick-off meeting on Government Efficiency study scheduled for September 27th at the High School.

July 29- Moriello Pool, fire department redistricting, annexation of Kniffen. (We have contract with Ambulance Company and we pay for everyone) Councilman Logan not prepared, following 7/29, to hold Public Hearing within 30 days, as required. Councilwoman Brown sent e-mails to Chief with questions about cost; a lot of info gathering we need to do. Not appropriate time to put on the agenda; opposed to rushing.

Supervisor Hokanson an option to petition is a vote by each Board, Councilman Logan include as a presentation, not as an agenda item. Supervisor said she would consider.

Councilwoman Brown on PUD: she spoke to John Sansalone from DEC Wastewater Department who said there is no prohibition against using gray water. Recommended changing item #1 – Applicants seeking PUD shall not seek exemption from the IDA for sales mortgage transfer and or property tax breaks.

Correction: John had nothing to say about that, I should not have used his name. That is something I request to be sent to Joe Moriello for his opinion. Supervisor stated it had been sent to the Attorney and is not back yet. Not sure I have Mortgage tax?

Regarding her second item, she called John Sansalone about adding language in accordance with the Town's Master Plan and PUD recommends that we request all applicants for PUD status use the most efficient water conservation methods and equipment feasible including exploring use of grey water (gray water is use of laundry and sink water recycled for watering and landscaping) We agreed last week we would tell PUD applicants the code will permit no more than 50% of space to be retail; we struck reduced height variance; we're all ok with offering up to 25% relief from year-round recreation fees. New language will be sent to the supervisor.

Lynn Bowdery sent list of conservation easements to Councilwoman Brown. There is one on Outlook Farm created on 11-10-1987; she I unsure of whereabouts. She wants to create a table for all; do we have a hard copy? Is there a Baseline study?

She will send Endowment information to Planning Board Chair. Supervisor questioned why Planning Board? Answer; because they helped draft them.

Supervisor Hokanson gave an update that the DA letter is back authorizing special prosecutor to do Town tickets.

Don Kerr spoke as a member of an ad hoc Committee: they are looking for categories of business that would be received and pursued.

Third forum to be held; invited local community leaders. Hope to have a conversation to get an idea of their entity to bring development we want.

Public Access Committee:

Brenda Parks met with him, the Supervisor and a few others yesterday regarding renewal of the 10 year franchise contract. Discussed getting a modulator for the Community Center to allow for live broadcasting. There was discussion of the construction fund – we made it clear we want that money.

As a co-chair of the PA committee, it wears on them at budget time and see it getting worse as years pass. They would like a formula in place. To look at the percentage of franchise fees to support Public Access.

Supervisor stated we could start the process, but there is no guarantee a future Board would keep it. Don responded that was true of anything.

TW 1 subscribe, into business office of SUNY, dorm subscriber is not Time Warner.

1 Woodland Pond customer

Don will get back with formula.

Mass gathering:

2 day concert on Ohioville Road, there is nothing in our code to address this; tried to push the requestor to go to the County Fairgrounds.

At 8:24 p.m. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:26 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to come out of Executive session. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, no action taken.

Truck purchase of Highway Department:

Buying 1 new truck splitting lines DB5142.2 and DB5110.00 total \$17614.77 needed. Supervisor Hokanson moved budget modification unexpended fund pending confirmation from accountant; seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Supervisor Hokanson moved to authorize Mike to purchase, seconded by Councilman Logan. Not state bid – OGS best price. TAPE all aye votes.

Request to surplus equipment:

2 pickup trucks – repairs would be more costly than the trucks are worth.

2 light duty dumps- Recycling Coordinator showed an interest; put to public bid if no interest.

Old gradall (345 Ford dump 2 ½ Ton International vacuum reviewed by mechanics

Working leaf vacuum

Ford backhoe

Backhoe interest by another department?

3.4 in lite for another department and backhoe bucket truck not on inventory. Supervisor Hokanson moved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to put out for bid or scrap as listed with boom from the bucket truck and after ensuring still usable items offered to B & G, Recreation and Recycling. This motion seconded by Councilman Logan all aye votes cast, motion carried.

284 Agreement:

Authorization to pave roads. Councilwoman Brown moved approval of 284 B agreement between Town Supervisor, Ulster County, Highway Department and Town Board for a total of- \$466,065.93. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Shared Services for snow plowing:

Councilwoman Williams complemented Highway Superintendent on agreement on Horsenden Road Bridge.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to sign the agreement for \$5687 and for an additional \$2000 to establish a cooperative agreement for 1.21 center line miles on Horsenden Road. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent made an agreement with the County that Spies, Unity and Oak would be plowed by the County Highway.

Councilman Logan add letter to Police Commissioner:

Supervisor Hokanson- send letter to the guys who did the paving at the New Police Department. Discussion ensued on modifying the letter. Councilman Logan will update and send to the Supervisor. Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the letter drafted by Councilman Logan and amended modified by the Town Board to be sent to Police Commissioners. (This is relative to budget figures submitted to the Town Board). Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepays:

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion authorizing payment of the following vouchers: 92157 to 209 Sand & gravel for \$157.99; 92177 to Chemung Supply for \$8,690.50; 91875 to A1 Web Presence for \$14.95. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Minutes:

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve April minutes. Correction: Paul Tasaks; Councilwoman Williams had changes in language “insufficient chimney heights.” Councilwoman Brown made a motion to adopt April as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. May: Councilwoman Brown moved to approve. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Appointments: Councilwoman Williams made a motion to appoint Douglas McBride to CWOSP. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:05 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn in memory of Fireman Bob Clarke, who was the current president of the fire company. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk