

Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
March 25, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Dave Lewis, Jeff Logan, Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:43 p.m. the meeting was opened by the Supervisor with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: It is necessary to move items for agenda around to accommodate public speakers. Moratorium and add HVME near top; move ASR fit up near top, add MOU with UCDC, storage building proposals, draft language for permanent language (Moratorium). Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dave Lent: Facility needs report of a few years ago. The need for the rest of Town offices is critical. There is a need to decide how to utilize the space. He suggested moving one operation out of Town Hall

Councilman Lewis commented that he asked committee to make recommendation; he asked Mr. Lent if he were representing committee or himself. Mr. Lent responded that the committee had not met.

Councilwoman Brown stated that it was decided the Court would get some of the space but that the rest of the space not allocated.

Bob Gabrielli, Town resident, re: Wallkill River – feels this is an opportunity for the Board to help out those who live west of the Wallkill river. Susan Zimet called Congressman Hinchey on dredging the river. The Wallkill needs to be dredged; it has picked up silt, black dirt from North Jersey, and Orange County over the years. We need to lower the river, not raise the road. A Moratorium means to us we do not get building permits; the unintended consequence is that we are not selling any houses. Sales will not happen west of the Wallkill; you have prevented that. Laws by their nature are repressive. He offered help on the comprehensive plan committee assembled with Jim Bacon chairing, and nothing happened for free, but now you are paying for a plan.

Fred Van Nostrand, Town resident, regarding Seniors - he questioned who on the Senior Task Force is looking out for the Seniors? Supervisor questioned if there was a task force. There is a conflict between Town and Village; he was told it is a Village Task Force. Regarding the New Paltz Seniors and Center he says due to the *Mommy & Me* program it is almost impossible to set up for lunch in a timely fashion. The seniors want another day for lunch, such as Monday and Thursday. Recently Senior Citizens were asked to donate old silverware to be used in the Center; they should be deserving of new silverware for the Center. Sam's Club has a 72-piece set for \$52.66. Supervisor Hokanson responded that the Town Board can take care of that. Before the night was over a collection was taken up in the room for the new silverware.

Chris Ullrich, Town resident, asked the Board not to pass the moratorium; there are properties that never flood. He had a FEMA Flood Insurance flood rate map which is not accurate in terms of flooding. The map is used for representation- is not accurate for determining insurance rates. Roads are not depicted with elevation.

Everette Payne, Town resident, asked why there was a reassessment during the worst recession. Supervisor Hokanson responded so that everyone is paying their fair share in 80 years.

Ray Lunati, town resident, asked the Town Board to rescind the moratorium; neighbors only requested an emergency access road.

Rob Wehmann of Plutarch Road is asking the Town to remove Plutarch Road from the Moratorium ; he is building a house and his building permit is held up.

Edgar Rodriguez discussed his personal impacts – he lost a house to a fire in 2002; his assessment just went up \$104,000. He is stuck here, he cannot rebuild there with the moratorium. Now it is worse with the tax assessment.

Josh Weinerman, Plutarch Road, corrected the supervisor on the three- month extension. Some Board members did not know of the Plutarch Road inclusion.

Bruce McIntosh, Plutarch Road resident regarding the moratorium on Plutarch Road, it has never flooded –not to say it couldn't if we had 40 days and 40 nights of rain. The Board is penalizing people who want to build on or sell their property. He stressed the need for microphones at the Town Board meetings for the people sitting in the back of the room.

Ira Margolis, Village resident, said he attended a meeting on the Master Plan and noticed some things great idea i.e. parks and recreation, stop recreation sprawl' local buying and affordable housing (though undefined). Councilwoman Brown explained the County defined underutilized buildings – not allowing building in 100 year flood plain.

Ben Campbell went on to say we have mountain floods, river floods, stream floods but with a moratorium we have to complain.

Edgar Rodriguez stirred up by Ben Campbell, stated the fire district did not get there fast enough and no water was available.

Rosalie McIntosh, Town resident, grew up in Town, her grandparents were here since 1919 and she claims that Plutarch never flooded. Plutarch should be taken out of Moratorium.

Beverly Stowell, from Plutarch Road, said in the 45 years never had a day without access - she does not understand Moratorium business.

Community Announcements: calendar events (Spring Clean Up; Memorial Day; BOCES program to empower grandparents; RRA cleanup; Earth day Fair at the Reformed Church; Clean Sweep.)

Agenda Items:

Moratorium within areas of special flood hazard, extension: purpose is temporary – to allow Town to put language – to stop adding more people to the area of flooding and to ensure that emergency services are not hampered from reaching people in need. Resulted from residents of that area speaking out and wanting something to be done. Can not isolate areas in moratorium. Plutarch Road would be eliminated. Need information from assessor's office on lots without buildings. Supervisor would like engineer present at meeting to discuss technical language. VOTE: Supervisor Hokanson moved to pass the Resolution to extend Moratorium, seconded by Councilwoman Williams. No vote cast by Councilman Logan all other were aye votes. Will be rescinded in May when new language is done.

HVME : What are plans for future operation? Tim Hunter thanks board for inviting them (half of Board is present). It is HVME 17th anniversary. Amy from HVME explained that it started in 1993 as a municipal program. They've struggled since 2008 last visit; Jill resigned. We have a bright future, expanding education programs to help reduce waste; pursuing grants (Jamie Lovato). Supervisor stated in grants do public videos for PA. Building Inspector stated a lot of clean up was done; suggested putting sink in storage. Her concern is public entering trailers. Councilwoman Williams stated at opening problem with wide spread parking and people trying to take stuff from recycling, bales of hay, metal pile. She went on to say that the original plan was to have trailers near shale bank to separate from recycling center. Tim agrees, but Supervisor said the issue was highway superintendent was against it. No one has talk to the new highway superintendent. Tim stated there was no intention to impact the Town's recycling. Councilman Logan commented that the Board needs to know what is in trailers; no bus; in arrears to Town. Tim explained that the bus was part of HR Clearwater but it broke down-can it generate revenue? No paint over the winter. Need to inventory and provide to fire department. Rent issue he is not involved in rent lease or the money owed to the Town. HVME gets reimbursement for rent from DEC. Not all revenue comes from sales – 20 hours week limit revenues. Public apology to the Town Board he was unaware of unpaid rent. Strategic Plan for 1 year and Five year plan being formulated. Councilman Logan said he is looking for plan for paying rent, future and past due. Some materials are not locally derived. HVME is going to meet its commitments going forward. HVME to come back to the Town Board at their May 27th meeting with a status report. Josh questions liability and asked if HVME has its own insurance.

Woodburning Stoves Local Law: Councilman Logan made a motion that the Town declare itself lead agency. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilman Logan made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Wood burning stoves on April 15th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

New Paltz Police Department fit up – Change Order #4: architect is in agreement with changes. Councilwoman Brown asked why the bulletproof glass was included originally. Supervisor Hokanson responded due to the cost. The hope was to obtain a grant for the glass. Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize the Supervisor and Town Board to approve change orders, as per estimates of Kniffin Builders contingent upon contractor signing, total of \$7790 for 3 changes. Seconded by Councilman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

MOU Moriello Park: On first page "in each year thereafter" language put back in; on the next page expanded discussion took place of what constitutes an emergency repair and some expansion on discussion capital improvement, resulting mostly from Trustee Gallucci at the Joint meeting. The Village is to reimburse the Town for ½ of the expenses incurred by the Town for emergency repairs made during a during calendar year depending on contract length. This is provided the Village is notified 24 hours of an emergency, or as soon as possible. Emergency constitutes repair, replacement or removal of a system or function that would be deemed hazardous to the public. Expanded to cover more, the Town has to approve then it goes to Village. Councilwoman Brown obtained from book keeper \$346,000 allocated for Moriello pool operation. Supervisor explained first page is A fund, running of the pool; the second page affects their budget (1994 Village declined to participate in pool operation). Town Engineer Dave Clouser gave an estimate for parking cost. Councilwoman Brown moved to accept contract to end 12/31/2010, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes cast. Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize to sign contract subject to Village agreement, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes.

MOU with Ulster County Development Corp : last years' agreement expired; runs from April 1st to March 31st. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign the MOU with UCDC. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Storage Building proposals: had discussed concession stand and pavilion; The Rotary showed an interest in pavilion but not timely for camp. The facility with doors to be opened to allow shelter. Councilman Logan insists on agreement for camp to pay us rent, and needs substantial amount of work to be done. He went on to say \$166,000 budgeted for park and storage building was not part of this figure. Councilwoman Brown moved to accept the lowest bid, contingent on seeing a picture to ensure it is not a traditional A-framed building. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Back to Moriello –Moriello Park improvement cost: Dave Clouser sent Supervisor an estimate for parking, interior road and entrance way at the bottom. Highway Supt included a caveat indicating the work is to be completed by Town/Village employees. Supervisor Hokanson will follow up with Dave Clouser and Mike Nielson regarding the conflict. Councilwoman Brown feels the Board should attend the Village’s next meeting for clarification.

Supervisor Hokanson request for Clean Sweep: UCAT Bus at no charge transported volunteers to clean-up sites. They are not available this year. Cost to pay? Cost of NPCSD bus cheaper not to exceed \$400 driver and per mile charge for gas. Councilman Logan moved to allocate monies not to exceed \$400 for a bus for NPCS volunteers. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to allocating up to \$200 for an amplifying microphone. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Toaster oven/kitchen: Councilwoman Brown moved to allocate up to \$70 for a toaster oven of the employees’ choice. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes, cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion for the Town Board to pass a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to close the following checking accounts and deposit the money into General A fund. First Responder Account – balance as of February 28,2010 is \$504.94; Playing Field and Youth – balance as of February 28,2010 is \$7,176.12. Councilman Logan seconded the motion, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to authorize the Town Board to approve the prepayment of voucher PO#91359 to RAD Kids in the amount of \$1448. This is for RAD equipment purchases and instructor certification, which they will not release until payment is received. Councilwoman Williams seconded motion and all aye votes cast.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion that the Town Board approve the prepayment of voucher PO#9104 to IOS Capital in amount of \$30.60. This is for the final payment on the old copy machines so they will be picked up. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved that the Town Board approve the prepayment of voucher # PO 91395 to Ulster County Agricultural Society for \$750; this is the fee for using the fairgrounds for the July 4th celebration. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved that the Town Board approve the prepayment of voucher # PO 91389 to Jenn Wait for \$300. This is for the Zumba instructor, and the invoice missed the voucher cutoff date. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepayment for Peter J Smith missing. Total when done \$85,000 - \$10,000 for SEQR.

Overruns:

Supervisor Hokanson moved the transfer of moneys as provided in document to close out 2009 budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A135540	ASSESSOE, CE	A135510	ASSESSOR, PS	1,155.00
A145040	ELECTIONS, CE	A141010	TOWN CLERK, PS	2,499.00
A145040	ELECTIONS, CE	A141020	TOWN CLERK, EQ	747.00
A145040	ELECTIONS, CE	A141040	TOWN CLERK, CE	853.00
A145040	ELECTIONS, CE	A142040	ATTORNEY, CE	11,474.00
A145040	ELECTIONS, CE	A111040	JUSTICES, CE	7,646.00
A145040	ELECTIONS, CE	A111041	JUSTICE, LIFT & LAV	7,442.00
A145040	ELECTIONS, CE	A111042	JUSTICE, SPEC	14,230.00

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A132040	INDPNDT AUDIT, CE	A101010	TOWN BOARD, PS	6.00
A132040	INDPNDT AUDIT, CE	A101040	TOWN BOARD, CE	1,193.00
A122020	SUPERVISOR, EQ	A122040	SUPERVISOR, CE	288.00
A132040	INDPNDT AUDIT, CE	A122010	SUPERVISOR, PS	328.00
A122020	SUPERVISOR, EQ	A122010	SUPERVISOR, PS	518.00
A162020	B & G, EQ	A162010	B & G, PS	650.00
A162040	B & G, CE	A162010	B & G, PS	9,825.00
A162042	B & G, COURT ROOF	A162010	B & G, PS	9,795.00
A134010	BUDGET, PS	A162010	B & G, PS	3,000.00
A167040	CENTRAL PRINTING	A162010	B & G, PS	2,639.00
A165040	CENTRAL COMM	A165044	PUBLIC ACCESS	2,400.00
A165041	WEB SITE	A165044	PUBLIC ACCESS	1,100.00
A167040	CENTRAL PRINTING	A165044	PUBLIC ACCESS	1,261.00
A331040	TRAFFIC CONTROL, CE	A501040	HWY SUPER, CE	45.00
A199040	CONTINGENCY	A168040	CENTRAL DATA	19,665.00
A312040	POLICE, CE	A312010	POLICE, PS	39,275.00
A312040	POLICE, CE	A298940	DARE EDUCATION	1,065.00
A199040	CONTINGENCY	A563040	LOOP BUS, CE	4,004.00
A199040	CONTINGENCY	A614040	SOCIAL SERVICES, CE	9,976.00
A715043	MORIELLO POOL, CE	A715013	MORIELLO POOL, PS	5,970.00
A715024	CLEARWATER, EQ	A715044	CLEARWATER, CE	7,000.00
A702010	RECREATION ADMIN, PS	A715044	CLEARWATER, CE	753.00
A702010	RECREATION ADMIN, PS	A715048	RECREATION ACTIVITIES, CE	1,695.00
A715026	SPORTS PARK, EQ	A715046	SPORTS PARK, CE	30,400.00
A702010	RECREATION ADMIN, PS	A715045	COMMUNITY CTR, CE	23,000.00
A906080	MEDICAL INS.	A715045	COMMUNITY CTR, CE	8,593.00
A906080	MEDICAL INS.	A715046	SPORTS PARK, CE	54,370.00
A199040	CONTINGENCY	A731040	YOUTH, CE	6,946.00
A762040	ADULT REC, CE	A755040	CELEBRATIONS	1.00
A906080	MEDICAL INS.	A905580	DISABILITY INSURANCE	195.00
A906080	MEDICAL INS.	A903080	SOCIAL SECURITY	4,888.00
A906080	MEDICAL INS.	A818910	RECYCLING, PS	4,160.00
A906080	MEDICAL INS.	A818920	RECYCLING, EQ	862.00
A906080	MEDICAL INS.	A818940	RECYCLING, CE	14,901.00
B122040	SUPERVISOR, CE	B134541	PURCHASING, CE PLANNING	529.00
B144041	ENGINEER, NP VIEWS	B144040	ENGINEER, CE	28,000.00
B144042	ENGINEER, S & S	B144040	ENGINEER, CE	29,362.00
B906080	MEDICAL INS.	B906180	DENTAL INS	384.00
B906080	MEDICAL INS.	B901080	RETIREMENT	554.00
B362040	SAFTEY INSPECTION, CE	B168040	CENTRAL DATA	665.00
DB511040	GENERAL REPAIRS, CE	DB511010	GENERAL REPAIRS, PS	798.00
DB511040	GENERAL REPAIRS, CE	DB513010	MACHINERY, PS	6,138.00
DB514240	SNOW REMOVAL, CE	DB906080	MEDICAL INSURANCE	42,765.00
DB514240	SNOW REMOVAL, CE	DB906180	DENTAL INS	1,861.00
DB513040	MACHINERY, CE	DB514010	BRUSH & WEEDS, PS	4,812.00

DB514240	SNOW REMOVAL, CE	DB514210	SNOW REMOVAL, PS	4,400.00
DB514040	BRUSH & WEEDS, CE	DB514210	SNOW REMOVAL, PS	412.00
DB514040	BRUSH & WEEDS, CE	DB901080	STATE RETIREMENT	1,308.00
DB905080	UNEMPLOYMENT	DB903080	SOCIAL SECURITY	817.00

Appointments: Councilwoman Williams made a motion to appoint Ken Davies to the BAR to fill the vacant term of Paul Brown. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A Volunteer is willing to go on HPC – wait will go to HPC first as a heads-up.

Discussion on paying the Village: now that there is a budget for the parking lot, Councilwoman Brown asked that Patti (bookkeeper) give a priority to prepare checks to the Village. At their next meeting it would be great to say Patti has processed their vouchers. Supervisor Hokanson will commit to getting bathhouse stuff done; don’t know about timeline of research to be done, need to work on preparing for bonding. Can pool vouchers be readied for Village’s meeting next week?

Bonding audit next week – special Town Board – police meeting with Village Wednesday.

At 11:03 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk