

Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
May 27, 2010

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

At 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 7:31 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the promotion, demotion of a particular individual. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:03 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: Supervisor Hokanson added a letter for annexation from Floyd Kniffen, which requires a Public Hearing with the Village; a generator for Police Department. Councilman Logan added a letter to County for the town to snow plow roads. The Supervisor added it for discussion purposes.

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

Public Input:

Pete Healey: we cannot hear you - you are one half-hour late – hi priority planning grant. Last June Pete and the Supervisor went to Kingston – barely beginning Committee process – pushing for fewer governments.

Ray Lunati: Board pushed for moratorium without doing any checking. He hopes the Board would reconsider.

Chris Ullrich: thanked Supervisor Hokanson for private meeting just the beginning – Supervisor stated she was not prepared to comment; she needs roads and access she does not have all the answers.

Judy McGuire of Cragwood road questioned if Old Canaan Rd could be opened to connect to Mountain Rest Road. She says a couple of neighbors are in favor of this.

Brittany Turner offered support for Lagusta Yearwood for Planning Board

Bruce Mikesch said he already told the Board not to put much faith in FEMA; saw the *Times Herald Record* article that says FEMA took money for insurance-They goofed.

Community Announcements

Chamber of Commerce 5K race: Scott Shaffrick of the PD is coordinating. There was discussion on the planned route and the need to cross Main Street twice. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilwoman Brown suggested that next year they come up with a plan to avoid crossing Main Street.

Resolution to repeal moratorium – areas of special flood hazard: Public Hearing is needed. Supervisor Hokanson moved to declare the Town lead agency and declare a type II action under SEQR. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson moved to set the Public Hearing for June 17th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Contract for consultant for high priority planning grant: Grant award of last June; could not be advertised before January of 2010. Three proposals received to be interviewed. Qualifications of interviews were deciding factor said the Supervisor. Each had something lacking in their proposal. Committee unanimously recommended Fairweather Consultants. Match is \$5000 - rest is grant money. Councilman Logan expressed his concern on who they used to write our Master Plan. We are held 100% accountable for the County. Councilman Lewis stated there was a good cross-section of knowledgeable people. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion authorizing herself to sign the contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Summer Recreation Plan: Councilman Logan claimed this is the third time he asked the Recreation Director to come to Town Board Meeting to describe the summer recreation program. He feels this is way too little way too late. First week six hours \$30, Supervisor corrected him 5 hours weekly. She went on to say that we bit off more than we can chew – moving diligently with the park to offer it next year. This was a start for us. Councilman Logan: this is not the program our Community asked for. Director had over a year and nothing happened. Three times he was unable to come to meetings as requested. He feels there is failure in recreation leadership. 11 sessions is not enough.

The Supervisor asked Jeff if he spoke to Chuck. She went on to say buildings are part of park people agreed to this and previous boards also agreed to maintaining large garage structure in the Park.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the Town does not have a building for this year. You are castigating the Recreation Director. Programs were held at school buildings. Last fall the plan was to use the Park for Recreation Program - now you're complaining that Chuck did not look at other options.

Councilman Lewis: questioned if the Board goes forward with buildings for park program. Councilman Logan stated 8-10 years we had funds, now have to maintain structure at park.

Councilwoman Brown added that original plan was the associations would run the concession to make money. Reports from Recreation and Assessor are missing. Only received reports from Clerk's office, we need to get reports from other departments. Councilwoman Brown said she would like to see a budget on recreation. Linnea Masson: feels it is too little too late; three half mornings a week would not cut it for working parents. She talked to Chuck about using other buildings and he said no – using the park. The Park is too small for 200 children. Supervisor said she would get a budget.

PATV: Don Kerr – modification to mission statement – Reduction of voting members from 5 to 4. Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt proposed amendment to mission statement. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Don Kerr asked about a formula to protect against changes in the future – board personnel. Town and Village collect about 100,000 each year. Supervisor Hokanson said this is subject to budget approval. Don said he will prepare figures regarding Consolidation: bump in the road – T W Cable construction fund. September of 2008 – October 2009 FOIL request of portion held by TW Cable. Committee upset to have to FOIL to get information. The fund has over \$200,000; request for \$125,000 and cannot get a copy of letter. Supervisor explained that if we did have information we would have shared. The Supervisor suggested that either Don or Andrea should come to Board Meetings for updating. Councilwoman Brown feels that she brings down stuff for PATV to Town Board and they are voted down. Money from cable tv watchers – some of that money needs to be returned to the Town.

Land Trust request – Mangelli Property: Wallkill Valley Land Trust to turn over to the Town. There is a problem with the title. Reimburse School and Property tax less fee for Joe Moriello. Mangelli had not properly signed off.

Parkland and Recreation fees local law: change: fee schedule –this is to clarify language to avoid a challenge. Supervisor Hokanson stated we are lead agency, and made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Chapter 121 with adjusted language, for June 24th. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

Moriello paving and signage: use upper lot by employees and few handicapped spots. Everyone use lower lot. Need to look at signage for enforcement. Pool Director Bill Russell would come up with handicapped Councilman Logan to send a note to Bill.

Agreement, Ulster Police Firearms Range: Authorize the Supervisor to sign contingent on police chief agreeing to it. Councilman Logan made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign with the caveat that the police chief approves. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Purchase of booklets from Winnakee Land Trust on conservation easements: Councilwoman Williams thought it would be good for some of our Boards (ECB, Town Board, Planning Board) – seminar here – spending \$3.00 per book. Supervisor suggested charge back to each board getting the books.

Annexation request from Floyd Kniffen: has to be a public hearing held jointly with the Village. Supervisor Hokanson suggested to put on the next agenda and have Floyd and Attorney here. Get Recreation fees, raise taxable value in Village. Supervisor would get dates from the Village to meet.

Generator for Police Department: 3 quotes submitted – Fairweather quote- Mike was told there cannot be any change orders on this. There's a discrepancy in wattage. Councilman Logan questioned if the board should get Alfandre or Clouser for review. Councilman Logan moved to accept bid from Fairweather contingent upon approval of engineer. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Generator: Supervisor Hokanson moved to amend budget \$34,500 from police contingency fund to Planning Infrastructure. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Shared Services Snow Plowing: Councilman Logan stated that the County made generous offer. He suggested hearing the Highway supervisor's opinion. We have manpower; we need a truck and County would lease truck for \$1. This would be a one year contract. In a bad winter like this one it is not enough. Has to be a cost plus, not see fee. Insurance issue?

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Hokanson: few local farmers – draft of Farmland Preservation Plan – moving along.

Joint Meeting with the Village: WD#4 not formed properly – Village was to see what DEP needed – total of 3 water user requests.

Councilwoman Brown questioned budget into excel. Youth Center is becoming a non-profit. Supervisor sent letter nothing – not pursuing at this point. Councilwoman Brown on Youth Center they need to understand budget is exceeding what we can spend. Comprises 106530 in personal services total 140,000 Equipment down to \$1000 from \$12,000. Supervisor suggested putting it on future agenda.

Police OT Budget: get numbers for the Board and have recreation director come before this board as well. Didn't get a letter to school board in time for their budget – can Councilman Lewis as liaison to the Police Commission bring up school paying for resource officer. Should shared services wait?

Fire district – how many tax bills.

ENCB – Rachel Lagodka consolidate EEB Boards – not yet

Councilman Lewis:

Norman progress on wetlands law.

HPC – digitizing on historic properties in Town and Village. Want to do test run for 2 boards before public presentation.

EnCB: presentation at Village – new tech for reed bids – grant writer told Village Board not to be tempted into consolidation.

Councilwoman Williams reported the street lighting committee met.

Councilman Lewis reported on the Police Commission stating everything has been brought up publicly.

Appointments:

Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint Lynn Bowdery to one year alternate position on Planning Board to 12/31/2010. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint Rich Caragene to Planning Board for term ending 12/31/2017.

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

Councilwoman Brown moved to appoint Lagusta Yearwood to Planning Board vacant term. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, 3 no votes, 1 abstaining 1 aye vote. Motion failed.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint 1 year alternate position through 12/31/2010 to Lagusta Yearwood.

Seconded by Councilwoman Williams no votes cast by Council members Brown and Logan; Councilman Lewis abstained due to not being present. Motion failed.

Councilwoman Brown suggested no interviews before 6:30 p.m. , Supervisor agreed but warned it may take a long time.

Prepayments:

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to authorize the board to approve the prepayment of PO #91508 from A & B 167040, Central Printing Office Equipment Finance Services, in the amount of \$519.44. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. This is the lease payment for copy machines in the supervisor's office and building dept.

Councilman Logan made a motion for the Town Board to pass a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to modify the 2010 budget as follows; to increase the budget due to contracted expenses not spent in 2009 for renovation for the police building due to delay in start of construction. In amount of \$32,850, motion seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Minute approval of 4/22/2010 - next time.

10:55 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk