

October 12, 2010

Budget Meeting – New Paltz Town Board

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

**Agenda:** 2011 Budget: Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt tonight's agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Supervisor Hokanson asked if there was any public comment. Pete Healey, community resident, asked them to please not to rush to vote on the creation of a fire district. He felt it should be part of the Government Efficiency Study so the public will get a rational and orderly discussion of this matter as the public is not receiving the answers to their questions. There was no further public comment.

**Creation of Joint Fire District:** Supervisor Hokanson stated that the process did start in 2006. The reason for the rush is in order to get it to the public for a vote in December which is the typical time for fire district votes they have to move now. For the Town they have to vote on it this week. For the Village she thinks it's this week. The other board members felt that there are too many unanswered questions and no need to rush.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to pass the resolution to put the vote to the public for the purpose of forming a fire district on the ballot for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Supervisor Hoganson asked if anyone wanted to second it. Councilwoman Williams said I think your motion fails by lack of a second. Councilwoman Brown agreed. Councilman Lewis said he'd second it, Councilwoman Brown said the horse is dead.

Then, Councilwoman Brown said she would like to make a motion that the Town Supervisor pay the Village the amount that was specified. Supervisor Hokanson said she can't. She can't make a payment without a contract. Councilwoman Brown said then I'd like to make a motion to schedule a public hearing for the fire contract. Supervisor Hoganson asked if they could talk about this in Executive Session. End result the rest of the Board didn't agree that they needed to discuss it in Executive Session.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to hold a public hearing at 7pm on October 28, 2010 to discuss the fire contract. Councilman Logan seconded. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Appointments for the Government Efficiency Committee: Councilwoman Brown made a motion to appoint Gail Gallerie to be the Co-chair for the Advisory Committee for the Town. Supervisor Hokanson seconded. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Air Guard Training : After a brief discussion Councilman Logan made a motion that they give permission for the Ulster County Composite Squadron to use the Ulster County Fairgrounds and park on October 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Williams seconded. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Request for extension of pool membership: A resident was unable to use her pool membership and is asking for an extension. Supervisor Hokanson feels this is not a good idea, the other board members agreed. Supervisor Hokanson said she would write a letter to this person explaining it.

Then Supervisor Hokanson went over Councilwoman Brown's questions and the other board members questions about the budget:

Pilot payments

UCAT – she suggested that they offer transfers

Distributed by County

Community Center revenues

Canine Donations

Ambulance Services discussion- why doesn't the Village contribute?

Sewer District 6 - \$40,000 to \$50,000 short, not fair this District not paying its fair share, Supervisor Hokanson said that they'll have to change their water and sewer rates but need to hold a public hearing in order to do that.

Personal Services – took out the Secretary

Justices pay raise

Personal Services- increased bookkeeping staff hours

Building and Grounds- increase \$50,000 will discuss in Executive Session

Assessor's Office- increase due to unfunded State mandate

Town Clerk Personal Services line: 3 percent increase Supervisor Hokanson will check her math.

Elections- \$43,000 bill from the County

Public Access- discussion about what funds these services should be billed to, and if the Village should pay for some of these services. Supervisor Hokanson said she will look at it and get back to them.

Unallocated Insurance

Moriello Park and Playground discussion about Village should pay their share

Moriello Pool big discussion about the Village should be paying their fair share and they are not

Just a reminder of what Supervisor Hokanson has scheduled so far: next week is highway, Police are on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Recreation is on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and I haven't heard back from the Justices yet, and I haven't actually given Bill the dates yet.

Budget Worksheets – big discussion between Councilman Logan and Supervisor Hokanson. Supervisor Hokanson will put budget worksheets into one binder for all of them to share.

Recycling Center: Director Laura Petit : brand new building, new signage, setting aside an area for the Reuser Center. Will meet budget goals or even exceed them slightly. Discussion about moving the 5 trailers that HVME are currently using and are currently in the way of the loading docks.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion that the trailers will be moved from their current location on November 1, 2010 and padlocked. She will send them a letter notifying them of this action. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

She mentioned demonstration gardens.

Metals Recycle- Councilwoman Williams suggested should do press releases when ready. Discussed possibility of holding a sale of composting bins.

Discussed possibility of accepting garbage from other towns

Discussed possibility of buying a compactor with the leftover funds from the USDA grant.

Discussed tug grinding brush

Laura added that going back to last year she has put together an operations manual for daily transactions. The Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor said we should have more advertising and press releases. They told Laura she was doing a great job.

Supervisor Hokanson said she would like to make a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss hiring, firing, promotion, demotion, of a particular individual or individuals. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.