

Town Board Meeting

June 23, 2011

7:30 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Toni Hokanson, Councilman Lewis, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Logan
At 7:33 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the pledge.

Agenda:

Add- Resolution-Golden Hill

Add- Amend Building Code to require Water Sense fixtures and appliances

Add- Letter to Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Cahill

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

Public Comment:

Terrance Ward-Happy to see Golden Hill Resolution on the agenda. Is in favor of not privatizing it.
Karen Cathers-Also in favor of not privatizing it. Her mother received great care there and the staff was fabulous in meeting her special needs.

Miriam Strauss-As a public institution, we have some control over Golden Hill. Private nursing Homes can decide if they want to take you or not.

Announcements:

- June 25th Re-Use center ribbon cutting at 11 a.m..

-June 25-26th Free fishing weekend, no license required.

- July 2nd Town Fireworks, gates open at 5 p.m. Rain date is July 3rd.

Old Business:

Sanford Heady insurance request-Tabled

Local Law-Bicycle Parking. Supervisor Hokanson read aloud the SEQR.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to declare a negative impact statement. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to adopt the Local Law on Bicycle Parking with the amendments recommended by the Ulster County Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Boundary Line Dispute on Clearwater Road:

Supervisor Hokanson got quotes for banners. A 4x4 banner was estimated at \$150, and a 4x40 banner was estimated at \$500.

Councilwoman Brown stated that this was an unfortunate situation but that this is a reasonable solution.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 to remediate the loss of the buffer at Clearwater. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Golden Hill:

“The Town Board of the Town of New Paltz opposed any action by the Ulster County Legislature that would transfer ownership of operation of the Golden Hill Health Care Center out of public hands to a private party or parties.”

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept this resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Hearing-Fire Contract:

A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to set the Public Hearing on the Fire Contract for July 21st at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Amendment to Building Code to require Water Sense fixtures and appliances:

This request was brought about by a presentation made by Piglet students at the May 26th meeting. Section 78-20 of the Town Code would be amended to “require new construction of any one-family, two-family, or multi-family dwelling of three stories or less unless the applicant certifies that the work will meet or exceed the minimum mandatory requirements for an Energy Star qualified home.”

A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to declare the Town Lead Agency for the Local Law to amend Energy Star Qualified Homes Section 78-20 and set the Public Hearing for July 28th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Letter to Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Cahill:

Councilwoman Brown-There are 13 properties in New Paltz that are wholly exempt that belong to New York State, valued at \$407,207,900.00. This letter is asking for their assistance and guidance to develop to work with user fees or establish PILOTS for communities with many tax exempt properties that provide a regional and even national benefit, but it's only the municipalities that provide and pay for services to that. This is a very disproportionate and unsustainable formula.

Supervisor Hokanson-Would like to see something added to make all properties not exempt for emergency services, possibly statewide?

Councilwoman Brown-Feels if the State can be persuaded to work with us, smaller non-profits might follow. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to send the letter to Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Cahill. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution for Tobacco/Smoke Free Parks and Playgrounds:

The new Director of the Ulster County Health Department wants us to be a healthier county.

Supervisor Hokanson-All County facilities have been smoke free for 2 years.

Councilman Logan-Wants to make *all* Town properties smoke free.

Councilwoman Brown-There is no enforcement provision included.

Supervisor Hokanson-The Town would have to have a local law to do enforcement. Also wants to add all Town properties and have an effective date.

Councilman Logan-Suggests August 1st.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Supervisor Hokanson-This is just a resolution. In order to have a penalty for an offense, the Town needs to adopt a local law.

Three aye votes were cast, Councilman Lewis voted nay; motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

*Supervisor Hokanson-Update on **joint meeting with the Planning Board and EnCB**. The Planning Board has cancelled their July 11th meeting. Supervisor Hokanson would like to change the joint meeting to the 11th. However, since the Planning Board will only have 3 members available that night, with no quorum, Councilman Logan and Councilwoman Brown would like to keep the joint meeting on July 25th.

*Supervisor Hokanson- Callie Hershey is available July 18th or 26th to hold an **info session on the Wetlands Law**. The board decided on July 18th at 7 p.m. The Public Hearings will most likely be on August 25th and September 15th; to be set at July meetings.

*Supervisor Hokanson advised the Board that Councilwoman Williams is currently working on a **schedule to audit the Justice Courts**. The auditor suggests the Town writes more policies.

***Recreation's 3 Year Plan**- The Board discussed wanting a budget and amounts for what the outlined ideas would cost, and who is running the Recreation Committee.

*Councilwoman Brown will work with Attorney Moriello on the Tree Ordinance/Law.

*Supervisor Hokanson will have an overall plan for **Sewer 6** and new recommended **water and sewer rates** at the next meeting.

*Supervisor Hokanson-The **Employee Handbook** is nearly ready.

*A list of Street Lights that are being removed will be sent to the newspaper.

*Councilwoman Brown will ask the Greeworks Committee to provide a list of members/officers and expiration dates.

*The Bond for Open Space cannot be done until the audit is finished.

Magie Wedding Ceremony Request:

Supervisor requested an additional insurance certificate from Judy Mage in order to hold a private wedding ceremony on the Rail Trail Bridge.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the request pending permission from the Rail Trail Association. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepays:

The Town is purchasing one concrete garbage can which will be placed at the Teen Scene, in a Town-wide attempt to reduce littering along Main Street. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the prepayment of \$594.10 to Barco for the garbage can, subject to confirmation from Jim Tingel that they have

a recycling program in place. The money will be taken out of B&G A-fund line. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:01 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:50 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:50 p.m., a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Deputy Town Clerk