

Special Town Board Meeting

3/14/11, 6:45 p.m.

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

Guests: Shari Kanner, Craig Shankles, Amy Harrington, reporter Mike Townsend

7:15 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting stating the only agenda item is a request for the Town to be fiscal agent and apply for grant for Community Partnership for a Safer New Paltz.

Councilwoman Brown questioned the process and the paperwork distributed to the Board.

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

The grant calls for \$125,000 per year for a five-year period, to provide program for education of youth to combat issues of alcohol and drug abuse.

The Partnership is not a 501-C-3 so they can't apply themselves; they are applying for the 501-C-3 status.

Councilman Logan arrived at 6:49 p.m.

Questions not allowed in grant

Pierette Farber- program director- 10 hour employee- Shari- has office in Community Center

Councilman Logan indicated to the Partnership "your failure to prepare is not our emergency"- going pretty far

Salary- \$23,000- 26,000 -federal money

Pure prevention; would go to another community

To be used for filming education videos- KB said they're already online

Supervisor Hokanson explained it is the same DFC grant as applied for the past 2 years- criteria changes

Councilman Logan: narrative not complete

Supervisor Hokanson indicated we not being asked for anymore above last year

Amy Harrington- what is the purpose- is the real question? Councilwoman Brown read paperwork when she walked in

Councilman Logan- 50% of grant - over 50% argument on staff salaries- Councilman Logan and Supervisor Hokanson

Councilman Logan: Roger said- salaries greatly increased over last year

Councilwoman Brown: 5 officers- if we're not doing already we should be

Councilman Logan- should itemize officers

Jcouncilman Lewis- bottom line

Councilwoman JBrown: why didn't you get this to us earlier? Don't know your qualifications for this job

Craig- what can we do to move this along? We weren't asked for paperwork in the past

Councilman Lewis: are we willing to come back in 2 months

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to close. Seconded by Councilwoman brown. Votes: 2 yes, 2 no (Councilmembers Brown and Logan) and a n. **yes 2, no 2 -KB & JL no, vote DL**

Write serious proposal about this serious problem. KB write a proposal- support letters from interested parties

Councilman Logan indicated you can't give information at the last minute, he wants a budget for this year, last year and year before. Roger. Councilwoman Brown left at 7:05 p.m. A motion made by

Councilman Logan to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman brown, motion failed..

Stress was made that the Press here, it is considered an open meeting.

Supervisor Hokanson- budget? Roger- Councilman Logan wants past budgets; future- where is this going? Why from volunteer to 43% paid? Paid **cov** required

Councilman Logan left at 7:09 p.m. - not happy with 16 pages of information with less than 48 hours notice and expecting Board to take an action.

Shari- 3 salaries listed last year

Supervisor Hokanson- At the first meeting she said she cannot take to my Board without paperwork- got it this weekend. Since end of January people working several days a week

Councilman Logan- no requirements for salary at \$27,000. will guarantee can get people to sit on a Board without paying them. training is separate from a salary

Councilman Lewis indicated it is not costing the Town anything because it's a grant.

Craig Shankles indicated you get what you pay for- will get the two year budgets that Councilman Logan wants.

Councilman Lewis- do it for the children of New Paltz!! Of course. Councilman Lewis asked would the children be bereft of services with out grant?

Amy Harrington of the Partnership indicated we are working with schools and the police department.

Councilman Logan stated that one report has been given in three years – the Supervisor sits on the Board.

Craig Shankles asked Councilman Logan- you don't remember being given a report on Don Davis talking to the school?

Councilman Logan repeated that one report has been given in three years. Roger agreed it changed a lot since last year. Not good government.

Councilman Logan said he was sorry he did it without looking at the paperwork

Craig Shankles- we are both guilty for our behavior. Grant is for 5 years- \$125,000 per year for the next five years. The Benefit to youth should be stressed and not to who's working on it and what they get. If it goes to another community our youth loses service.

Craig Shankles- if you need resumes you'll have them; look at the program

Supervisor Hokanson indicated money comes to the Town to reimburse her time, and that of the bookkeeper and payroll employee.

Councilman Logan asked the group to show us the grant application

Supervisor Hokanson indicated it won't be scored well if we show Volunteers will do work of individuals needed

Shari Kanner indicated she has been active with this group for five years, and has put in many more hours.

Craig Shankles: you can't have a different lead person each year. Grant people know that they want continual leadership

Councilman Logan- give us that information (in a resume) this has changed for what I believe

Shari Kanner- we need to move on this

Agreement for another meeting to take place on Wednesday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m. for 15 minutes.

Supervisor Hokanson said the plan was to compile and copy tomorrow.

Councilman Logan said he will review what is sent to him

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk