

**Town Board of 9-15-11****Present: DL, KB, JAW, TH, JL**

At 7:37 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Supervisor Hokanson added: extend use of transfer station for storm victims under new business. Councilwoman Brown asked about a budget update. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Presentation:** Alex Obry a NP high school student and a Boy Scout. His project has been approved by the Town of Gardiner, Walkill Valley Rail "Trail Association, Village of NP, waiting for Land Trust. Eagle scout criteria need to be filled out; includes including a project vital to the community. Baseball association, gazebo done previous. Jaw feels it's a good idea to have mile markers every half mile, and can be a big help for emergency purposes. Supervisor Hokanson, a Rail Trail user, feels having mile markers helps walkers to gauge distance. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion for the Town board to authorize her to write a letter of support. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Ed Burke, Town resident, on the board for pop Warner; appreciates funding from the town; Here addressing the Board regarding football helmets and shoulder pads for the team. New helmets are safer than currently used equipment; fundraising done in the business community. He is looking for money to help purchase equipment which is safer and more expensive. Ira Margolis, Village resident, recollected a Kniffen annexation meeting whereby Floyd Kniffen referred to his property as subjected to dumping, and he didn't have to pay landfill fees thanks to this board. He asked if it was a permanent thing or one time.

Ann Paula Friedland, Town resident, indicated that for many years has felt that seniors shouldn't be burdened with costs associated with school taxes of \$4000-6000 and other fees She feels seniors should all pay the same amount, to be designated by the Board. Feels the parents should pay the cost of the helmets, the sports and music lessons and other fees (sports, music) when they don't have children in school.

**Announcements:** public hearing on wetlands will be held next Thursday, 9/22 at 7 p.m. Rabies Clinic at Highway garage on 9/21 from 4 to 6 p.m. Gov Cuomo announced Grant program for storm recovery-appliances. refrigerators, (energy star) dryers, dehumidifiers, furnaces, hot water heater tanks. Purchases after Aug 29<sup>th</sup>; retro to Sept 9<sup>th</sup> for Hurricane Lee casualties. TH been getting into for damages that are storm related. TH will be available on 9/19, between 5 and 7 p.m. or call her regarding damages. Storm assistance information is available thru e-mail as well.

on 9/19, between 5 and 7 p.m. or call her regarding damages. Storm assistance information is available thru e-mail as well. Storm related events: 10/2 pot luck supper at Water Street Market, requesting donation and a dish to share; concert on 10/16 from 12 to 6 p.m. All Money will be distributed will go to farms, families and first responders through Family.

Taste of NP coming up.

**Request for filming use of Rail Trail:** Previously approved the use and the use of \$3000 fee. – who would it go to? Ruth Elwell, Councilman Logan proposed to earmark all funds to the Rail Trail. Wants to know what is the plan for the funds? Re: It is easier for the Rail Trail to earmark the fund. Ruth: one of the biggest projects is signage on the north part; looking at rebuilding frames for all of the signs; other need to design new signs and replace every sign within the Town. Will need mapping for 25 miles rather than 12. Will take up a good chunk of the \$3000. Grant received -Strategic plan adopted this week; has a series of goals. One is to look for opportunities and needs for improvements on the trail. Councilman Logan reminded Ruth \$3000 is coming from Town of New Paltz and money is to be used for New Paltz. He is looking for a budget. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to authorize \$3000 to pay to Walkill Valley Rail Trail Association to be used for any and all expenses incurred for the film shoot, and additional money be used for new rail trail signage and leftover excess for signage. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Councilman Logan said he can make no sense out of her motion. Vote: two aye votes cast by Supervisor Hokanson and Councilwoman Williams with two nay votes cast by Council members Lewis and Logan. KB recused herself. Councilman Logan suggested Ruth come back next week and give the Board a budget. Reminder: Contract must be signed prior to September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Farmland Protection Plan:** KB brought up questions; Ruth clarifying this is a plan/ suggestions for future considerations; approval of the plan

Supervisor Hokanson said it is a body of ideas for the Town to consider

**Local Law for residency:** Supervisor Hokanson indicated there are no changes from last version. A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to set a public hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Councilman Logan doesn't know what the list comprises for titles. Councilwoman Brown: currently in position they are grandfathered.

Councilman Logan agrees to grandfather – in the future they have to live here.

Civil service: work from list residency list. Debate. Vote: three ayes, no. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to set a public hearing on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, three aye votes cast, two nay votes cast, motion carried.

Lee Reich, UCRRA reimbursement: for storm victims. Set up by Laura Petit and RRA. Resident paid, Laura asking to reimburse him. JL made a motion to reimburse for \$33.17 to Lee Reich. Seconded by Councilman JL, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Hour Reporting** by elected officials: three months of work calendar to set a standard day (KB will do April, May, June. JL-question of his option to turn down or necessary to complete calendar.

Transfer Station for storm victims: Supervisor Hokanson would like to extend for two more weeks. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Millbrook property-renew bond, make cullable: Supervisor Hokanson will get cost of fees.

Councilman Logan: George Popp from USDA trying to reach the Supervisor. Bond counsel advised against what George was asking the town to do for sewer bonds.

Memo from Bob Leghorn: needs to be reported to government for reimbursement. (cost of overtime from Hurricane I)

**Budget worksheets:** Board would like them after they have been turned in from the departments for the 9/20 deadline. KB concerned about Chuck's format--last year he used 11x14 sheets

Councilman Logan brought up Independent audit: missing a letter-Linda Hannigan would respond to him; also, missing assets of the Town-they are not listed. TH: our list of assets is with Peter Fairweather, who says he doesn't have it. Update document

**Committee Reports:** Councilman Logan: CWOSP: they met recently; suggests at an upcoming FEMA meeting properties in the floodplain get federal money to purchase-can we purchase?

They have a vacancy; town board should collect resumes for interviews.

Councilwoman Brown: HPC meets next week; she missed the EnCB meeting; they have projects that were forwarded by the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Williams: Bicycle-Pedestrian committee will meet next week.

Excess flows at sewer 6; went on a site visit with Laura Petit to Vassar Farms for Recycling food waste. Possibly there is space at the landfill and could provide a saleable product.

Councilwoman Brown questioned construction at Field of Dreams-Dave Clouser was going to look at composting toilets.

**PrePay:** a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to pay the prepay to DiStasi, Moriello in the amount of \$420 due to receiving after dec 31?? Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Warrant:** a motion was made by Councilman Lewis to authorize the supervisor to pay the September warrant in the amount of \$648,054.29. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. At 9:34 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hiring, firing, promotion, demotion of a particular person or persons, and to discuss issues pertinent to a lawsuit. Seconded by ??

. At 10:41 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.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson authorizing the expenditure of up to \$10,000 in defense of a lawsuit. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:42 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