

Joint Town & Village Meeting & Public Hearing
Wortmann/Cusanno Annexation
March 27, 2014
7:15 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry.
Mayor Jason West, Trustee Rebecca Rotzler, Trustee Ariana Basco, Trustee Sally Rhoads, Trustee Tom Rocco.

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to open the Joint Public Hearing on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor West to open the Joint Public Hearing on behalf of the Village. Seconded by Trustee Rhoads, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor West to nominate Supervisor Zimet to oversee the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Rhoads, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:22 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to close the public hearing on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor West to close the public hearing on behalf of the Village. Seconded by Trustee Rhoads, all aye vote cast, motion carried.

Attorney for the Town Joe Moriello indicated that each board must adopt a resolution determining whether or not the board feels that the annexation of this property is in the best interest of the respective governments. The resolution should contain findings that each Board makes as to why this is in the public interest of the community, and must be adopted by a majority vote of each Board's total membership, 3 out of 5. The resolution gets filed with the clerk of the respective governmental unit.

Attorney Moriello suggested doing a short-form SEQR first because it requires an action by each Board, where the Village Board declares itself Lead Agency for the Village and the Town for the Town. Then within 90 days following the close of the public hearing, the resolution must be adopted and filed.

The resolution must include findings with respect to compliance of the petition with provisions of Article 717 of the Municipal Annexation Law and with respect to the effect of the proposed annexation on the overall public interest. The applicants' letter to the Boards stated the following: "The parcel is adjacent to a newly rezoned Village District which encourages responsible development at the critical gateway to the Village center on Route 32. In order to ensure consistency of development and planning in this key corridor, where development in accordance with the new zoning on adjacent sites will soon follow, annexation will benefit both municipalities in terms of tax revenue and overall design standards."

Attorney Moriello suggested that the Boards take this up separately at separate meetings and do their resolutions on SEQR.

At 7:38 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to open the Joint Town/Village meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion cast.

A motion was made by Mayor West to open the Joint Town/Village meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Trustee Rhoads, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Bike Path on Henry W. Dubois.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the amended joint agenda. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

*Ira Margolis commented on the annexation proposal by Wilmorite for Park Point.

*Ted Reiss, President of the New Paltz Rescue Squad, read aloud a statement regarding its request for additional money and that there seems to be misunderstandings about why the money is needed.

*Judy Mage, member of the Bike-Ped Committee, indicated that the TAP Grant for alternate transportation is a tremendous opportunity to make Henry W. Dubois a safe thoroughfare. There's the potential for an 8 ft. multiuse path on the south side of the road.

*Peter Kaufman, member of the Bike-Ped Committee read aloud a statement on behalf of the committee in support of applying for TAP funding.

RUPCO Presentation on Energy Efficiency:

Mike D'Arcy, Outreach Coordinator for Green Jobs/Green NY. The Home Performance With Energy Star program promotes energy efficiency, energy conservation and clean technologies in order to reduce energy consumption costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support sustainable community development, create green job opportunities, including for emerging, unemployed and displaced workforce. Besides energy efficiency, the program focuses on health and safety, comfort, durability and long-term value of housing, and environmental benefits.

The Board members will review the Municipal Resolution in Support of the RUPCP Green Jobs-Green New York Program and address it a future meeting.

Parades & Events:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the Parade & Events Policies that is the result of the work done by the Parade sub-committee on behalf of the Town Board. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet for discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor West to adopt the Parade & Events Policies that is the result of the work done by the sub-committee. Seconded by Trustee Basco for discussion.

Trustee Rhoads indicated that the Parade policy will have to be refined, she will continue to work on it with Councilman Barry. Trustee Rhoads also offered a friendly amendment that these policies not go into effect until June 1st and that parade requests already submitted be approved.

Councilman Barry and Supervisor Zimet accepted the amendment, all aye votes cast, Councilwoman Gallucci voted no. Motion carried.

Mayor West and Trustee Basco accepted the amendment, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bike-Ped "Rules of the Road":

A motion was made by Trustee Rhoads to endorse the Bike-Ped Committee's "Rules of the Road". Seconded by Trustee Basco, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bike Path on Henry W. Dubois:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that there is a TAP Application available through the Federal Government that New Paltz can submit, with the potential of receiving a \$950,000 grant for a bike path on HWD. However only one municipality can apply for it, but the Town and Village can still work together. There is a 20% cash match. A Forced Account can be set up and the work of the Highway and DPW can be charged to it.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to endorse the concept to move forward with the grant. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Basco to support the Town Board's endorsement of the concept to move forward with the grant. Seconded by Trustee Rotzler for discussion.

Trustee Rhoads offered a friendly amendment that the Village will pay ½ of the preliminary engineering report at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Amendment accepted by Trustee Rotzler. All aye votes cast by both boards, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept the amendment. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Rescue Squad Additional Money:

The sub-committee will meet at 8 a.m. tomorrow morning at the Rescue Squad.

Wilmorite Annexation:

The Village Board is not interested in having a discussion with Wilmorite.

A motion was made by Mayor West for the Village to not even consider this issue while Wilmorite is seeking a PILOT and to reject the draft agreement. Seconded by Trustee Rhoads for discussion. Trustee Basco indicated that this should be a bigger discussion relative to water and sewer. She does not believe that Wilmorite should be building its own sewer treatment plant. She is also against building and expanding south of the College. Mayor West suggested Trustee Basco address these issues at the Public Hearings for the Joint Master Plan.

All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Moriello Pool Repair Bills:

The Village Board approved these at last night's meeting. Both Boards will discuss Capital Expenditures and Maintenance at the next joint meeting.

Joint Comprehensive Plan:

A motion was made by Mayor West to appoint Trustee Rocco as the Chair of the sub-committee. Seconded by Trustee Rhoads, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to appoint Trustee Rocco as the Chair of the sub-committee. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consolidation:

"The Government Efficiency and Effectiveness Committee has investigated Plan B, a consolidated Town with the Village dissolved, and determined it to be legally viable. There are a number of open questions regarding structure of the new/surviving municipality. Foremost among them is the matter of the legal requirement of a Fire District. It is recommended that the Town and Village Boards undertake a presentation by the New Paltz Fire Department and its legal counsel on this topic, and make a decision in a timely fashion. "

Trustee Rhoads suggested scheduling a meeting on a Wednesday or Thursday, not a Board meeting night, to have the New Paltz Fire Department and its legal counsel present to both Boards. A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to support inviting the Fire Department and attorney to make a presentation in conjunction with the Village Board. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, Councilman Logan voted no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Rhoads to support inviting the Fire Department and its attorney to make a presentation. Seconded by Trustee Basco, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th at the Community Center at 7 p.m.

At 9:19 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor West to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Rotzler, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:19 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to open the Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Senior Coordinator:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to appoint Kathy Puglisi as the Town's Senior Coordinator, to be paid \$6,000 from the contractual line for Programs for the Aging A6772.4. She used to be Head of Office of the Aging for Ulster County. She will come to Town Hall to help seniors with questions and concerns. Seconded by Councilman Torres. A friendly amendment was offered that the appointment be subject to the execution of a contract, accepted by Councilman Logan and Councilman Torres. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Phone Contract Renewal:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to move forward with the phone contract renewal. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Parades:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to deny the Alpha Epsilon Phi parade, already denied by the NPPD. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the Baseball Association parade (PBA offering to do security), the Pride parade and the Palm Sunday Procession. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to require a \$450 application fee for each organization requesting to hold a parade. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Don Kerr commented that the Town spends an average of \$16,000/mth on engineering services. These services can be put out to Bid.
Supervisor Zimet indicated that a large portion of the money is paid for through escrow accounts provided by applicants.
Councilman Barry indicated that the amount budgeted for the engineer is actually much smaller.

Reassessment of Town for Tax Equity:

Councilman Barry has been doing research for the ICIB. There seems to be discrepancies and misunderstandings of how exemptions are applied to specific real property. It's necessary for the Town to enforce it's own local law with respect to 420(b) "Exemptions". He suggests authorizing the Assessor to begin the process of conducting a reassessment of the Town, and allowing her to present a tentative budget within 30 days needed to do so. According to the Assessor, she would need \$6,000 to cover additional mailing costs and a part-time person to proceed with a reassessment. Councilman Barry will do more research.

Court Scanner:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the expenditure of \$279 for a new scanner. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Start Up NY:

Supervisor Zimet and Councilman Barry met with the College's President, Richard Winters, and Shelley Wright to address the Town Board's concerns. The inventory that was required and part of the plan was based on an assessment of the inventory of available rental space and property for sale. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of support. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Sports Contracts:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the Football contract with a stipend of \$1,215. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the Soccer contract with a stipend of \$1,485. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the Baseball/Softball contract with a stipend of \$2,205, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the Basketball contract with a stipend of \$990. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, Councilman Logan abstained, he is the Treasurer for the Basketball Association. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the BMX Contract with a stipend of \$945. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

UCTCTCA Resolution-Postal Services:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to support the following resolution:

**ULSTER COUNTY TOWN CLERKS &
TAX RECEIVERS ASSOCIATION**

**ULSTER COUNTY
NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association held on February 20, 2014 at the Town of Esopus, Ulster County, it was discovered Townships and Villages throughout the region are having serious problems with mail delivery, including the timely delivery and receipt of annual tax bills: and

WHEREAS, delays in the delivery of tax bills, official mail, utility bills and important notices with deadlines impede governmental functions and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, it was decided to contact Local, County, State and Federal elected officials, and invite them to a meeting of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association to bring this serious problem to their attention and to seek their assistance to address it; and

WHEREAS, Local, County, State and Federal Officials named below were each invited to attend the March 20th meeting of the Ulster County Town Clerk's and Tax Receivers Association:

- . Town of Woodstock Supervisor, Jeremy Wilber
- . Ulster County Legislators, Donald Gregorius
- . Ulster County Legislators, Chairman, John Parete
- . Ulster County Executive, Michael Hein
- . New York State Senator, Cecilia Tkaczyk
- . New York State Senator, Terry Gipson
- . New York State Senator, James Seward

- . New York State Senator, John Bonacic
- . New York State Senator, William Larkin
- . New York State Assemblywoman, Claudia Teney
- . New York State Assemblyman, Frank Skartados
- . New York State Assemblyman, Peter Lopez
- . New York State Assemblyman, Kevin Cahill
- . United States Senator, Kirsten Gillibrand
- . United States Senator, Charles Schumer
- . United States Congressman, Chris Gibson, and
- . United States Congressman, Patrick Maloney

WHEREAS, members of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association held its regular meeting on March 20, 2014 at the Town of Woodstock offices; and

WHEREAS, Officials unable to attend or send a representative requested minutes of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association members enumerated to the gathered body the many instances where delays in the delivery of mail caused serious problems for Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association problems with the timely delivery and receipt of mail began to worsen from the time local mail processing was transferred from Kingston to Newburgh and then to Albany; and

WHEREAS, the problem impedes governmental functions and responsibilities, thus angering and confusing constituents; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association considers this problem to be of the utmost importance; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers Association calls upon our County, State and Federal Representatives to take the steps necessary to rectify these problems and improve the timely delivery and receipt of mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent by each of the Ulster County Town Clerks and Tax Receivers to the Ulster County Executive, and to the State and Federal officials named herein, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board **HEREBY** fully supports their efforts in resolving all issues involving the US mail for the benefits of our Town residents.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that Said resolution be in the spread upon the pages of the Official Record of the Town of New Paltz and forwarded to ALL of the Elected Representatives listed above.

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

CWOSP Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to appoint Richard Fiesel to CWOSP to fill Jim Hyland's unexpired and corrected term to 12/17. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to amend the expiration date of Dennis Moore's term to 12/16, not 12/18. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept the minutes of **February 20, 2014**.

Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, Councilman Barry abstained due to his absence. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept the minutes of **February 27, 2014** with the following amendments made by Supervisor Zimet:

'...He distributed a Full Tax Agreement Proposal as defined by Wilmorite, to the Board...'

"Supervisor Zimet stated that the Board indicated that they would invite Wilmorite to a public meeting after the public hearing. Which is in direct conflict with Mr. Griffin's statement that the Board would not meet with them."

'...to schedule a meeting with the Town for the first time.'

"...to discuss figures and questions. Mr. Griffin stated that the assessment should be \$10 million for the entire project."

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

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the minutes of **March 7, 2014**. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, Councilwoman Gallucci abstained due to her absence. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept the minutes of ***March 10, 2014***.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the minutes of ***March 20, 2014***. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:17 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk