

Town Board Meeting
February 16, 2012
7:30 p.m.

Present: Susan Zimet, Jeff Logan, Kitty Brown, Jean Gallucci.

Absent: Kevin Barry

At 7:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to open the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The pledge was led by Boy Scout Troop 172 from New Paltz.

Agenda:

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

Public Input:

Margaret Human-Supports Community Rights Ordinance.

Violet Hansen- Read aloud her statement against Fracking.

Joanne Myers-Opposed to fracking. Important to include roads in the resolution.

Presentation of Local Law on Hydro Fracking:

Myra Long- Read aloud a statement against Hydro Fracking. A comprehensive Plan has to be in place.

Michelle Riddell- There's no price on clean water. We have the right to clean water.

Roslyn Cherry- Every community needs to stand up to these corporations.

Supervisor Zimet- This draft ordinance protects the civil rights of the Town of New Paltz.

Councilwoman Brown- The Town Board already passed a resolution opposing the acceptance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that is currently before Commissioner Martens. Commends our local Citizens Action group. Ready to recommend to our lawyers for an opinion.

Councilwoman Gallucci- Would like the term "fine" defined on page 5 under "Legal Enforcement". If we put the actual dollar amount of the maximum fine allowable under state law, in our local law, it would be stronger. Choose between "Town Council" and "Town Board".

Councilman Logan- Would like to move forward with this.

Supervisor Zimet- George Rodenhausen, who is an environmental lawyer, expressed interest in speaking with the Town Board in an effort to get this issue moving.

Break at 8:14 p.m., returned at 8:20 p.m.

Accepting Bid for Courthouse Roof:

This issue is tabled until next week because the bids must include the phrase about "Prevailing wages". The bids will be returned with the same amounts.

Authorize process to commence for dedication of Pine Road to Open Space Institute:

The OSI would like to take responsibility for taking care of Pine Road. The Town's Highway Department will no longer have to maintain it.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize the Highway Superintendent to engage in conversation with OSI and Mohonk Preserve on behalf of the Town to discuss our options.

Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Update on Cragwood Road:

When Springtown Road floods, the residents on Cragwood cannot leave, except by route of an unpaved trail through Canaan Road. The residents feel the trail is not maintained properly and

would like to see it improved so that in an emergency, the Town has reasonable access to the residents there. There is a dispute about who actually owns the property at the end of Cragwood. Councilwoman Gallucci would like an estimate for a survey and estimates for the 3 items requested by the Cragwood Community Assoc.

1. Improving the current trail by laying shale, widening and grading the eroded sections.
2. Removing the berm at the Canaan Road end of trail. Highway Superintendent advised the Board that the berm could not be removed, but added to.
3. Installing a lockable gate at the Canaan Road end of the trail during emergency periods.

Supervisor Zimet- Highway Superintendent Chris Marx can continue looking into this situation and the legality of improving the trail.

Chris Marx- Surveying is a great start. We already have the supplies on hand.

Update on Shivertown Road:

Based on a traffic study supplied by Dennis Doyle of the Ulster County Planning Board and Transportation Council, the traffic volume is well below its capacity. There isn't excessive traffic. Supervisor Zimet indicated that Councilman Barry was looking into this situation and the Town will wait to hear from him.

Update on Rocky Hill Road:

Supervisor Zimet- the Town is trying to ascertain all the easements the Town is responsible for: Conservation, Drainage and Right-of-Ways. She is working with Chris Marx and Stacy Delerede, the Building Inspector to determine the Town's obligations. Seems as though the subdivisions are causing the culvert issues. This was brought to the Town's attention by a Rocky Hill resident who indicated that a previous Highway Superintendent cleaned out the culvert on private property. Now there is a question if the Town is responsible for doing this.

Councilwoman Gallucci wanted to know if this fell under Drainage or Stormwater. She suggested Chris Marx looks at the deeds for #17 and #21 Rocky Hill Rd.

This will be put on a future meeting's agenda.

Police Seized Assets:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize the use \$700 from the Seized Assets money to pay for NYTOA training and hotel costs for Det. Scott Butler and Sgt. Karl Baker. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the transfer of \$8300 from Seized assets to Personnel Services line. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion.

Councilwoman Gallucci amended her motion to reflect the transfer of \$8300 of seized assets to cover the cost of K-9 training for 2012. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. \$8300 is the actual cost of K-9 training and operational costs, not specifically for training but for 2012 K-9 expenses. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize 2 seized vehicles to be put up for auction. Seconded by Councilman Logan who indicated the chief did this last year as well. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, February 29th at 7 p.m.- "Joint Town & Village-Consolidation"

Thursday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m.- "Joint Town Board & Police Commission"

Monday, March 5th at 7 p.m.- "Tax Cap"

Moriello Pool Contract:

Supervisor Zimet- Over the years the Town has taken on the financial burdens for Moriello. Would like to see things split half and half like it used to be.

Councilwoman Gallucci- If we go back to 50/50, the Town will have to give up 50% of its revenues. Would like to see the prior year's number of memberships (season passes), rates for these passes, the day rates, the number of day visitors, and number of residents and number of non-residents in order to do an analysis to see if there is a way to close the revenue deficit of about \$20,000.

Supervisor Zimet asked Councilman Logan to speak with Councilman Barry and Trustee Glenn about an agreement between the Town and Village and present the findings of money to Councilwoman Gallucci so she can make recommendations.
This action was tabled until the Board hears back from Councilman Logan.

Unison:

Councilwoman Brown recused herself because she is an employee.

Unison is requesting a retainer of \$1000 for the band at the 4th of July Celebration.

Supervisor Zimet- This is a lot of money for a band. The bigger concern is the money for the actual fireworks. There is only \$700-900 in the account.

This action was tabled until the Town gets the contract from Stuart and the celebrations line is looked into.

Warrants and Prepays:

Councilwoman Gallucci has reservations about the warrant. Many of the bills/payments are for 2011, but are being charged to 2012 money.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the warrant as presented in the total amount of \$483,174.44 with the distribution between 2011 and 2012 to be recorded at the next Town Board meeting on February 23rd. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, with the understanding that it will be done by fund. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:27 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts for Chief Snyder and Lt. Osarczuk. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:50 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Logan to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:50 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