

A Town Board Meeting was held
August 27, 2014 @ 7:00PM
at the Town Hall

Presiding: Supervisor Bellows

Attending: Councilwoman Zell , Councilman Briggs, Councilman Gill and 35 members of the public.

Resolution # 2014-102

Offered by Councilwoman Zell

Motion to accept the minutes

Seconded By Councilman Gill

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the July minutes.

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2014-103

Offered by Councilwoman Zell

Claims and Vouchers

Seconded by Councilman Dittus

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the audited voucher listed on Warrant # 2014-08 Dated 08/24/2014 in the total amount of \$77,590.61

Charged as follows:

General Fund \$36255.22

Trust & Agency-\$1439.17

Capital Accounts-\$582.30

Highway Fund: \$38736.34

Lighting and Special Districts-\$577.58

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2014-104

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Town Clerks Report

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks Report.

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2014-105

Offered By Councilwoman Briggs

Supervisor Report

Seconded by Councilwoman Zell

All Board Members have received their financials

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for July.

All Voted Aye

Town Board Business

1. Executive Director John Mc Hugh Of UARC read a statement apologizing for the traffic and parking problem at the new group home on Jeffrey Lane.. Many residents had questions and were still concerned about the amount of cars parked at the home. He tried to reassure the residents that they were addressing the problems and had already implemented a shuttle service for staff members.
2. USDA Rural Development 504 Loan/Grant program provides help to very low income owner occupants of single family homes in need of repair. Contact their staff at (845) 343-1872 ext 4 for more information.
3. The County will decide on the name for the UC bridge in Hurley. We would hope that they name it after someone from Hurley.
4. The cost of elections have increased since the County have taken over handling the election and charge-back the town. The town supports the resolution to have the county take over the election costs.
5. The 2015 budget work sheet will be going out to the departments soon.
6. The Hurley Cemetery would like a Town Board member to serve on their board.

7. The solar project is out to bid and the opening will be on Sept. 9 at 1:30
8. The Town Board needs to have a workplace violence policy. They hope to adopt it at the next Town Board meeting
9. Sales tax for the last quarter is \$36,510.11. last year for this same quarter was \$37,529.06
10. The Ethics committee has three openings for members. Anyone interested can send a letter of interest to the Town Supervisor at supervisor@townofhurley.org

Resolution # 2014-106

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Support UC to Pay Election Expenses

Seconded Councilwoman Zell

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Election Law, Article 4, Section 4-136, (...the expense of providing polling places, voting booths, supplies thereof, ballot boxes and other furniture for the polling place for any election, including the storage, transportation and maintenance of voting machines, appliances and equipment or ballot counting devices, and the compensation of the election officers in each election district, shall be a charge upon the county in which such election district is situated..." and

WHEREAS, New York State Election Law, Article 3, Section 3-226 states that "All voting machines, and appliances and equipment relating to or used in the conduct of elections shall be in the care, custody and control of the board of elections," and therefore, not the responsibility of the local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley has no say in the increases in the charge-back pricing rates; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley has no ultimate authority as to who is hired by the county to be local election worker; and

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley has no authority for election worker compensation rates;

WHEREAS, in the reasoned September 23 1982 opinion to Broome County, the New York State Comptroller said, in part, "there is no requirement that the charge-back should appear in a city, town or village budget,"

WHEREAS, the county does not charge back for services it renders from the Sheriff's Office, Weights and Measures, Emergency Services, District Attorney's Office, or the other county departments, and

WHEREAS, the Town has become a "middleman" in the election process rather than an active participant with any authority of home rule; and

WHEREAS, this charge-back is no less than an unfunded mandate from the county to the Town of Hurley; and

WHEREAS, County Resolution No. 224, currently pending would direct the cost of election expenses be borne by Ulster County, not billed to its municipalities, effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley Town Board supports the passage of said Resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Hurley Town Board hereby supports the passage of said Resolution and respectfully requests the Ulster County Legislature pass the proposed resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk send a certified copy of this resolution to the Ulster County Legislature Chairman, Ulster County Executive and Legislator Donald Gregorius within ten(10) days

All Voted Aye

From the Departments

1. John Dittus volunteered to be on the Hurley Cemetery Board.
2. Jim Craven reported the waste at the landfill is up 5%. He might consider raising the permit fee this coming year.

From the Floor

1. A town resident asked the Town Board to make the changes in Zoning that would control the industrial industry in Hurley.
2. Mr Boeing wanted to thank the Town for the resurfacing of Terrace Lane.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Dittus and all voted aye.

Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk