



Town of Hurley

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

West Hurley Firehouse
24 Wall Street, West Hurley
February 13, 2024

Minutes - DRAFT

Presiding: Supervisor Michael Boms

Attending: Councilmembers Diana Cline, Debra Dougherty, Tim Kelly, Gregory Simpson

Also present: Deputy Supervisor John Perry, Town Clerk Tracy Kellogg, Town Attorney Matt Jankowski

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Supervisor Boms

Supervisor Boms says Transfer Station is open and operational despite Superfund designation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **OLD LANDFILL:** Supervisor Boms gave a summary of Crawford & Associates contract for cleanup of old landfill, and discussion on seeking grant money for project; also notes that PFAS contamination at site is not the result of illegal dumping, but the break down of trash and plastic items.
- **SAFETY:** Councilperson Dougherty discussed creating a Town Safety Committee, which will deal with such matters as establishing an emergency management plan and creating an ambulance/EMT squad. Supervisor
- Boms noted Ulster County Legislator Eric Stewart will host a meeting about Zandhoek Road safety issues (e.g. speed limit, lack of sidewalks, lack of crosswalks).
- **UHY contract:** Resolution possible at next meeting regarding Town contract with professional services firm UHY to perform an internal financial audit of Hurley.
- **LAND ACQUISITION:** NYCDEP working to acquire land in Glenford to prevent development, protect water.
- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Committee will consist of Joan Paccione plus three other people, as well as Councilpersons Cline and Kelly. First meeting will be Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

- ZBA: Zoning Board of Appeals has five members, needs to more. Appointments resolution expected at next Town Board meeting.
- TRANSFER STATION PERMITS: Councilperson Dougherty recommended giving free permits to Town committee volunteers. Tabled for further discussion
- SOUTHERN REALTY DEVELOPMENT: Supervisor Boms says settlement being negotiated.
- BANKING: Town is looking into additional options that would increase earned interest.
- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Superintendent Mike Shultis says two trucks need to go – wants to put one up for auction, and thinks cost can be recouped; also, is waiting for update on two trucks ordered in 2021. Also, discussing recourse against Ford re claims.

OLD BUSINESS

- HUDSON VALLEY WATER CO.: Supervisor Boms says company is aware of Town's interest; now waiting on Ulster County, which wants a new operator. Boms says Town purchase of HVWC would require a public referendum, so County solution might be quicker.
- NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE: Superintendent Shultis says process still in infancy; wants shovels in ground within a year because lease on current site is up in August 2025. Shultis wants public information at some point, says bonding for project could be done at 5% rate.

PRESENTATION

- Shabazz Jackson and Josephine Papagni, of Greenway Environmental Services, make presentation about Hurley possibly implementing Community Composting Program. (Summary posted at tinyurl.com/Hur-compost.)
Highlights:
 - \$19,000 budget.
 - Hurley would be the test program.
 - 90-day startup period.
 - US government wants 50% reduction of food waste by 2030.
 - No composting at Hurley Transfer Station.
 - Cost goal is 75% grant money, 25% Town contribution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Peter McKnight: Wants to know if Town could save money by using Greenway's compost program.
- Joan Paccione: Asks how we'll know food waste has been properly separated
- Pete Humphries: Notes Transfer Station revenue and financial surplus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board votes 5-0 to go into Executive Session to discuss employee discipline.

MEETING ADJOURNED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION