

An Agenda Meeting was Held on
February 14, 2023 at 7:00PM

Presiding: Supervisor McKnight,
Attending: Council member Humphries, Council member Boms, Council
member Simpson (arrived at 7:12pm), Town Attorney Andrew?

Also present: members of the public

Supervisor McKnight called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

1. Public Comment

- a. Diana Cline asked why the meetings are not being posted on the message board outside of Town Hall.
- b. Diana Cline asked when if the Town Board was actively looking for a Recreation Secretary.

2. Committee Reports

a. Climate Smart - Kristen

2.a.i. Committee
ee submitted the Climate Smart Application for official certification. Kristen stated that it will take a couple of months for the decision but she is confident that the certification will be granted this year

2.a.ii. Committee
e started the process to enroll in the Hudson Valley Regional Council to perform the Climate Action Plan.

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Kriste
n stated that anyone taking any climate related training needs to send a copy of the certification to the climate Smart Committee. The Committee is awarded points for every training; the more points the more funding opportunities.

b. No Council member reports

3. New Business

- a. Buildings and grounds - as a result of the recent flood damage due to neglected plumbing maintenance in Town Hall, Supervisor McKnight requested that the town

engineer conduct a through assessment of Town Hall as a preventative measure. Several problem areas were discovered.

3.a.i. Water
damage to building exterior and portions of the slab due to poorly maintained gutters.

3.a.ii. Gutter
company recommends increasing the size of the gutter trough, installing gutter covers on the side of the building with trees.

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he town engineer still needs to look at the walls and roof for water damage. The roof may require an assessment from a roofing engineer.

Council member Simpson reported that he received a call from Janet Briggs regarding the dumping of garbage at Dug Hill Park. Council member Simpson informed her that the situation had been handled.

- b. Supervisor McKnight presented a proposal to the Town Board to fund (cost share) programs at the Hurley Libraries in the amount of approximately \$5700 from the recreation budget. The programs include bus trips to the zoo, summer reading program, pet appreciation day, soup and bingo, chair yoga, Halloween program. All council members supported the proposal.

4. Town Vehicles

- a. Supervisor McKnight explained that the town owns and electric Volt and a jeep Grand Cherokee that employees may use for conducting town business
- b. Supervisor McKnight explained that with the edition of a full-time code enforcer, part-time fire inspector, and part-time maintenance person the town is in need of additional vehicles, specifically pickup trucks, so that employees are not forced to use their personal vehicle for town business.
- c. The Zoning Enforcement Officer submitted a \$30K mini bid through the state system for a pickup truck. He has not heard if the bid was accepted.
- d. The West Hurley Fire District has a pickup truck that they do not need and may be will to sell to the town for around \$36K.

- e. The funding for the trucks will come from ARPA funds, balance of which is \$338,391.11

5. Composting Proposal

- a. Supervisor McKnight stated that the UCRRA has raised their fees to \$110/ton of solid waste. Food waste accounts for 40% of the waste stream. Composting food waste would be cost saving, beneficial to the environment, and Ulster County is moving toward a zero-waste initiative.
- b. Supervisor McKnight contacted Green Lane Environmental Services a year ago regarding composting at the Transfer Station. Green Lane recently presented a proposal to engage the Town of Hurley in a partnership for composting services for the Town Board to consider. Council member Simpson met with company representatives to learn about the process. He found the process amazing and recommended that all Town Board Members tour the Green Lane site. He also recommended that the Climate Smart Committee and CAC should also tour the site.
- c. Supervisor McKnight suggests that she prepare a resolution for the next Town Board meeting to issue a RFQ to provide services.

6. Old Library RFP

- a. Supervisor McKnight has issued a RFP for work on the old library twice with no response. She stated that the RFP may have been too broad, covering heat pump, roof, plumbing, etc., and would the board recommend dividing the jobs and issuing job specific RFPs or issued the original RFP a third time. Council members agreed that the RFP should be issued a third time.

7. Next week

- a. Two public hearings for local laws; corner lot and law allowing town board alternate members
- b. The Town Attorney and Town Engineer will be attending the next meeting along with residents experiencing water drainage issues on Brittany Dr.
- c. The Town Attorney is researching legal options the Town may have for addressing the drainage issues and access to right of way.
- d. Credit card machines are on their way for use in the Clerk's office and the Transfer Station.

8. Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor McKnight at 7:53pm

Clerk

Deputy Town