

**Town Board Meeting**  
**February 21, 2023 - 7:00PM - Town Hall**

Call to order: 7:05 pm

**Presiding:** Melinda McKnight, Supervisor

**Attending:** Councilwoman Martin, Councilman Humphries, Councilman Boms, Councilman Simpson at 7:35 pm

**Also present:** Andrew Lessig, Town Attorney

Dennis Brinnier of Brinnier & Larrios Members of the public

**1. Public comments**

- a. Tobe Carey suggested that the Town update the message board outside of Town Hall to a digital board that can be easily updates. Costs range from 3-4 thousand
- b. Diana Cline asked where the garbage cart is at the Dug Hill Park. Supervisor McKnight explained that the park has a carry in/carry out policy and that special park rental events will have access to trash receptacles and the trash will be taken to the transfer station.
- c. Diana Cline asked how much the maintenance man, hired through Norman Staffing makes per hour. Supervisor McKnight stated that he makes \$20 per hour, no benefits.
- d. Peter McKnight mentioned that Senator Hinchey has drafted a bill to address the water issues related to private water companies.
- e. Supervisor McKnight motioned to close the public comment, Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. All in favor.

**2. Resolutions**

**Resolution # 2023-12**

Supervisor McKnight

**Public Hearing**

Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

Motioned to move the public hearing for Brittney Dr. to March 2, 2023. All Voted Aye

**Resolution # 2023- 13**

Supervisor McKnight

**Enter Executive Session**

Seconded by Councilman Humphries

BE IT RESOLVED TO enter into Executive session with Councilman Humphries to discuss the legalities, easements, and drainage issues related to Brittney Dr. All Voted Aye

**Resolution # 2023- 14**

Supervisor McKnight

**Exit Executive Session**

Seconded by Councilman Humphries

BE IT RESOLVED TO exit out of the Executive Session. All Voted Aye

**Resolution # 2023- 15**

Supervisor McKnight

**Appoint Mitch Cohen**

Seconded by Councilman Humphries

WHEREAS Wendy Hennessy has stepped down from the Ethics Committee, and  
WHEREAS Mitch Cohen has expressed interest in serving;  
NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES to appoint Mitch Cohen to the  
Ethics Committee, with a term ending on 12/31/2027. All Voted Aye

**Resolution # 2023- 16**

Supervisor McKnight

**Purchase New Town Car**

Seconded by Councilman Humphries

WHEREAS the Building Department has acquired additional staff; and

WHEREAS an additional vehicle is required in order to meet the demands of the department;  
WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley advertised for bids through NYS Office of General Services (OGS)  
procurement; and

WHEREAS the Town has selected the lowest qualified bid

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that the Town authorizes the  
purchase of a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV for the price of \$39,999.67 from L.T. Begnal, pursuant to  
the mini-bid, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute all documents needed to effectuate the  
same;

BE IT RESOLVED to increase the budget for revenue and expenditures funded by unexpended  
ARPA monies as follows:

Increase revenue budget line A4089 Federal Aid, Other (ARPA) Increase appropriation budget line

A 1620.41	\$39,999.67
A 4089 Federal Aid	\$39,999.67

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to transfer the amount expended above from A688 Unexpended ARPA  
Liability account to A4089 Federal Aid, Other (ARPA) equal to \$39,999.67. All Voted Aye.

**Resolution # 2023- 17**

Supervisor McKnight

**Purchase Additional Town Car**

Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS the Building Department has acquired additional staff; and

WHEREAS an additional vehicle is required in order to meet the demands of the department and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley advertised for bids through NYS Office of General Services  
(OGS)procurement; and

WHEREAS the Town has selected the lowest qualified bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that the Town authorizes the  
purchase a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV from Main Motorcar· for the price of \$40,160.84, pursuant to  
the mini bid, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute all documents needed to effectuate the  
same.

BE IT RESOLVED to increase the budget for revenue and expenditures funded by unexpended  
ARPA monies as follows:

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620.41            \$40,160.84    \$40,160.84

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to transfer the amount expended above from A688 Unexpended ARPA Liability account to A4089 Federal Aid, Other (ARPA) equal to \$40,160.84. All Voted Aye.

**Resolution # 2023- 17**

Supervisor McKnight

**Town Board Minutes**

Seconded by Councilman Simpson

WHEREAS Open Meetings Law requires that minutes of open meetings be prepared and made available within two weeks of meetings; and

WHEREAS the Town Clerk is required to prepare minutes within that period; and

WHEREAS minutes must consist of a record or summary of motions, proposals, resolutions, action taken and the vote of each member; and

WHEREAS the Town Board generally meets twice each month, once for a workshop meeting and once for the Town Board meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that the Town Clerk send copies of the Town Board minutes to the following: Supervisor, Town Board Members, Attorney, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Highway Superintendent, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Ethics Committee, Bookkeeper, Town Justices, Assessor, Conservation Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, Transfer Station Manager, Historian and Public Information Officer and post on the Town website within two weeks of the meeting. All Voted Aye

**Resolution # 2023-18**

Supervisor McKnight

**Bids for upgrade Old Library**

Seconded by Councilman Simpson

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley now owns the Old Library on Main Street in Hurley, New York, and  
WHEREAS, the Town Board takes the responsibility of owning an historic building very seriously, and  
WHEREAS, the building currently has no water service because the pipes regularly freeze in the winter, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to create additional office space in a building that is less drafty, uses less heating fuel and does not have frozen pipes in the middle of winter, and

WHEREAS, the Old Library has been vacant for quite some time and the Town Board recognizes that it is fiscally irresponsible to maintain and heat a vacant building,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby approves the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) and directs the Supervisor to publish and distribute the RFP, which will be due for submission to the Supervisor at 5:00 pm on March 20 and to report back to the Town Board on the response to the RFP at the March 21, 2023 meeting. All Voted Aye

**3. Presentation by Dennis Brinnier regarding the flooding on Brittney Dr. (see memo)**

There are no easements for the area to allow assessment and repair.

**Resolution # 2023-18**

Supervisor McKnight

**License for Brinnier & Larrios**

Seconded by Councilman Simpson

BE IT RESOLVED to have Attorney Lessig seek license for Brinnier & Larrios to conduct survey.  
All Voted Aye

- a. determine the cause of the problem.
- b. Attorney Lessig asked permission from the Board to contact property owners for a non-invasive survey of the properties. Attorney Lessig would draw up a short-term license to conduct the survey and there would be no liability for the town.

#### **4. Open Space - Community Preservation**

- a. Supervisor McKnight has been in communication with OSI regarding a property on Dug Hill Rd. OSI staff suggested a Community Peer fund.
- b. The Town can set up a fund to acquire property as according to the conservation and open-space law.
- c. County will apply transfer tax
- d. Municipal finance work would be done through Attorney Lessig's office
- e. Attorney Lessig state that it is a long process to put the plan together and prepare a ballot measure
- f. There is also a property on 11S Walton Lane for \$150,000 for a potential park
- g. Ulster County is making matching ARPA funds available recreation land through a grant.
- h. Councilman Simpson motioned to allow supervisor McKnight to conduct more research on the potential Open Space properties. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion.

All Voted Aye

#### **5. Other business**

- a. Council Members questioned the vouchers submitted by the Highway Department for over \$14,000 in payroll to cover the cost of unpacking the boxes in the new highway building
- b. Town Attorney Roemer & Wallins, Gold, & Mineaux stated that the vouchers are not valid and that the Town Board return them with a letter of rebuke.

#### **6. Motion to Adjourn**

Supervisor McKnight motioned to adjourn, Councilwoman Martin seconded, All Voted Aye  
meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Annie Reed  
Deputy Town Clerk