

A Town Board Meeting was held
January 25, 2021 @ 7:00PM
at the Town Hall

Presiding: Supervisor McKnight
Attending: Councilman Humphries , Councilman Boms, Councilwoman Martin,

Resolution # 2022-2
Offered by Supervisor McKnight

Appointment to zoning task Force
Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

BE IT RESOVED, to appoint Frank Spinelli to the Zoning Task Force.
All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-3
Offered by Supervisor McKnight

Appointment to Zoning Task Force
Seconded by Councilman Humphries

BE IT RESOVED, to appoint Abby Gross to the Zoning Task Force.

Resolution # 2022-4
Offered by Supervisor McKnight

Councilman Boms voted Nay and All voted aye
Appointment to Zoning Board Secretary
Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Lisa Mance as Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary through February 28, 2022.

Councilman Humphries voted nay , Councilwoman Martin abstained and
All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-5
Offered by Supervisor McKinght

Appointment to CAC and Climate Smart
Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

BE IT RESOVED, to appoint Erin Nyland to the Conservation Advisory Council and to the Climate Smart Task Force.

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-6
by Supervisor McKnight

Increase Snow Plow ContractorsOffered
Seconded by Councilman Humphries

WHEREAS, The Town of Hurley Highway Department currently operates a fleet of trucks with average age of 15 years old and may occasionally contract with private contractors to help clear snow and ice from the towns 54 miles of roads during heavy snow events or if our fleet trucks break down, and

WHEREAS, Climate Change has dramatically altered storm patterns and the Town Highway Superintendent wants to make certain the town is prepared should the town experience blizzard conditions due to changing weather patterns, and

WHEREAS, the current Snow plow Contractors costs {listed below} were adopted at the January 2022 Organizational Meeting and have not been amended in almost 20 years, and

Current Rates for Contractual Snow Plowers

Pick up with 7' - 8' plow 1	= \$ 45/hour
ton with 9' plow	= \$ 50/hour
Any vehicle with sander	= +\$12/hour

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Highway Superintendent is recommending that the Town Board update these costs as follows, for 2022

1 Ton Dump w/9' plow & sander 10 Ton	15 Ton Dump (Tandem Axle) w/11' plow
Dump w/10' plow & sander	& sander 15+ Ton Dump (Tandem Axle) for

Snow Removal	= \$70/hour
	= \$85/hour
	= \$115/hour
	= \$90/hour

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the current Contractual Snow Plow rates to the recommended rates proposed by the Highway Superintendent for the year 2022.

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-7
Offered by Supervisor McKnight
Due to concerns regarding Covid-19 and to protect the health of vulnerable individuals,

please be it resolved that pursuant to the Governors Executive Order 11.1 issued 12/26/2021

The Town of Hurley will not require property owners receiving the Senior Citizen or

Persons

with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemptions to file renewal applications for the 2022

Assessment Roll. If the property owner would benefit from filing renewal applications, the

assessor may require the filing of the' renewal applications. A copy of the Executive Order is

attached.

Waive Senior Citizen renewal
Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-8
Offered by Councilwoman Martin

Hire Civic Engage for new Town Website
Seconded by Councilman Simpson

WHEREAS, The Town of Hurley wants to improve online services to constituents by upgrading the Town website and handling of digital materials, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley intends to use American Rescue Plan Funds to improve the website and digital archives, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley has issued an RFP for building and maintaining an improved website, and

WHEREAS, three proposals have been received by the Town of Hurley, and

WHEREAS, CivicPlus offers CivicEngage Open Content Management, and will provide custom website design and layout to accommodate various devices in use, will provide hands-on migration of existing content to the new website, offers two-way integration with social media, and can provide optional software and services for online services such as emergency notification, on-line forms for applications and registration, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Communications Committee has reviewed the three proposals and has unanimously recommended that the website contract be awarded to CivicPlus, and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is a Type II action as an administrative action exempt from further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hurley Town Board hereby approves the attached proposal by CivicPlus dated October 15, 2021, and directs the Supervisor to execute the proposal and all other documents needed to authorize the proposed work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new website will lead to greater transparency in local government and, as such, funds from the American Rescue Plan will be used for this project.

Resolution # 2022-9**Hire Special Proecutor**

Offered by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley is in need of a Special Prosecutor to prosecute Building Code Violations, enforce Town Laws and, at times, prosecute Traffic tickets; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to retain Kerri Yamashita as Special Prosecutor for the Town of Hurley at a rate of \$450.00 per judicial court session or \$130.00 per hour, whichever is less.

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-10**Contract Blue Diamond Septic for Leachete**

Offered by Councilwoman Martin

Seconded by Councilman Humphries

Whereas, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) has been the contractor to remove leachate from the closed landfill in the Town of Hurley, and

Whereas, UCRRA currently has only one truck and is in high demand by other towns, and

Whereas, UCRRA has frequently stated that they are unable to accommodate the needs of the Town of Hurley in servicing its facility, now

Therefore, Be it Resolved for the Hurley Town Supervisor be empowered to sign the attached contract with Blue Diamond Septic, 357 South Albany Road, Selkirk, New York 12158 to service the Town of Hurley in its leachate collection needs

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-11**Retain Crawford & Associates**

OFFERED BY Councilwoman Martin

SECONDED BY Councilman Simpson

WHEREAS, the Leachate Collection System at the former Town of Hurley Landfill has failed several times since the
original closure, and

WHEREAS, the automatic system of pumps and sensors failed many years ago, and

WHEREAS, the previous two administrations failed to get professional assistance to make corrections to the failed pumps and sensors, and

WHEREAS, the evidence of the failure of the automated system is in delegating manual monitoring of the system, with stipends to highway department employees and subsequently, with no stipends to Transfer Station employees, and

WHEREAS, for years the manual monitoring of the broken leachate collection system consisted of leaving heavy metal lids open to the elements and measuring the level with a dipstick, and

WHEREAS, no proper training was conducted with town employees who were assigned the responsibility for
monitoring, and

WHEREAS, the lack of training did not provide town employees with the resources to recognize mechanical and/or electrical failures in the system, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that electrical and mechanical failures occurred which prevented the pumps from properly moving leachate into the system, and

WHEREAS, the lack of leachate collection pulls from the system was directly a result of electrical failure which did not move the fluids from the lower catch basin and tanks into WetWell #1 and Wet Well #2, and

WHEREAS, the former Supervisor hired WindRiver Environmental to repair the electric to the pump in the lower catch basin and replace the pump that failed years ago in Wet Well #2, and

WHEREAS, the pumps were hardwired into the electric without a high liquid level alarm being installed, and WHEREAS, the aforementioned work was performed without Town Board approval, and

WHEREAS, the work resulted in the system overflow of leachate onto the ground which resulted in a Notice of Violation by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to retain Crawford & Associates, Engineers to analyze the system, diagnose the problems and make recommendations for appropriate corrective action.

**Councilman Boms voted nay and
All Voted Aye**

Resolution # 2022-12

Authorize signature of order on consent of Town Landfill

Offered by Councilwoman Martin

Seconded by Councilman Simpson

WHEREAS the Town has received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) a Notice of Violation dated January 6, 2022, alleging at least a decade of violations in management of the closed Town landfill; and

WHEREAS the Town has also received from NYSDEC a proposed Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement in which the Town would agree, without admitting liability and without penalty, to follow a required schedule to bring the closed Town landfill into full compliance; and

WHEREAS the Town has engaged the engineering firm Crawford & Associates, the firm that previously assisted the Town with the landfill, to work with NYSDEC and to prepare all the required studies and reports on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the attorney for the Town have reviewed the proposed Order on Consent and believe it is in the best interests of the Town to enter into the proposed Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES that it authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute the proposed Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement and to coordinate with Crawford & Associates to assure that the deliverables and deadlines in the proposed Order are met.:

All Voted Aye

**Offered by Councilwoman Martin
Resolution # 2022-13**

**Seconded by Councilman Humphries
Local Law for Fill Law**

Offered by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

WHEREAS a draft local law to adopted a new Chapter 94 entitled Fill and Grading Law has been presented to the Town Board by the Zoning Task Force; and

WHEREAS the proposed local law is intended to improve the health and safety of our community by controlling the placement and content of fill; and

WHEREAS the public hearing on the proposed local law was opened on January 25 without adequate public notice;
NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

- The Supervisor is authorized to forward the proposed local law to the Town's planner, Nelson, Pope & Vorhees (NPV) for preparation of an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF).
- Upon receipt of the EAF from NPV, the Supervisor is authorized to review the EAF and to sign Part 1 if she determines it to be accurate.
- The Town Clerk is directed to circulate the draft local law, together with the signed EAF Part 1 and a copy of this resolution, to the Town Building Department, the Town Conservation Advisory Council, the Town Planning

Board and the Ulster County Planning Board, for report and recommendation to the Town Board within thirty days.

- The Town Board hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the purposes of environmental review with respect to the proposed local law, in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 6 NYCRR 617 (collectively, "SEQRA") and determines that the proposed action meets the criteria of a Type 1 Action under SEQRA.
- Directs the Town Clerk to post the draft local law and EAF Part 1 on the Town website, to place a paper copy on the Town Hall bulletin board and to post notice of the continued public hearing and local law in the Town online newsletter.
- This public hearing is hereby continued to March 8, 7:05 pm, and the Town Clerk is directed to post notice of said date in the Town's official newspaper.

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-14

Offered by Supervisor McKnight

Claims and Vouchers

Seconded by Councilwoman Martin

Resolution # 2021-15

Offered by Supervisor Perry

Claims and Vouchers

Seconded by Councilwoman Zell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the audited voucher listed on Warrant # 2021-01 25 Dated 01/27/2020 in the total amount of \$144,655.28
Charged as follows:

General Fund \$80,584.65
Trust & Agency-\$1421.97
Capital Account-\$75.00

Highway Fund: \$61814.36
Lighting and Special Districts-\$834.30

All Voted Aye

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Resolution # 2022-16

Offered by Councilwoman Martin

Town Clerks Report

Seconded by Councilman Simpson

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks report for January

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2022-17

Offered by Councilwoman Martin

Supervisor Reoprt

Seconded by Councilman Simpson

All board member have received the Supervisor report.

BE IT RESOLVED to accept this report for January.

All Voted Aye

Motion to adjourn was made Supervisor McKnight and seconded by Councilman Simpson