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**A Town Board Meeting was held
July 18, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
at the Town Hall**

Presiding: Supervisor McKnight
Attending: Councilmember Humphries, Councilmember Boms, Councilmember Simpson,
Councilmember Martin excused absence
Also present: Andrew Lessig, Town Attorney, members of the public

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor McKnight

1. Public Comment –

- ✓ Kathy Donlan – asked for an update on the drainage project for Wildwood Lane
- ✓ Elizabeth Harper – reported that speeding is still occurring on Joys Lane and asked to have the speeding sign turned around to face the other side of traffic entering Joys Lane.
- ✓ Matt Sterling – commented on the drainage problem on Altamont Dr. and asked that the highway department install a berm in front of his driveway to divert water from continuing to flood his basement. He is currently using sandbags, which need to be moved to enter or leave his driveway.
- ✓ Jill Albert – asked for an update on the drainage issues on Brittney Dr.

Motion to close public comment offered by Councilmember Simpson, Seconded by Councilmember Humphries. *All in Favor*

2. Resolutions -

Resolution No. 2023-43

Moved by Supervisor McKnight

Resolution to appoint Greg Tetrault to CAC

Seconded by Councilmember Boms

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley Conservation Advisory Committee (“CAC”) was were created as part of the General Municipal Law by the State of New York to advise in the development, management and protection of the municipality's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Tetrault is a fifteen-year resident of Glenford who is a strong advocate of environmental sustainability and protection of our shared groundwater and our natural resources.; and

WHEREAS, Greg Tetrault has submitted his bio, which is attached to this resolution, and expressed interest to fill one of the vacant seats; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has expressed that he would be a useful addition to the committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Hurley, that Greg Tetrault is hereby appointed as a member of the Conservation Advisory Committee to a two-year term expiring 2025.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Resolution No. 2023-44

Resolution to Ratify the Memorandum of Agreement for the Highway UPSEU Contract Negotiation and Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Final Collective Bargaining Agreement

Moved by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilmember Humphries

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley (the “Town”) and United Public Service Employees Union (“UPSEU”) are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in good faith negotiations in an effort to arrive at a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”); and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a tentative settlement covering the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 and further wish to commit such to writing; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto agree that the current CBA and all its terms and conditions of employment set forth shall remain in full force and effect except as herein modified; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise noted, all changes shall be prospective from the ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”); and

WHEREAS, both the Town and UPSEU negotiating committees agree to recommend the MOA for approval and recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Hurley, that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Hurley and the United Public Service Employees Union, as attached hereto, is approved and authorizes the Supervisor to sign any final agreement documents consistent therewith, including the final collective bargaining

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Seconded by Councilmember Humphries

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Seconded by Councilmember Simpson

WHEREAS, THE Town of Hurley Justice Court has submitted its Audit and Control Records to the Office of the State Comptroller and has certified those records to the Town Supervisor for the past Three (3) months April through June, 2023. The Hurley Justice Court has submitted its closed case log for Audit to the Hurley Town Board on July 18th, 2023, all records are available

on scheduled court hours on 24-hour notice to the Court, for any Hurley Board Member to review.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, to accept Records as Presented

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Resolution No. 2023-47

Justice Court Conference Request

Moved by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilmember Humphries

The Hurley Court is requesting permission for Erma Moore to attend the NYSAMCC annual conference from September 17th to 20th, 2023 at the Turning Stone Resort Verona, New York.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Resolution No. 2023-48

Justice Court Conference Request

Moved by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilmember Humphries

The Hurley Court is requesting permission for Honorable John E. Parker to attend the NYS Magistrates Conference from October 1st through Wednesday October 4th, 2023. The conference is located at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	

Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X

Resolution No. 2023-49

To Authorize supervisor to Sign Easements

Moved by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilmember Humphries

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley is undertaking drainage improvement projects in the vicinity of Kemble Terrace and in the vicinity of Wildwood Drive; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the drainage improvement projects the Town has been seeking easements over private property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.c(1)(2), maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility, and replacement, rehabilitation and repair of an existing facility, are Type II SEQRA actions; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received the following partially executed easements to permit the project: William Bradley and Jane Hansell, Beth C. Rohrkemper and William Nussbaum, Beth C. Rohrkemper, and Frank and Donna Ronkese Trust (the “Easements”); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hurley that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Easements and associated tax filing forms and cause the Easements to be recorded in the Office of the Ulster County Clerk.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Resolution No. 2023-50

To Hire Summer Interns

Moved by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilmember Simpson

WHEREAS the Supervisor’s Office is looking to provide a valuable opportunity for local students to gain experience and build their resume within local government; and

WHEREAS the Town is need of temporary support for its existing employees with day-to-day tasks; and

WHEREAS three summer interns were interviewed and chosen;

WHEREAS the length of their employment begins July 2023 and ends the Friday prior to Labor Day (September 2, 2023)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Hurley, to hire Molly Tighe to perform the duties of summer intern in the Town Hall for a maximum of 20 hours per week at a rate of \$14.20 per hour from fund line 1620.1.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to hire Anthony Nichols to perform the duties of summer intern in the Town Hall for a maximum of 20 hours per week at a rate of \$14.20 per hour from fund line 1620.1.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED to hire Eric Christian, who holds a Code Enforcement Certification, to perform the duties of summer intern in the Building Department for a maximum of 20 hours per week at a rate of \$20.00 per hour from fund line 3520.1.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Resolution No. 2023-51

Authorizing Title Search

Moved by Supervisor McKnight

Seconded by Councilmember Humphries

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing dispute regarding ownership, and responsibility for the Old Hurley Burial Grounds located at or about 52 Main Street, Hurley, New York, 12443, also known in the records of the Ulster County Clerk as parcel number 55.8-3-36; and,

WHEREAS, the Old Hurley Burial Grounds contains graves dating back to the early 18th

century and is an important cultural and historical landmark contributing to the Hurley Historic District, a National Register Listed Historic District and a National Historic Landmark District; and,

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Town of Hurley has reviewed her files and has no current information regarding the ownership and upkeep of the Old Hurley Burial Grounds and has requested that the Town Board authorize a more in-depth review of the history of ownership as well as the chain of title for the parcel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Hurley, as follows:

1. The Town's Attorneys are hereby directed to undertake and complete a title search for the Old Hurley Burial Grounds located at or about 52 Main Street, Hurley, New York, 12443, also known in the records of the Ulster County Clerk as parcel number 55.8-3-36; and,
2. Within a reasonable time thereafter the Town's Attorneys are to report the results of the title search to the Town Board and the Assessor of the Town of Hurley and to advise regarding potential future courses of action, ownership and maintenance.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	
Gregory Simpson, Councilmember	X	

Resolution No. 2023-52

To promote Gabriel Perez to Recycling Coordinator

Moved by Councilmember Humphries

Seconded by Councilmember Simpson

WHEREAS Javier Perez Jr. has resigned his job as Recycling Coordinator at the Transfer Station,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Hurley to promote Gabriel Perez to replace Javier Perez Jr. as Recycling Coordinator at the same rate and responsibilities effective July 19, 2023.

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Melinda McKnight, Supervisor	X	
Peter Humphries, Deputy Supervisor	X	
Michael Boms, Councilmember	X	
Jana Martin, Councilmember	absent	

3. New Business -

Supervisor McKnight received a request to issue an RFP to resolve the numerous drainage issues in the Town. She stated that by law an Engineering firm would need to draw up specifications before an RFP could be issued. Considering the large number of drainage issues at hand and the inability to fund all drainage projects from the Capital Fund this year Supervisor McKnight opened the discussion by asking the Board to consider the following:

- ✓ where to begin,
- ✓ who to engage, and
- ✓ what the time frame should be.

4. Other Business –

Due to an extended power outage on Friday and the residual computer and phone malfunctions on Monday the financials were not available for the meeting.

Motion to accept draft minutes from July 5, 2023 meeting offered by Councilmember Simpson,
Seconded by Councilmember Boms. *All in Favor*

Motion to adjourn offered by Supervisor McKnight, Seconded by Councilmember Simpson.
All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Reed
Hurley Town Clerk