

A regular meeting of the Town  
Board was held at the Town Hall on  
July 23, 2007, 7:00 PM (T=9)

*Presiding:* Supervisor Michael Shultis

*Attending:* Councilwoman Kate Hyman, Councilwoman Janet Briggs

*Also present:* Highway Superintendent Linda Cook, Solid Waste Manager James Craven, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Economos and 23 members of the public.

**RESOLUTION #2007-136: SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Offered by Councilwoman Hyman                      Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the Supervisor's report dated July 23, 2007.

ALL VOTED AYE

**RESOLUTION #2007-137: CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis                      Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board accept the audited vouchers listed on Warrant #07-07 dated 07/18/2007 in the total amount of \$76,649.63 Charged as follows:

Total General Fund: \$ 31,210.70	Total Highway Fund: \$ 38,715.68
Trust & Agency: \$3,008.66    Lighting District - \$ 456.59	14H (Drainage) \$ 3,258.00

Supervisor Shultis voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye.

**RESOLUTION #2007-138: TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Offered by Councilwoman Briggs                      Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the Town Clerk's report.

Supervisor Shultis voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye.

**TOWN BOARD BUSINESS:**

(A) A letter from the Association of Towns deals with concerns about the siting of power plants in town and home rule.

(B) The Town Board has received a 50 page petition asking the Board to prohibit refuse burning in residential areas.

(C) The Chamber Advisory Group has presented its cost estimate for monthly phone service. They estimate that we will save \$120 monthly by changing to Verizon (State bid).

(D) The Hurley Senior Club has requested permission to place their "Ernie Myers Senior Citizens" plaque at the town hall. The plaque annually honors one of their own. The Board approved this request.

(E) The following bid proposals for drainage work near Wall & Cedar Streets were read.  
(Contract # TH-051) :

Advanced Excavating & Landscaping bid \$158,167.00

Arold Paving Co. bid \$196,485.00

C.A. Phillips Construction bid \$172,700.00

Merritt Construction bid \$202,260.00

Mombaccus Excavating bid \$168,480.00

Roehrs Construction bid \$135,750.00 - Low Bidder

Leo Boice & Sons bid \$139,998.25

Pending a review by Brinnier & Larios, Roehrs Construction is the low bidder.

(F) Supervisor Shultis explained that MVP, the town's medical insurer, has their coverage run from Jan. 1-Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. It is anticipated that their January 2008 bill will be increased by 15%. But, if we were to renew by September 2007 our increase would only be 4.2%. He asked the Board to consider making this change in the renewal date in order to save the extra increase.

(G) NYSERDA has been asked to do an energy audit at the Town Hall and Garage.

## **2. RESOLUTIONS:**

### **(A) RESOLUTION # 2007-139: Amend Accrued Sick Days for Building Inspector**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis                      Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED TO, amend the personnel record for Paul Economos to add 24 days of accrued Sick Leave to his 2006 and 2007 personnel record.

Supervisor Shultis voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye..

### **(B) RESOLUTION # 2007-140: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ILLICIT**

#### **DISCHARGE LAW**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis                      Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

BE IT RESOLVED TO, set a Public Hearing on August 20, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the Hurley Town Hall for the purpose of introducing Local Law # 3 “ The Town of Hurley Illicit Discharge Law”

**(C) RESOLUTION # 2007-141: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR STORMWATER**

**MANAGEMENT LAW**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED TO, set a Public Hearing on August 20, 2007 at 6:15 PM at the Hurley Town Hall for the purpose of introducing Local Law # 4, “The Town of Hurley Storm water Management and Erosion and Sediment Control Law”

**(D) RESOLUTION # 2007-142: SUPPORT THE CORN & CRAFT FESTIVAL**

Offered by Councilwoman Briggs

Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

BE IT RESOLVED TO, purchase an advertisement by the Town Board in the Hurley Corn & Craft Festival not to exceed \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars)

Supervisor Shultis voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye.

**(E) RESOLUTION # 2007-143: PURCHASE ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE**

**Supervisor Shultis asked to table the resolution until the full Board could discuss the purchase.**

BE IT RESOLVED TO, authorize the Town Supervisor to purchase accounting software from the firm KVS Information Systems for a cost not to exceed \$20,000 ( Twenty Thousand Dollars)

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10 Year expense:

KVS - \$42,911

BMSI - \$42,500

Edmunds - \$44,055

Williamson – \$39,000

Right now the cost per year for accounting services is \$41,100. If we go to an in-house bookkeeper for 15 hrs per week at \$18-20/hr the cost will be \$14,040 to \$15,600 per year. We would see a cost savings of over \$20,000 the second year. It would also allow the Supervisor to have financials completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month. Normally I receive the financials by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the following month

**(F) RESOLUTION # 2007-144: DRAINAGE PROJECT “B” CONTRACT**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED TO, authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with the low bidder

authorizing Drainage Project “B” to commence. The low bidder will be recommended to the Town Supervisor by town engineers, Brinnier & Larios after auditing all 7 bids received on July 23, 2007, for Drainage Project “B”, to make sure all published bid specifications have been met by the low bidder.

Supervisor Shultis voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye.

**(G) RESOLUTION # 2007-145: HIGH SPEED INTERNET FOR THE GARAGE**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Highway Department relies on NYS DOT maps, during inclement weather, to predict work schedules and dispatch emergency road maintenance vehicles and snow fighting equipment when needed, and

WHEREAS, the current Town of Hurley Highway Department internet connection relies on antiquated “dial up service” which is extremely slow and unreliable for the purposes stated previously above, and

WHEREAS, not only will it enable the Town of Hurley Highway Department to have updated high speed internet access for NYS DOT maps, but also will enable the towns phone systems between Town Hall and the Highway Complex to be combined to save more tax dollars,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED TO, authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with Time Warner Cable to install approximately 950 feet of cable into the Highway Garage Complex, for access to high speed internet service, with a cost not to exceed \$3000.

Supervisor Shultis voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye.

**(H) RESOLUTION # 2007-146: TRUCK BODY BID ACCEPTED**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Highway Superintendent published a Request for Proposal for a stainless steel dump body and snow fighting equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Town received 3 bids by the bid deadline, and

WHEREAS, two of the bids were rejected for not meeting the bids specifications as published by the Highway Superintendent,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED TO, accept the bid by Hudson River Truck & Trailer in the amount of \$82,548.00 for the purchase of a stainless steel dump body and snow fighting equipment.

Supervisor Shultis voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye.

**3. FROM THE FLOOR:**

· Dean Kraus (339 Hillside Ave.) asked for a progress report on the investigation of the apartments at 334 & 346 Hillside Ave. He had talked about the excessive noise and asked about the regulations

governing the properties.

· Steve Nekos (owner of 346 Hillside Ave) presented a letter and his view of the situation. Supervisor Shultis said that this was not a Town Board issue and referred them to the Code Enforcement Officer for answers.

· James Craven spoke about the accounting software. He said that a bookkeeper can steal funds. There should be a review of funds and there should be a separation of responsibilities. RE: Leachate purification. He is investigating a “constructed wetland” system which would purify leachate by forcing it through a series of reed beds in order to cleanse the water.

· Phil Sinagra said that it was a good idea to use NYSERTA for the energy audit. His energy audit at Kingston City Schools resulted in modernization and cost savings.

RE: bookkeeping software. He asked if the in-house bookkeeper would be full or part- time . He also suggested getting bids from other outside accounting firms.

· Wally Cook said that the Museum Board would like to see the re-establishment of the Preservation Commission.

#### **RESOLUTION # 2007-147A: ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Offered by Supervisor Shultis

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

Be it resolved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues for recreation, court, building and highway department employees.

ALL VOTED AYE

#### **RESOLUTION # 2007-147B: EXIT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Offered by Councilwoman Hyman

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

Be it resolved to exit the executive session.

ALL VOTED AYE

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Shultis, seconded by Councilwoman Hyman and all voted aye.

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Karin Horner, Town Clerk