

A regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Hall on March 24, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

Presiding: Supervisor Gary Bellows

Attending: Councilman John Gill, Councilwoman Karin Horner, Councilwoman Kate Hyman
Councilwoman Briggs

Also present: Highway Superintendent Clyde Russell, Building Inspector Glen Hoffstatter
Virginia Stark, James Craven, 30 members of the public.

Resolution # 2008-69

Offered by Councilman Gill

Motion to accept the minutes

Seconded by Councilwoman Horner

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the February minutes.

ALL VOTED AYE

Resolution # 2008-70

Offered by Councilwoman Briggs

Claims and Vouchers

Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the audited vouchers listed on Warrant # 08 03 dated 2/22/08 in the total amount of \$88,756.05

Charged as follows:

General Fund \$28,886.03

Total Highway Fund: \$53,077.09

Lighting: \$534.11

Trust & Agency: \$2388.82

Capital Projects: H \$3870.00

ALL VOTED AYE

Resolution# 2008-71

Offered by Councilman Gill

Supervisors Report

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Supervisor report.

ALL VOTED AYE

- There was a presentation made by the Hurley Fire Department Advisory Board
They would like to see all driveways laid out and constructed in order to provide safe access for emergency vehicles. Copies of their suggested recommendations are available at the town clerks office.

- Ward Inglebee would like to make a presentation at a town wide meeting for the Town Board and the public about Community Based Education

TOWN BOARD BUSINESS

1. We had request from Debbie Oakley, she has been gracious enough to take over the chairmanship of the Memorial Day parade. That parade is May 26. The Supervisors office has taken on some of the issues but there is an awful lot more to do. I would ask anyone who can volunteer a little bit of time with Debbie her number is 338-0472.

2. Bill Marks from our assessor's office wanted to make sure that all senior citizens who do not normally file a federal income tax return MUST file a federal return this year in order to receive the federal tax rebate.

3. Update on NYC DEP – Supervisor Bellows has been attending some meetings about the law suit filed against the Town for lower assessments. Last week he met with the DEP and lawyers from both sides and this was a pretrial meeting. Paul Rush who is the assistant commissioner for DEP was willing to get his law firm to come in and sit and talk before we went to trial. What we are trying to do is get to a point where the NYC DEP can be happy with the assessment on their properties and where the Town of Hurley is happy at what that is set at and we don't have to get into court every three years. And as you probably remember we were able to win the last law suit a number of years ago. Unfortunately, that cost about \$300,000 to defend ourselves. The town board a week ago or so met in an executive session here to discuss that law suit and the town board has given Supervisor Bellows the authority to go ahead with these negotiations.

The second part of this is something that the DEP has not done in years past. They are currently releasing water right now – the last number was as of the tail end of last week was 250 million gallons a day. And they have the capacity to go as much as 580 million gallons a day but they are some issues still to be worked out with SUNY's campus and the Ashokan field campus. Over the next 6 weeks or so that has traditionally been rainy we'll be able to see the lowering of the Ashokan so that there will be a buffer for some of this water to be drained in. We hope to keep up good communication and help some of the residence in Hurley who are affected by those high waters.

4. Anyone who would be interested in serving as the Public Access Representative for the Town of Hurley I would ask that they submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk's Office or the Supervisor's Office. At this point we do not have a representative for the Town and we certainly would like to have a voice on the Public Access.

5. Supervisor Bellows had a meeting for all the towns. There was a presentation by Ulster Tomorrow. Ulster Tomorrow is looking to see what towns want and what activities are going on within their towns. We would like to put together information and give Ulster Tomorrow a little feedback about what we would like to see going on within the town of Hurley. If anyone or the town council have any ideas we would certainly pass those comments along to Ulster Tomorrow.

6. Ulster County has opened a brand new department it's the UC Department of Environment and what they are going to do is handle a lot of the environmental issues and concerns. They are going to be located at 17 Pearl Street and Amanda LaValle will be the commissioner.

7. Ulster County Social Services Emergency for Fuel – Nancy McDowell is the contract person there.

8. Central Hudson – if you go on their website centralhudson.com they have a lot of facts and frequently asked questions. They are trying to promote that heavily so instead of being on hold for a long period of time you can probably get answers that you need off their website.

9. The cooperative extension will be holding a Flood Response Recover and Mitigation Workshop on Friday, March 28. The workshop will run from 8:30 – 4:00 at the Kingston Holiday Inn on Washington Ave. People who are in the highway, transportation, equipment contractors, zoning, planning, public works, and environmental groups are asked to attend. Cost: Free includes Coffee, Danish and Lunch.

10. Dr. Leslie Ford who is the superintendent of Onteora School District has asked to come to the April meeting of the Town Board and wants to give some information out to residents. That will be held at the West Hurley Fire House on April 28th.

11. We have been struggling with the OWB law for a while. I have had our town attorney take a look at the law. The attorney feels that this should be really put it into zoning law and that the building inspector be the person to carry forth with the regulations and enforcing them.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 2008-72

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the list of electrical inspectors submitted by the building inspector for the electrical inspections within the Town of Hurley.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

Seconded by Councilman Gill

RESOLUTION # 2008-73:

Offered Supervisor Bellows

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW TERMS

Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

BE IT RESOLVED that the terms for the Board of Assessment Review are as follows

Michael DiBattista-10/31/07-9/30/2012

Peter Weider-10/01/06-9/30/2011

DoughEighmey-10/1/07-9/30/2013

Anthony Amato-10/07/05-9/30/2010

Leslie Rice-10/31/04-9/30/09

ALL VOTED AYE

RESOLUTION 2008 #74:

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

BOOKKEEPER APPOINTMENT

Seconded by Councilman Gill

BE IT RESOLVED to reappoint Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchhill to provide bookkeeper services till 6/30/08.

ALL VOTED AYE

RESOLUTION 2008 #75:

Offered by Councilman Gill

FEMA REIMBURSTMENT

Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

WHEREAS, FEMA has requested more engineering information on FEMA project DR 1692 in order for the Town of Hurley to be eligible for reimbursement of monies expended to do repairs at

1. A private drive on Old Rt 28 near Bristol Hill
2. Bundy Lane
3. Intersection of Glenview Dr. and Upper Glenview
4. 250 yards north of Norbit Rd and Dughill Rd., and

WHEREAS Brinnier and Larios are the town engineers,

THEREFORE let Brinnier and Larios do the work needed in order for the town to receive the FEMA monies.

ALL VOTED AYE

RESOLUTION 2008 #76:

Offered by Councilwoman Briggs

RECREATION GRANT

Seconded by Councilman Gill

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley from time to time has the need to sign contracts with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

THEREFORE be it resolved that Supervisor Gary Bellows has the authority of the Town of Hurley to sign these contracts.

RESOLUTION 2008 # 77:

Offered by Councilman Gill

DRAINAGE

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

WHEREAS the town board of Hurley is in agreement that drainage work on Hook and Walnut streets, and continuing across Hillside and Orchard streets is needed to solve a severe water runoff problem, and

WHEREAS drainage work is also needed to solve a severe water runoff problem on Broad and Birch streets, and

WHEREAS engineering work and easements are needed to complete these projects,

THEREFORE we give Town's engineering firm Brinnier & Larios permission to do all engineering work needed to get these projects ready to go out to bid.

ALL VOTED AYE

RESOLUTION 2008 #78

Offered by Councilman Gill

BID FOR SUDA DRAINAGE PROJECT

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED TO award the contract for the Suda drainage project to the Baker Brothers in the amount of \$17,950.00.

ALL VOTED AYE

From the Floor:

1. Jean Clancy questioned about the sidewalks to the rail trail.
2. Roy Hochberg suggested that a traffic signal be considered by the entrance to Russell Road .

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Gill, seconded by Councilwoman Horner and all voted aye.

Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk