

**Hurley Town Board Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 7:00PM
West Hurley Fire Station**

Present: Supervisor Melinda McKnight, Councilmember Peter Humphries, Councilmember Michael Boms, Councilmember Jana Martin,
*Councilmember Simpson (excused)

Also present: Town Attorney Andrew Lessig
Members of the public

Supervisor McKnight called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

1. Public Comment

- a. Diana Cline asked if public comments could be made at the end of the meeting in order to address issues raised during the meeting.
- b. Diana Cline asked why the Recreation Committee doesn't have a paid secretary anymore. (NOTE: the secretary resigned in 2019, chair has not called any meetings since then).

2. Discussion Topics

- a. Emergency Planning Update
 - Supervisor McKnight and Code Enforcement Officer Tom Tryon attended a FEMA workshop on emergency preparedness for municipalities. There was no other participation from Town Board members, the Highway Department, or local EMT and fire personnel.
 - Supervisor McKnight suggested that Highway, EMTs, and Fire Districts in Hurley should attend future trainings.
 - Kristen stated that anyone taking any climate related trainings needs to send a copy of the certification to the climate Smart Committee. The Committee is awarded points for every training; the more points the more funding opportunities.
 - The Town of Hurley does not have an official emergency plan, but needs one.
- b. ConnectALL NY & Fiber Optic Proposal
 - In response to the presentation to the board on 2/21/23, ConnectAll NY submitted a proposal to partner with The Town of Hurley to provide fiber optic services, with ConnectALL NY being the sole provider.
 - Attorney Lessig suggested that the town look at state and county initiatives on connectivity.

- The board agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting to give councilmembers a chance to review the proposal agreement.
- c. Vacancies in town Departments
 - Building Department Secretary, which is a Civil Service position.
 - Part Time Deputy Clerk – position has been posted on the Town's website.

3. Department and Committee Reports

- a. Supervisor McKnight stated that she would like to have the Town Planner conduct a feasibility study of town-owned properties for a potential site for a new highway garage.
- b. Joan Paccione, Chair of the Conservation Advisory Committee, spoke with DEC regarding grants that may be available soon, with the potential for matching funds from the town. She will confer with Supervisor McKnight at a later date.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Martin,
Seconded by Councilmember Humphries
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM