

An Agenda Meeting was held on
November 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM at
the Town Hall

Presiding: Supervisor Gary Bellows

Attending: Councilman Gill, Councilwoman Briggs, Councilwoman Hyman, Councilwoman Horner, Councilwoman

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Russell, Code Enforcement Hoffstatter and 15 members of the public.

Town Board Business

1. Grant for solar panels at the Town Hall
2. UC Dept. of SS Fuel Services form
3. Lower Esopus linked to our website
4. Letter from Social Services for a donations
5. Central Catskill Collaborative update
6. UC winter watch parking locations
7. Holiday Tree lighting on 11/22 at 4:00 PM
8. Received two applications for the Flood buy-out on Brinks lane.
8. Time clock for Town Hall
9. Central Calendar for Town Hall
10. Digital recorder for audio file on the town website

Discussion of the Town Budget:

1. Councilwoman Horner: The budget line 8161.4 for the leaf pick-up was \$52,500 but that was for 2-year contract and we could change that to \$27,000 plus \$5,000. for extras and reduce that line to \$33,000. We would save \$19,500.
2. Councilwoman Hyman brought up in house bookkeeping to save on that budget line. She proposed the following resolution.
Supervisor Bellows felt that in house bookkeeping does not provide the checks and balances needed for such an important job.
3. Supervisor Bellows said that the budget line for Social Services 6140.4 should be raised due to the hardships a lot of people. The past couple of months there has been an increase \$8,000 for last bill and \$11,000 for the current bill. Margie Holzman is looking into the charges. We currently have \$20,000. in that budget line. Supervisor Bellows recommended we raise the budget line to \$100,000. This amount would raise the budget to about 10%. It was Supervisor Bellows suggestion to take \$50,000 from the Highway permanent improvements DA 5112.2 and put into home relief. It was finally decided to put the \$50,000. in the contingency budget line to use for home relief if needed and \$19,500. from the 8161.4 to raise 6140.4 to \$39,500.

Resolution # 2008-165

Offered by Councilwoman Hyman

Secretary/Bookkeeper position

Seconded By Councilwoman Horner

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Town of Hurley Board to make sure operations within the town are done as effectively and efficiently as possible to save taxpayer dollars, and

WHEREAS, the new budget for 2009 increases taxes by 5.15% and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley currently out sources its monthly bookkeeping duties at a cost of over \$42,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Town Board unanimously voted for the purchase of the software and a computer system at the cost to taxpayers of \$20,000 and

WHEREAS, performing the monthly bookkeeping duties in house instead of out sourcing will save the town over \$20,000 per year and supply the Financial Officer with up to date information on the first of each month instead of 3 weeks late as is the current situation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED TO, create the position of full time Secretary/Bookkeeper non competitive position at the pay rate of \$12.50 hourly, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO, instruct the Town Supervisor to file a new Position Duty Statement Request with the Ulster County Civil Service Department

asking that the position of Secretary/Bookkeeper non competitive be created for the Town of Hurley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO, hire a competent worker to fill this position and receive training from the software provider to use the current Accounting Program and computer system already owned by the town and complete all bookkeeping duties in house, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED TO, retain outside accounting services to audit town books each fiscal quarter as needed.

Councilwoman Hyman voted aye, councilwoman Horner voted aye, Councilman Gill voted nay, Councilwoman Briggs voted nay, Supervisor Bellows voted nay
The resolution failed.

Resolution 2008-166

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Approve 2009 Budget

Seconded by Councilman Gill

BE IT RESOLVED TO adopt the town budget with the changes that were announced tonight.

ALL VOTED AYE

Resolution 2008-167

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Hire Attorney Michael Jordan

Seconded By Councilman Gill

BE IT RESOLVED to hire Michael Jordan to represent the Town for the easement agreement for the Bristol Hill subdivision at a fee of \$175. per hour.

All Voted Aye

Resolution 2008-168

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Reduce Speed on Rosa Lane

Seconded by Councilman Gill

WHEREAS, the speed limit established for the Town of Hurley is 30 MPH

WHEREAS, residents of Rosa Lane have submitted a petition requesting a reduction in speed limit from 30 MPH to 15 MPH, and

WHEREAS, Rosa Lane is a very small dead end street measuring 12 feet wide by .027 miles in length, with very limited sight distance, and

WHEREAS, the safety of the residents, pedestrians and motorists would be better served, so

THEREFORE, NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED, to instruct the Town Clerk to file a TE9 form with the DOT that requests a speed limit of 15 MPH on Rosa Lane

Supervisor Bellows voted aye, Councilman Gill voted aye, Councilwoman Horner voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye and Councilwoman Hyman voted aye
The resolution passed

Resolution 2008-169

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Transfer Station Fees

Seconded by Councilman Gill

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley Transfer Station was established to operate on a self-sustaining basis and;

WHEREAS, the fees collected for solid waste disposal are the primary source of revenue to operate on a self sustaining basis and;

WHEREAS, the cost of waste disposal and transportation has increased and this increased cost has been covered by the revenues received from the sale of scrap iron and;

WHEREAS, the price for scrap iron has declined recently and will be increased from \$.08 per pound to \$.085 per pound, to the nearest \$.25, effective January 1, 2009.

Pounds Up to=	Pounds Up to=	Pounds Up to=	Pounds Up to=	Pounds Up to =
2-.25	37- 3.25	73-6.25	108-9.25	143-12.25
5-.50	40-3.50	75-6.50	111-9.50	146-12.50
8-.75	43-3.75	78-6.75	114-9.75	149-12.75
11-1.00	46-4.00	81-7.00	117-10.00	153-13.00
14-1.25	49-4.25	84-7.25	120-10.25	155-13.25
17-1.50	52-4.50	87-7.50-	123-10.50	158-13.50
20-1.75	55-4.75	90-7.75	125-10.75	161-13.75
23-2.00	58-5.00	93-8.00	128-11.00	164-14.00
25-2.25	61-5.25	96-8.25	131-11.25	167-14.25
28-2.50	64-5.50	99-8.50	134-11.50	170-14.50
31-2.75	67-5.75	102-8.75	137-11.75	173-14.75
34-3.00	70-6.00	105-9.00	140-12.00	175-15.00

All voted Aye

Resolution 2008-170
Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Balance accounts
Seconded by Councilman Gill

Resolved to increase account A 110.4 Justice CE by \$237.41 and decrease Account 1110.1 by \$237.41

And

Increase account A7110.4 Parks CE by \$3.46 and decrease Account 71109.1 by \$3.46

And

Increase account A8090.4 Environmental Controls by \$2,555.40 and decrease Account A1990.4 Contingency by \$2,555.40

All voted aye

Resolution 2008-171

Approve Zoning Revisions

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley previously held a public hearing for the Revisions to our Zoning Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board passed a resolution accepting the changes, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Planning Board has failed to act on these revisions within a thirty day period,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Board accepts these revisions without comment from the Ulster County Planning Board.

Supervisor Bellows voted aye, Councilman Gill voted aye, Councilwoman Horner voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye, Councilwoman Hyman voted aye
The resolution passed.

Proposed Resolutions for Town Board Meeting

1. Two Resolutions for Coalition of Watershed Towns
2. Appointment of Stormwater Management Officer

From the Floor

1. Roy Hochberg asked about using the courts digital recording machine. Supervisor Bellows said we could ask.

2. Doris Licht thought for the quality of the recording we needed she found one we could purchase at a reasonable cost.
3. Virginia Starke thought the town tree looked beautiful.

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

Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk