

A Town Board Meeting was  
held on November 24 @ 7:00 PM  
at the Town Hall

*Presiding:* Supervisor Bellows

*Attending:* Councilman Gill, Councilwoman Briggs, Councilwoman Horner, Councilwoman Hyman, Transfer Station Manager Jim Craven and 15 member of the public.

**Resolution # 2008-172**

Offered by Councilwoman Briggs

**Motion to accept the minutes**

Seconded By Councilman Gill

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the October minutes.

ALL VOTED AYE

**Resolution # 2008-173**

Offered by Councilman Gill

**Claims and Vouchers**

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the audited voucher listed on Warrant # 08 11 dated 11/121/08 in the total amount of \$269,493.02  
Charged as follows:

General Fund \$ 170,366.24

Highway Fund: \$ 84,052.28

Lighting: \$ 613.05

Trust & Agency: \$ 2,134.52

Capital Projects: H \$12,326.93

ALL VOTED AYE

**Resolution # 2008-174**

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

**Town Clerks Report**

Seconded by Councilwoman Horner

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks Report.

ALL VOTED AYE

**Resolution # 2008-175**

Offered By Councilwoman Briggs

**Supervisor Report**

Seconded by Councilman Gill

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report.

ALL VOTED AYE

**TOWN BOARD BUSINESS**

1. We reviewed and passed the 2009 budget at the Agenda meeting and one of the things that was sort of a blessing was Help America Vote Act the legislature has given us \$34, 454 which is down from the \$43,000+. So the budget was passed at about a 5% raise. Supervisor Bellows said the board did a great job.
2. Michael Jordan was hired as attorney to represent the town for the grant that we are getting for the drainage at Bristol Hill so we can start this work come springtime.
3. Supervisor Bellows received a letter from NYSERDA. If the project is approved, John Calhoun was recommended to us by NYSERDA as a professional engineer who works with solar energy. Hopefully we'll get the go ahead from the housing authority to begin our interviews and look for springtime to start work on the solar panels here at the town hall.
4. We have received from Dept of Social Services applications which will be distributed to the Highway Dept, Social Service director Margie Holzman, and the Town Board. If anyone needs to apply for winter emergency fuel from Nov to May they will have the applications.
5. Councilwoman Hyman gave an update on the Lower Esopus. They had a meeting at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday last week. They showed the DVD of the Esopus. People were so impressed that the DEC and DEP have asked for a copy. Based on a lot of the work that we have done it is a pretty simple that flooding happens with rivers. One of the ways to avoid any problems with that is not to be living in the flood zone. They will having a meeting with the DEC and the Nature Conservancy.
6. We received a letter from UC Dept of Social Services. They are doing a great job getting ready for this winter in such difficult times. They are looking for donations. Tax deductible donations should be sent to Laura Walzer, UC Department of Social Services, 1091 Development Court, Kingston, New York. Checks should be payable to UC Children's

Celebration Fund. All monetary donations will go towards the purchase of gifts, food, baskets and fuel vouchers for the children and seniors.

7. Central Catskills Collaborative update from Councilwoman Hyman. It was her first meeting with them and its basically Route 28 (Olive) all the way to Andies. They are trying to get 28 to be a scenic byway. If they are a scenic byway there more grants available to them.

8. We have received more information and tips on what consumers need to know about heating a home with propane and gas heaters. There are all sorts of information. We'll post it and leave copies in the Town Clerk's office.

9. We also got more information about the winter watch. Cythina Ruaz at UCAT has asked that localities have a park and ride. We have offered our parking lot. If the parking lot out here has a regular schedule we'll let you know and certainly post it.

10. I just wanted to let everybody know that with computers and other electronics it's getting harder to dispose of them. Here the website for SAMrecovery.com to get more information about getting rid of electronics.

11. We were looking to install a time clock in the New Year at the town hall. Councilwoman Hyman did the research. There is one from Staples for about \$230. It can handle up to 50 employees is very easy to use with battery backup.

12. Councilwoman Horner spoke with the Judges about conflicts between scheduling committees and departments in different rooms. The court was giving us a problem because of trials and those trials can go over into the next day. There was a discussion about putting up a partition to separate the court from the rest of the building. Supervisor Bellows said we would look into what's available.

13. We had two residences on Brinks Lane that have put in for the flood buy-out request into UC. We wish these people the best.

14. Wally Cook who has been our rail trail rep is also with the Hurley Heritage Society. He told Supervisor Bellows that the burial sign for the Old Cemetery which the town owns is in bad shape and looking for a replacement. He recieved a price from Timely Signs for \$425.00 and \$85.00 installation and he was looking for approval from the board to go ahead and purchase it. The Town Boards gave their approval.

15. Time Warner has come out with their national teacher's award and they are going to reward 15 people based on the innovative use of cable television and technology in the classroom. We will post the info on the bulletin board in the town hall.

#### **Resolution 2008 #176**

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

#### **Watershed Rules and Regulations**

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") has released proposed amendments to the New York City Watershed Rules and Regulations ("W&R"); and

**WHEREAS**, the DEP has announced its intention to commence the public comment process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Hurley has reviewed the proposed amendments to the WR&R; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board believes that the proposed amendments will increase costs to the local residents of the watershed without any additional funding to address those cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEP has not demonstrated a technical justification for the proposed changes and has not issued or released information on the cost to comply with these amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEP has not identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, New York City is attempting to shift the cost of avoiding filtering its water supply to some of the poorest communities within New York State.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

The Town of Hurley respectfully submits its formal objection to the adoption of the proposed amendments to the WR&R as currently proposed since the DEP has neither

demonstrated a need for these proposed changes nor identified the water quality benefits that would result from such proposed amendments or made arrangements for funding the incremental costs arising there from.

Supervisor Bellows voted aye, Councilwoman Briggs voted aye, Councilwoman Horner abstained; Councilwoman Hyman voted nay and Councilman Gill aye. The resolution passed 3-1

**Resolution 2008 #177**

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

**Natural Gas Mining**

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner, Emily Lloyd, has submitted a letter to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, Peter Grannis, requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) adopt rules or regulations that would regulate natural gas mining within the New York City Watershed more stringently including banning natural gas mines within a one mile radius of any reservoir or reservoir stem: and

**WHEREAS**, DEC has announced that it is preparing a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement to Evaluate the environmental impacts associated with natural gas mining using horizontal drilling in the Marcellus Shale; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no scientific basis to regulate natural gas mining within the New York City Watershed Counties in a manner different or more stringent then elsewhere in New York State.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

The Town of Hurley respectfully requests that DEC not adopt any special regulations or policies which limit or regulate natural gas mining in the New York City Watershed Counties in a manner different from the restrictions that apply state-wide.

All Voted Aye

**Resolution 2008 #178**

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

**Appointment Zoning Board**

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Andrew Zell to the Zoning Board with a term ending 12/31/2012  
All Voted Aye

**Resolution 2008-#179**

Offered by Councilwoman Horner

**Audio File for TB Meeting**

Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

WHEREAS the written Hurley Town Board minutes are of great interest to the public, as is evident by the 3727 website visits in October 2008 alone, of which many of the viewings were in the minutes category and

WHEREAS there is a normal delay between the meeting day and the date of the published minutes

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to assist the public in their search for information on the Hurley website by adding a meeting audio file to the Town Board website.

All Voted Aye

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

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Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk