

A Town Board Meeting was  
held on October 27 @ 7:00 PM  
at West Hurley

*Presiding:* Supervisor Bellows

*Attending:* Councilman Gill, Councilwoman Briggs, Councilwoman Horner, Councilwoman Hyman, Code Enforcement officer Glen Hoffstatter, and 15 member of the public.

**Resolution # 2008-154**

Offered by Councilwoman Hyman

**Motion to accept the minutes**

Seconded By Councilwoman Horner

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the September minutes.

ALL VOTED AYE

**Resolution # 2008-155**

Offered by Councilwoman Horner

**Claims and Vouchers**

Seconded by Councilwoman Hyman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the audited voucher listed on Warrant # 08 10 dated 10/22/2008 in the total amount of \$141,968.89  
Charged as follows:

General Fund \$ 42,295.27

Highway Fund: \$ 49,617.14

Lighting: \$ 597.99

Trust & Agency: \$ 2,023.22

Capital Projects: H \$47,435.27

ALL VOTED AYE

**Resolution # 2008-156**

Offered by Councilwoman Horner

**Town Clerks Report**

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks Report.

ALL VOTED AYE

**Resolution # 2008-157**

Offered By Councilman Gill

**Supervisor Report**

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report.

ALL VOTED AYE

**TOWN BOARD BUSINESS**

John Vickers, Michael Kight, and Steve Shindler from the DEP gave a Presentation on the Ashokan Reservoir Waste Channel Operations

**A. What is the Waste channel?**

The waste channel runs from the Ashokan Screen Chamber to the Little Beaver Kill and then the old Esopus Creek bed before it joins the Esopus Creek.

It provides ability to release water from Ashokan Reservoir to the old Esopus Stream bed.

**B. Why is it important?**

Provides ability to waste the turbid waters entering the west basin from the upper Esopus Creek to ensure better quality water

Use of the waste channel for water quality purpose provides an additional benefit helping to create a void in the west basin to capture runoff

Provides ability to release water from the Ashokan Reservoir for Dam safety

**C. How is it used?**

Coordination is made with Ashokan Field Campus, AFI and notifications are made to the UC EMO, downstream Supervisors, Kingston and Saugerties prior to wasting water

Monitored 24 hrs per day from WSCC and physical inspections 2x per day

1. Last Thursday we took a look at the proposed budget for 2009. Supervisor Bellows listened to a lot of comments and was able to take some of the numbers that were spoken about and plug those back into the budget. He has redistributed those new numbers to the town board tonight.

2. The Ulster County supervisors association met and there were quite a few legislators involved and the hot topic was the Help America Vote Act. Generally Hurley in the previous

years when the Town Clerk ran the election the amount was about \$14,000. The new proposal from UC was that the Town of Hurley would have to come up with \$54,780 to run their election. They generally have taken over the election process and this is due to the new computerized computers. The legislators have agreed to go back and take a good look at this and come out with a better number for the Town.

3. Supervisor Bellows talked to the board about our town attorney Jack Darwark who would not be able to represent us with an agreement that we're going to look for with Bristol Hill for drainage project there. One of the people who has worked for the town before is Paul Keller and he also has a conflict of interest also with one of the owners. So we are looking at another attorney to represent the town on a short term basis to get this agreement together.

4. Library update Councilwoman Horner met with three trustees and they still have a lot of questions. They will be meeting on Thursday.

5. Tulip bulbs were distributed to different organizations and the rail trail has received a bunch of them. We have asked the Town Historian to get involved in the celebration and report back to us.

6. Historic Preservation Commission has tentatively set up a meeting for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

7. Lester Hornig sent a letter thanking the Highway crew for a great job done in West Hurley.

8. The Town Board said it was ok for Supervisor Bellows to start filling out the paper work for solar panels for the town hall using the grant we received from Senator Bonacic.

9. The Lions Club will be putting the new LED lights on the Christmas tree on Saturday.

10. Time Warner Cable Contract is up for renewal.

11. We are still struggling with the OWB law because of the ever changing environment. There are new stoves coming out and the board feels we should not restrict someone in the future. We are looking to change the orderly process of the law to go before the zoning and planning board.

11. The Levon Helm concert at the Gill farm stand went well with a good turnout.

12. At 6:00 we had the Zoning Revision Committee come in and go over public information. We will have a public hearing if we decide to move forward on the suggestions to the Town Board.

13. The leaf pick-up will be in November. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in West Hurley and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks for Old Hurley.

14. The Liability policy has come due and we are pleased to say that for a policy this size the increase was about \$1300. The Town Board gave permission for Supervisor Bellows to renew the policy.

15. The Myer School asked permission to have a clothing and toy drive at the Town Hall on Election Day. The Town Board agreed.

#### **Resolution # 2008-158**

Offered By Councilwoman Briggs

#### **Halloween Curfew**

Seconded by Councilwoman Horner

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hurley Town Board adopts a Halloween Curfew to be 7:30 PM on Friday, October 31, 2008 for all persons 16 and under unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

ALL VOTED AYE

#### **Resolution 2008 #159**

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

#### **Birch St Drainage Amendment**

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to have Arold Paving do the paving for Birch Street for additional \$24,850 and purchase blacktop at the Ulster County price.

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

#### **Resolution 2008 #160**

Offered by Councilwoman Briggs

#### **Tennis Court Surface**

Seconded by Supervisor Bellows

BE IT RESOLVED that we add on a \$1350.00 fee for the three coat acrylic color coding system for the two tennis courts at the West Hurley Park.

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

**From the Floor**

Roy Hochberg said that the legislative meeting is live on the internet  
Mike Shultis asked there would be another public hearing on the 2009 budget.

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

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Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk