

A Town Board Meeting was held
Sept.23, 2013 @ 7:00PM
at the Town Hall

Presiding: Supervisor Bellows

Attending: Councilman Gill Councilman Dittus, Councilwoman Zell , Councilman Briggs, and 18 members of the public.

Resolution # 2013-105

Offered by Councilwoman Zell

BE IT RESOLVED TO accept the August minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes

Seconded By Councilwoman Briggs

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2013-106

Offered by Councilwoman Zell

Claims and Vouchers

Seconded by Councilman Dittus

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the audited voucher listed on Warrant # 2013-9
Dated 09/19/2013 in the total amount of \$224,028.87
Charged as follows:

General Fund \$36,192.85
Trust & Agency-\$2949.33
Capital Accounts-

Highway Fund: \$184,140.71
Lighting and Special Districts-\$745.98

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2013-107

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Town Clerks Report

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerks Report.

All Voted Aye

Resolution # 2013-108

Offered By Councilwoman Briggs

Supervisor Report

Seconded by Councilman Dittus

All Board Members have received their financials

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Supervisors report for August.

All Voted Aye

Town Board Business

1. All residents enrolled in the Star program need to renew their application by December 31, 2013. Visit their website at www.tax.ny.gov or call (518)457-2036
2. There is still time to comment on the NYS Health Dept. website on the waiver for Filter Avoidance Determination (FAD) at fadcomments@health.state.ny.us
3. We hope County Executive Hein and Assemblyman Cahill will come to agreement on the Safety Net. We are the only county that passes down the costs to the towns. It has become harder each year to estimate the budget with the costs going up each year.
4. Reappointment of our Town Assessor for the new term October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2019.
5. Lifeline Telephone Service is available for income eligible residents. Information is on the town bulletin board or on the town website.
6. The Town Board approved the sale of the compost to one contractor.
7. Woodland and Wayside easements are still needed to proceed with the drainage project. We hope to have the bids go out in early spring.
8. 2014 Budget sheets have been received by the Supervisor and are being sent to the accountant.

9. C T Male had pictures of the solar panels that would be used at the Town Hall. We have had seven inquiries about the bidding for the project.
10. The court grant resolution was passed at the Agenda meeting.
11. Hurley is going join the towns of Olive, Marbletown,, Saugerties and Ulster the village of Saugerties and city of Kingston to form a group that will focus on the problems of the Lower Esopus.
12. We hope to have the Public Hearing for the moratorium on fracking next month.
13. West Hurley park lights under and around the pavilion were not working. We will have Mayone Electric, Inc. take a look at what needs to be done. With it getting dark earlier it makes it easy for vandalism to happen at the park.

Resolution #2013-109

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Appointment of Assessor

Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint William Marks as Sole Assessor for the term beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30 2019.

All Voted Aye

Resolution #2013-110

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Seconded by Councilman Dittus

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley currently participates in the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in Compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and,

WHEREAS Mitigation Plan updates are mandatory on a five-year cycle following FEMA approval in order to comply with the Disaster Mitigation Act and,

WHEREAS as Ulster County has received grant funding and has elected to use it's funding to lead the effort for a multi-jurisdictional plan update and,

WHEREAS Ulster County has invited the Town of Hurley to participate with them in this important update and,

WHEREAS by participating in the process, the Town of Hurley will maintain Compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 once FEMA approves the final updated plan and the Town of Hurley Board formally adopts it,

SO LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town of Hurley has opted to participate in the update of the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and has committed to participating in the development of an updated Countywide, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and has authorized the following two individuals: Glenn Hoffstatter and John Dittus (Representative and Alternate respectively) as local members to serve on the Multi-Jurisdictional Core Planning Group and to actively participate as requested throughout the planning process.

All Voted Aye

Resolution #2013-111

Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Lower Esopus Coalition

Seconded by Councilman Gill

WHEREAS, the Esopus Creek flows through the Town of Hurley and several other municipalities in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, for the last three years, communities below the dam of the Ashokan Reservoir have been subjected to periodic flows of turbid water in the Esopus Creek; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that are located to the south and to the east of the Ashokan Reservoir have been unable to convince New York State and New York City officials that the filtration avoidance process should not come at the expense of their residents or property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley is interested in exploring the possibility of entering into an agreement with other municipalities to form a Coalition of Lower Esopus Communities (hereinafter "CLEC") to negotiate, on behalf of the Town of Ulster and other affected municipalities, issues and concerns regarding the Lower Esopus Creek and Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the intent of CLEC would be to form a partnership with the authority to conduct public hearings, conduct surveys, and engage in all activity, within the limits of applicable State and Federal Law, that is necessary and appropriate to, *inter alia*, enhancing water quality and stream function for its member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, CLEC may be charged with analyzing the financial, technical, and legal issues related to floodplain management to enable the member municipalities to reach sound judgments in exercising their authority with regard to such matters as water quality and stream function; and

WHEREAS, all members of CLEC would individually reserve the right to approve, disapprove, or amend any agreements so negotiated on their behalf; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED, that the Town of Hurley does hereby express interest in forming a Coalition of Lower Esopus Communities for the purpose of banding together in mutual interest for the protection and preservation of the Lower Esopus Valley and Watershed; and it is further

RESOLVED that a committee of the Town Board, to be appointed by the Town Supervisor, enter into discussions with the Towns of Ulster, Marbletown, and Olive, and any other interested municipality, for the purpose of forming the Coalition of Lower Esopus Communities; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town of Hurley does hereby reserve the right to refrain from joining the Coalition of Lower Esopus Communities should the terms and conditions of joining the organization prove to be unacceptable to the Board.

All Voted Aye

Resolution #2013-112
Offered by Supervisor Bellows

Amended Highway Expenditure
Seconded by Councilwoman Briggs

BE IT RESOLVED to have the Supervisor sign off on the amended Agreement for the Expenditures of Highway Moneys.

All Voted Aye

From the Departments

- 1. Councilwoman Zell read a letter from Rev Stickley. They were pleased with the paving done on Griffin Drive.
- 2. Diane Cline reported that the next two trips were Radio City in November and Do your own thing in NYC in December.
- 3. Supervisor Bellows offered condolences to the families of Elizabeth Askue and Kaufman.

From the Floor

- 1. Tobe Carey thanked the Town Board for putting the moratorium on fracking on the Agenda.

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

Judy Mayhon, Town Clerk