

TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING (03)

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

7:20 pm – To consider applying for one or more applications through the 2021 Consolidated Funding Application process for Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities and/or Community Planning

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7:06 PM
MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL by Town Clerk, Suzanne Reavy:

TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN
TOWN COUNCILMAN JOHN MORROW
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO
TOWN COUNCILMAN CLAYTON VAN KLEECK
SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3rd

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Warren Tutt, Building Inspector
2. Frank Petramale, Highway Superintendent
3. Jason Kovacs, Town Attorney
4. Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman

~~ ALL AGENDA ITEMS (MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS) ARE MADE VIA ROLL CALL VOTE ~~

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

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COMMUNICATIONS –

Reavy: Email correspondence received from city of Kingston resident, Clark Richters – a repetitive request asking the town to put funds received from Spectrum franchise fees toward public access television. Latest request for \$5,000.

Supervisor: We have had a number of communications to request town of Ulster funding. City of Kingston stopped supporting public access Tv, then it was exiled to Town of Esopus; currently all volunteer, no live shows. For year 2021, Richters desires to fund public access tv.

Councilman Morrow: I do not personally think we should fund it. I get DirectTV and I do not get that channel. Not all providers use that channel.

Councilman Secreto: Like Suzy said, we use other methods to provide information to the public.

Supervisor: Our 2021 budget is locked in. Our revenue is challenged, and this is not in budget.

**REQUEST FOR MOTION *NOT* TO FUND PUBLIC ACCESS TV FOR 2021
(2021-M-39)**

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

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New Business:

Presentation of Tax Collection Data to January 31, 2021

Supervisor: Town satisfied tax collection amount today and Town Clerk sent letter to UC Department of Finance notifying them of such.

Reavy: 73% of total taxes have been collected to date.

Motion to accept the resignation of MEO Molinaro in the Highway Dept. effective 2/12/21 (2021-M-40)

[presented by Councilman Secreto]

Secreto: Last day is 2/12/2021. Leaving in good faith.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Supervisor Quigley

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to authorize the Police Chief to purchase one 2021 Police Interceptor Gas Utility patrol vehicle under the County of Westchester Contract # RFB-WC-19023 from Beyer Ford for \$35,974.75 (2021-M-41)

Supervisor: Notes that last four police vehicles have been hybrid models.

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MOTION: Supervisor Quigley
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to declare one 2015 Police Ford Interceptor and one 2016 Police Ford Interceptor as surplus and authorize the Public Bid of the sale (2021-M-42)

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the 2021 Poll Site Agreement (2021-M-43)

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

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Old Business:

Resolution granting a one-year extension of amended site plan approval for Ulster Hospitality, LLC, w/consent of 1561 Ulster Properties, LLC (2021-R-44)

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD
Site Plan Approval Extension
Ulster Hospitality, LLC w/ consent of 1561 Ulster Properties, LLC

SBL 39.82-2-7.119
1581 Ulster Avenue (U.S. Route 9W)

WHEREAS, the applicant – Ulster Hospitality, LLC w/ consent of 1561 Ulster Properties, LLC – received Site Plan Amendment approval on September 19, 2019 by the Town of Ulster Town Board to construct a 100-room hotel on the pad site at 1581 Ulster Avenue, Lake Katrine, NY 12449; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ulster Town Code Section 145-13(A), construction of an approved site plan shall be commenced within twelve (12) months from the date of approval, or else the approval shall expire; and

WHEREAS, construction of the approved site plan did not commence prior to September 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ulster Hospitality, LLC w/ consent of 1561 Ulster Properties, LLC is requesting a one (1) year extension of the amended site plan approval; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster Town Board has determined it is in the best interest of the Town of Ulster to extend the amended site plan approvals; and

WHEREAS, Ulster Town Code Section 145-14 grants the Town Board the power to vary or waive the provisions of Chapter 145, where, in its judgment, the circumstances justify such variance or waiver upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate provided that such variation and/or waiver promotes the health or general welfare and orderly growth; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the amended site plan approval heretofore granted on September 19, 2019, shall be amended as follows: the approval granted by the Town Board on September 19, 2019 shall be deemed to have expired unless construction of the approved development shall be

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actually commenced no later than September 19, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon payment by Ulster Hospitality, LLC w/ consent of 1561 Ulster Properties, LLC of any applicable extension fees.

Supervisor: Adjacent to Care Mount. Original application was in 2019. Due to Covid-19 effects on marketplace and to town of Ulster operations, site plan expired in September, 2020 and is being presented now.

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Motion to set Public Hearing for February 18, 2021 at 7:10 PM for Local Law No. ___ of 2021, A Local Law Providing for the Creation of an Office of Town Comptroller (2021-M-45)

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

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Motion to set Public Hearing for February 18, 2021 at 7:15 PM for Local Law No. ___ of 2021, Fill and Grading Law of the Town of Ulster (2021-M-46)

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Resolution Adopting the 2021 Town Fee Schedule (2021-R-47)

Resolution of Town Board of the Town of Ulster Adopting a Fee Schedule to Take Effect January 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulster is authorized to set all fees, deposits, and costs by resolution of the Town Board pursuant to adopted local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the schedule of fees, deposits, and costs is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit "A" annexed hereto, effective as of January 1, 2021.

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

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Mark Blauer, Town Grant Writer

To Explain Purpose of this Public Hearing

Worked on many projects since 1983. Last July, we should have had opportunity for 2020 grant submission, for an amount not to exceed \$750,000. That round never happened. Program schedule just recently announced for a 3/5/2021 grant submission. Ideas to be considered tonight for future projects. 3/5 projects to be acted on in June or July. This is the 2020 program. May be a separate 2021 program in summer or fall. This is US Dept of HUD money appropriated by Congress to various states. NY runs through the Dept of Community Renewal. Any given year, 1/4 – 1/3 of applicants are funded. For the most part, we have been picking good, competitive projects. We have an advantage in that Spring Lake has been established as qualified due to its income surveys already completed. We are successfully completing Phase 1 of Spring Lake low pressure sewer project. This grant ceiling is for \$1M; most likely no need for local money. Spring Lake Phase 2 sewer district is very viable to be funded. We must be open to other suggested projects.

Dennis Larios, Town Engineer

Preliminary design done for Phase 2 in 2018, will only have to make a few changes. In Phase 1, Spring Lake Drive and Saccoman were squeezed in. Sound ideas and items will be included in Phase 2. We are ready to go and we can have a strong application.

MOTION to Open Public Hearing (7:27 PM) (2021-M-48)

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Regis Obijiski, 170 Ledge Road (Vice-Chair, Townofulstercitizens.org)
Reads prepared statement (attached) in favor of Phase 2 Spring Lake public sewer.
Asking if rules allow, to allow a one-time partial stiped that would assist neighbors with hook-up costs.
2. Laura Hartmann, 44 Catskill Avenue (Chair, Townofulstercitizens.org)
Reads prepared statement (attached) in support of completing the Phase 2 Spring Lake public sewer project. Requesting if any left over funds can be given to residents who cannot afford to complete the connection process.

MOTION to Close Public Hearing (7:30 PM) (2021-M-49)

MOTION: Councilman Secreto
SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT -

1. Councilman Van Kleeck: Update on Police Reform Committee
In January, committee had two public formats, which were effective. Committee taking public input and incorporating input into draft proposal. Met last night and meeting again next week; will have proposal to town board by the end of February, to be reviewed at the March workshop meeting. March town board meeting, the proposal will have to be voted on and signed off on, to be received in Albany by April 1. Thanks everyone involved. All are volunteers. Thanks Regis (Obijiski) and Laura (Hartmann) for their research. This has been a difficult task but worthwhile.

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Supervisor: When will document be available for distribution so that town board members have opportunity to review before the March workshop meeting?

Van Kleeck: Assuming it is approved next Thursday (2/11), it may be available Friday (2/12). We will include research material and relevant information.

2. Laura Hartmann: Informs Town Board that Roz Start, 101, is in the hospital and not doing well.

Councilman Secreto: Board wishes her the best.

MOTION to adjourn: 7:36 pm (2021-M-50)

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy
Ulster Town Clerk