

TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING (15)

August 5, 2021

CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPUTY SUPERVISOR MORROW at 7:00 PM

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 – *Excused*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Warren Tutt, Building Inspector
2. Kyle Berardi, Police Chief
3. Eight town residents
- 4.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA –

Deputy Supervisor changes agenda item regarding “Halcyon Park Playground Equipment” from “\$16,800” to “an amount not to exceed \$21,000”

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

COMMUNICATIONS –

1. Letter read from Eileen Murphy, asking why nothing has been done involving the two way traffic between Ulster Gardens and Quail Drive.
2. Letter read from Mark Molinaro, Engineer, NYSDOT, stating receipt of town board’s request for a speed study on Quail Drive.
3. Letter read from Tara Rogerson, Sawmill Road, asking the town board not to support legislation mandating medical intervention/vaccination, lockdowns, mask wearing, and depriving the right to congregate.
4. Letter read from Jessica Van Kleeck, concern for 188 Wrentham St property, displaying vulgar flags.

New Business:

Acknowledgement of Suzanne Reavy’s award for Registered Municipal Clerk

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Resolution to authorize the Town Court to make application for the 2022 Court Grant with Judge Susan Kesick and Supervisor Quigley being authorized to sign the Grant Paperwork (2021-R-196)

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF ULSTER

Resolution Authorizing the Town of Ulster Justice Court to Apply for the 2021-2022 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP)

WHEREAS, the State of New York in 1999 established the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant in order to provide State assistance to Town and Village Courts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulster has determined that participation in the JCAP Grant Program is desirable, and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the maximum JCAP award is \$30,000.00, and may be used for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to office and security equipment, furniture, and renovations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster supports the submission of a JCAP Grant application in the amount of up to \$30,000.00 to the NYS Unified Court System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ulster hereby authorizes the Town of Ulster Justice Court to apply for the 2021-2022 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Van Kleeck

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

CARRIED

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Motion to authorize the Court Clerks to attend training at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, NY from September 12-15, 2021 (2021-M-197)

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

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

CARRIED

Motion to purchase Playground Equipment for Halcyon Park from Brad's Barns in the amount of \$16,880.00 (AMENDED to "an amount not to exceed \$21,000) (2021-M-198)

Secreto: Price of lumber increased.

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	-Excused

CARRIED

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Motion to approve the transfer of one full time employee from the Sewer Department to the Highway Department (2021-M-199)

(Presented by Councilman Secreto)

Michael DiFiore – MEO; Grade 6, Step 2; \$19.26/hour; start date 8/9/2021

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	-Excused

CARRIED

Motion to hire one full time Police Dispatcher (2021-M-200)

(Presented by Councilman Secreto)

Adrianna Alecca – Union; PBA; Step 1; \$17.53/hour; start date 8/6/2021

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

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Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
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CARRIED

Motion to award the bid for Contract No. TU-211, Replacement of Potable Water Storage Tank and Related Improvements for Halcyon Park Water District (2021-M-201)

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Discussion on mask wearing and Covid Testing at Town Hall facilities for Non – Vaccinated Employees

Councilman Morrow: Reiterates town policy that unvaccinated people must wear a mask in all town buildings.

Councilman Kitchen: Thanks town board for respecting individuals' rights. Other municipalities require unvaccinated employees obtain a weekly Covid test, starting Monday, 8/9/21.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kathy Boice, 184 Wrentham St
Resident of town 40 years. Nice, friendly, diverse, proud, safe neighborhood. Tolerance and patience exhausted last three months. Neighbor's political signs in front yard contain profanity and are insulting. When Does freedom of speech become greater than another's right to live peacefully?

Warren Tutt: In conversation with town attorney. Possibly modify our sign code or create ordinance. Temporary signs require an application and a fee. Our town code does not limit number of signs in yard. Temp sign law states no more than 90 days in one calendar year. Political signs exempt from temp sign code. Cannot trample on freedom of speech.

Chief Berardi: Past experience not great. Handling this matter through building department.

Councilman Secreto: Look to see what other municipalities have done to solve their problem. Not going to happen overnight.

Councilman Van Kleeck: May have to create a code. Enforceable and effective.

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MOTION to adjourn: 7:31 pm (2021-M-202)

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Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
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CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy
Ulster Town Clerk