

**TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING (20)**

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November 7, 2019

**~ Public Hearing Scheduled – 7:10 pm**

**Public Hearing on Town Budget**

**~ Public Hearing Scheduled – 7:25 pm**

**Public Hearing for Local Law \_\_\_\_\_ of 2019: A Local Law to Regulate Illegal Dumping**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR QUIGLEY, CHAIRMAN at 7:10 PM**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL by Town Clerk, Suzanne Reavy:**

TOWN COUNCILMAN JOEL B. BRINK  
TOWN COUNCILMAN ERIC KITCHEN  
DEPUTY SUPERVISOR JOHN MORROW  
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO  
SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Kyle Berardi, Police Chief
2. Kathy Moniz, Building Inspector
3. Frank Petramale, Highway Superintendent
4. Jason Kovacs, Town Attorney
5. Twelve town residents

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA— None**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS – None**

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**COMMUNICATIONS** –

*Councilman Secreto:* Rosalyn Stark (former Eddyville resident and Democratic Committee member) 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Supervisor:* Was a longtime valued member of the Town.

**Motion to award Rosalyn Stark the Pride of the Town Award for her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

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**Public Hearing on Town Budget**

**Motion to Open the Public Hearing (7:15 pm)**

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Vicki Lucarini, 171 Ledge Road  
[Reads from handout] Opposes the 3.36% property tax increase; median household income is \$50K;
2. Josephine Reina, Brigham St.  
In 2019, Callanan's taxes were \$9500; how can property taxes be increased? Big burden on East Kingston. East Kingston needs reprieve.
3. Wayne Spanier, Lakeview Ave.  
Seconds those comments. Town has a surplus.
4. Karin Spanier, Lakeview Ave.  
Tremendous burden on property owners. Recently County buying parcel at Tech City. Can we revitalize the Town's Economic Development Committee? Mr. John Iannotti was on the committee – a brilliant person.

Supervisor: The committee existed for 10 years, and only active five years. Town facing opposition now. County did not purchase Bank of America property but foreclosed on it; filed the deed Friday morning (11/1/19) and Tech City owner filed bankruptcy on Sunday. Town is responsive to needs; not enough businesses want to come to Ulster County. Central Hudson is a six month approval process whereas in other towns it would be two years.

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5. Regis Obijiski, Ledge Road  
[Reads from handout – attached]

6. Josephine Reina  
Cannot get past Callanan paying only \$9500 in taxes.

*Supervisor:* No full value reassessment since 2003; it is a \$500,000 expenditure. We expect a discussion of a full-value reassessment in the next year. Scenic Hudson is buying land which will be taken off of the tax base. Bottom line – general fund spending is largely personnel.

*Councilman Secreto:* Regarding budget –each councilmember getting a \$400 raise and will not accept a raise.

*Supervisor:* Previous budget stated \$1000 raise for councilmen.

*Councilman Secreto:* Not accepting a raise.

**Motion to Close the Public Hearing (7:40 pm)**

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

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**New Business:**

**Presentation of Resolution Adopting the Town Budget for 2019**

To be voted on at the next meeting

**Motion to authorize the transfer from General Fund to Salt Shed Capital Project of \$78,655.72 for construction and engineering expenses**

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Morrow

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

**Motion to authorize the hiring of two part time Police Officers**

*Presented by Councilman Brink who requests **Roll Call Vote on each hire***

1. Christopher Smith: start date 11/8/19; \$21.61/hour; completed Phase I

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Brink	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

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2. Nolan Secreto: start date 11/8/19; \$21.61/hour; completed Phase I

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Brink	-Yes
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Yes
Town Councilman Morrow	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	- <b>ABSTAIN</b>
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Motion authorizing the Town Clerk to attend the Association of Towns Training School, February 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in NYC**

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

**Discussion on appointing the TOU Town Delegate for the Annual Business Session for the Association of Towns**

*Supervisor:* Meeting is 2/19/20 in NYC. Proposes Suzanne Reavy (previously James Maloney was the Town Delegate).

*Councilman Morrow:* If Suzanne is the delegate, extend her time at Training School until February 19

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**Motion to appoint the Suzanne Reavy as Town Delegate for the Annual Business Session for the Association of Towns and Modify Previous Motion to Extend Stay at Training School until February 19<sup>th</sup>**

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

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**Public Hearing for Local Law \_\_\_\_\_ of 2019: A Local Law to Regulate Illegal Dumping**

*Supervisor:* New law to impose enough penalties to enforce this law and we will need technology.

**Motion to open the Public Hearing (7:47 PM)**

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Brink

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

**~No Public Comment~**

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**Motion to close the Public Hearing (7:48 PM)**

MOTION: Councilman Morrow

SECOND: Councilman Kitchen

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

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**Public Comment**

1. Regis Obijiski, On Behalf of Townofulstercitizens.org

Extends congratulations to newly elected and reelected officials and hopes for the ability to continue to work together.

2. Ron Miller, Ulster Landing Road

Rise in amount of gunfire from the nearby range, sometimes into the night.

*Chief Berardi*: Currently the fall cycle at the range and there is night fire. Just finishing up and soon there will be reprieve. Other agencies use the range: Kingston, DEC, UCSO.

*Supervisor*: Town cut schedule in half of what it was four years ago.

*Councilman Secreto*: Fall fire as opposed to summer as it gets darker earlier.

3. Donna Ferrendino, East Kingston  
Why is Callanan blasting again?

*Supervisor*: Built 300 feet of wall as opposed to 1000' (at base of mountain); contractors recently applied 300 tons of pressure on the top of the mountain and it didn't move. They finished safety project and addressed potential hazards with the Town and now they can go back and do their work.

*DF*: Now they can blast safely and shake the houses? Meeting next week?

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*Supervisor*; Mining permit granted in 1957. Nothing the town can do outside of planning and zoning.

4. John Iannotti, Sunrise Ave  
Congratulations to newly elected.  
Member of Economic Development Committee, which has not met for some time. Tried to work with agencies to improve business climate. Learned recently that our population is same, there is a change – new eyes and voices. Encourages Board to reconvene the committee soon to hear voices and replace Jim Maloney. Would behoove us as the town to work in conjunction with State, SUNY New Paltz, and County to work with engineering programs and technological institutions.

*Supervisor*: Peggy (King) will arrange a meeting next week: November 14 or 15.

5. Supervisor: Received JT Boyd Firm (independent geological firm that the town hired) report which will be published on the Town Website. This firm used in other locations around NYS. Vincent Scovazzo, Ph. D., director of geotechnical services, will be present at the 11/21/19 meeting to answer questions. [published on the Town Website under the “Hamlets” tab]

~ **End Public Comment** ~

**MOTION to adjourn (7:59 pm):**

MOTION: Councilman Kitchen  
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilman Brink	-Aye
Town Councilman Kitchen	-Aye
Town Councilman Morrow	-Aye
Town Councilman Secreto	-Aye
Supervisor Quigley	-Aye

*CARRIED*

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy  
Ulster Town Clerk