

The Town Board Meeting was held on August 3, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Duke Councilman Gray Councilman Santosky
Councilman Spano Town Clerk Sommer

ABSENT:

Councilman Miller

Supervisor Duke led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Rita Dymond, wife of former Code Enforcement Officer Doug Dymond.

PRESENTATION RE: PROPOSED ULSTER COUNTY CHARTER:

Gerald Benjamin, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Professor of Political Science at the State University of New Paltz presented the proposed Ulster County Charter.

"ACCORD - THEN & NOW" "WALK MAIN STREET ACCORD":

Walter Levy shared that Friends of Historic Rochester are sponsoring the "Accord - then & Now" Main Street walk on October 7, 2006. This day will be a time for everyone to come and learn more about the history of Main Street, Accord. Food and fun and more plans will be forthcoming.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

On behalf of the Rochester Reformed Church, the Board was thanked for considering taking the necessary steps to lower the speed limit on that portion of Route 209.

The newly formed Kerhonkson/Accord Business Association will have information to present to the Planning-Zoning Committee within the next 10 days.

Several audience members had questions on the Preliminary Draft of the Comprehensive Plan. It was strongly recommended they bring their comments and concerns to the next P/Z Meeting.

Another member of the audience commended the Board for their transparency of the process of the plans update.

The Superintendent of Highways corrected misinformation printed in the Blue Stone Press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray to approve the following minutes as submitted:

July 6, 2006 Town Board Meeting
July 26, 2006 Audit/Workshop Meeting

Seconded by: Councilman Santosky Motion carried 4-0
Miller - absent

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Filed with the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

7/27/06 letter from Charles Logan, Representative of the Rochester Reformed Church re: Rt. 209 speed limit.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE: see page 3281

LEGAL MATTERS: No report
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LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supervisor Duke, and the Councilman shared the highlights of the meetings they attended as liaisons and committee members.

Supervisor Duke gave the Time Line for finalization of the Comprehensive Plan.

Listed on doors and Town Clerk's bulletin board.

Supervisor Duke encouraged attendance of the August 9th meeting to hear the final report on the Groundwater Protection Plan, 7:00pm at Town Hall.

The Code Task Force will meet in Town Hall, NOT the Community Center on August 10th at 6:00pm.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Town Board granted approval for Homeland Towers, Inc. to report and make recommendations based on the Second Phase Testing that includes: Crane access to proposed sites; Site Drive Test with transmitter, resulting in lease proposals by 8/18/06. Homeland Towers, Inc. will provide a Certificate of Insurance of which the Town will be named.

Councilman Santosky feels the town should not be in the business of making money from the cell towers and he is against that proposal.

RESOLUTIONS:

8/21/06 Special Board Meeting of Comprehensive Plan Update:

Resolution #110-2006

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Board hold a Special Meeting on 8/21/06 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall for on-going work with the Planning and Zoning Committee on the Update of the Comprehensive Plan, and further authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise same.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano Motion carried 4-0
Miller - absent

Designation of \$100,000 from General Fund to Highway Fund re: FEMA:

Resolution #111-2006

A Motion was made by Councilman Spano that the Town Board designate \$100,000 from General Fund to Highway Fund to expend money for FEMA 1589 DR-NY approved projects. Any such expenditure shall be contingent upon reimbursement from FEMA.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray

Motion carried 4-0
Miller - absent

PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution #112-2006

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town Board schedule a Public Hearing for the Planning & Zoning Committee for the Comprehensive Plan on 8/29/06 at 7:00pm at the Accord Fire Hall.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano

Motion carried 4-0
Miller - absent

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SPEED LIMIT REQUEST:

Resolution #113-2006

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the Town Board send a letter of request to the NYS Department of Transportation requesting that the speed limit on Route 209 in Accord between Main Street and Mettakahonts Road be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano

Motion carried 4-0
Miller - absent

REQUEST FOR MONIES FOR THE TAX REFORM COMMITTEE:

The Property Tax Reform Task Force is a joint task force with Marbletown, Rosendale, Rochester and Wawarsing. Until now, Marbletown has been footing the entire bill. It would be great if each town would contribute \$1000 to the cause. The money is need to update and re-do the website.

Resolution #114-2006

Be it resolved that the Town Board approve \$1000 for the Property Tax Reform Task Force to help defray the costs for the Property Tax Reform Task Force, of which this Town is a member; and that this amount be taken from the contingency line.

There was no motion or second - not carried

A Motion was made by Councilman Gray that the August Audit/Workshop Meeting be held on 8/30/06 not 8/23/06 as voted on in Resolution #107 at the 7/26/06 Audit/Workshop Meeting.

Seconded by: Councilman Spano

Motion carried 4-0
Miller - absent

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Park Clean Up - Carl Chipman will give the Board heads up on what the plans are for clean up and what materials are needed. Everyone is welcome to participate in the Park cleanup.

NEW BUSINESS

A Staff Meeting will be held on 8/16/06 from 8 to 10am. All Board members are invited to attend. Staff evaluations will begin soon as well as the 2007 Budget.

Councilman Gray recommended that the Board recognize Marijane Knudsen for opening her store and reactivating the Hamlet of Alligerville.

Councilman Santosky recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a used 1996 school bus for the Youth Center. The cost is \$2500 and will be looked into.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Assessor Hornbeck responded to the Board of Assessment Review's report. She will submit a copy for the record.

There were questions and concerns regarding the cell towers. They were told the Board is in the process of getting all possible information to help answer their questions. It was mentioned that there is a bill in action in Washington regarding regulating revenues received from these towers. Councilman Gray will talk to Manny re: this. The Board was thanked by an audience member for their work on trying to get internet and cell service to the entire town.

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A request was made to have the speed limit enforced on Accord Main Street.

Another person spoke to the signs on the telephone poles that are offensive and that they should be taken down.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Councilman Santosky to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm.

Seconded by: Councilman Gray

Motion carried 4-0
Miller - absent

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica I. Sommer
Town Clerk/RMC