

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 15, 2009
TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE TOWN HALL
7:00 P.M.
SUMMARY**

PRESENT: Supervisor Myers
Councilman Baisley
Councilman Seminara
Councilman Conte
Councilman Cifone
Councilman Krakower
Councilman Tancredi
Town Attorney Mahar
Town Clerk Miller

AGENDA

07:15-COW1 PRESENTATION Project Sunlight
(SUPERVISOR MYERS) Mark T. Hoops, Senior Consumer
Frauds Representative for Project Sunlight, explained what topics Sunlight
offered to the public. Some topics that he spoke about that the public can view
were Campaign Finance Reports, searching grants for deserving organizations,
registered lobbyists, *Charity Telemarketers, instruction on the structure of New
York Government and how New York Government works and laws of New York
are some topics.
(For more information, check this meeting on the web)

07:15-COW2 DISCUSSION Putnam Highland Audubon / Reese
(ATTORNEY MAHAR) Sanctuary Near The Wappinger Creek
For Town To Lease For 10 Years

**THE TOWN BOARD DECIDED NOT TO LEASE THE REESE 100 ACRE BIRD
SANTUARY BECAUSE OF AN ESTIMATED \$40,000 IN PROPERTY SURVEY
WORK AND OTHER COSTS THAT WOULD COME WITH THE LEASE DEAL.
THE TOWN BOARD WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE SANCTUARY AS A GIFT IN
THE PAST DUE TO CONCERNS OVER EXPENSES.**

07:15-COW3 DISCUSSION Vassar Oaks Sewer & Coachlight
(ATTORNEY MAHAR) Estates Sewer
Town Attorney Mahar: Sent a letter to the Board concerning Vassar Oaks
Development's agreement whereby they receive sewer service through Sutton
Park Sewer District and the Arlington Sewer District. They have never been
placed on the roles. So that what we are proposing is that Vassar Oaks, as of
January 1st, 2010 pay annually \$150.00 for sewer service. This will reduce the
cost to the tax payers of Sutton Park and Coachlight. So Attorney Mahar asked
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that the Vassar Oaks 59 lots be added to the tax roll as of January 01, 2010 and be added to the Arlington Sewer District.

COUNCILMAN SEMINARA: Is it legal and fair since some people have been paying for some things they shouldn't have been paying for? Do we go back to some extent in time to correct the error?

Town Attorney Mahar: It is fair and it is legal to add these Vassar Oaks Development people to the tax rolls. I think that it would be a horrendous project to try to make anything retroactive. I think that it is fair, equitable and economically proper to go forward.

07:15-COW4 DISCUSSION Historic Resources Survey - Phase
(SUPERVISOR MYERS) II Grant Application

SUPERVISOR MYERS: We have started getting money from Phase 1 of the Historic Preservation Grant, but we have to apply for the next phase. I wanted everybody to know that this was coming so we could act on this at next week's Town Board Meeting.

07:15-COW5 AUTHORIZE Special Consent Items SC1
(ATTORNEY MAHAR) **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

PROPOSED ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION UPON SPECIAL CONSENT

07:15-SC1 DISCUSSION Fire Prevention Safety
(BUILDING INSPECTOR SICKLES) **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

COMMITTEE REPORTS
2009

1. FINANCE *Baisley, Krakower, Mahar,
Tancredi

COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: We are working with the Comptroller and doing the budget and watching it very closely.

2. FIRE ADVISORY *Baisley, Cifone, Splain
Fire Officials (Arlington, New
Hamburg, Fairview)

COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: No report.

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3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Cifone, *Conte, Krakower, Mahar
COUNCILMAN CONTE: No report.

4. LAND USE & PLANNING Conte, Hagstrom, *Seminara
(Including Cell Tower & Comp. Plan) Tancredi
COUNCILMAN SEMINARA: No report.

5. PERSONNEL Baisley, *Cifone, Conte, Mahar,
COUNCILMAN CIFONE: No report.

6. RECREATION Baisley, Cifone, Mahar,
Pfeifer, *Tancredi
COUNCILMAN TANCREDI: The summer day camp is underway. It is going very well and response from residents is very strong. It's full with a waiting list.

7. SENIOR CITIZENS Conte, Hagstrom, *Krakower,
Tancredi
COUNCILMAN KRAKOWER: No report.

8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT Cifone, Hagstrom, *Krakower,
Seminara
COUNCILMAN KRAKOWER: No report:
COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: When is FIOS being hooked up?
SUPERVISOR MYERS: I believe the contract says September.

9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY Baisley, Krakower, Mahar,
(INFRASTRUCTURE) *Seminara
COUNCILMAN SEMINARA: It might have been as a result of the fact that we are maintaining a 100% assessment, but we have many, many special districts in the Town and each year Assessor Taber is faced with the task of deciding what the exact rate is for each of the special districts on their tax bill. It is a bit burdensome because the assessments change from time to time throughout the Town and maintaining 100% is not affixed as it used to be and all of these districts have slightly different formulas so we are putting together right now some ideas as to how we would standardize this process to make it easier and fairer.

COUNCILMAN TANCREDI ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS A CONCERT IN GREENVALE PARK LAST WEEK AND IT WENT WELL. THERE WILL BE ONE AGAIN NEXT SATURDAY. CONCERTS ARE HELD FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AND ARE FREE

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COUNCILMAN CIFONE ANNOUNCED THAT A CONCERT WAS HELD ON JULY 10, 2009 AT FAIRVIEW PARK FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AND WE HAD OVER 100 PEOPLE ATTEND. WE HAVE OUT NEXT FAIRVIEW PARK CONCERT ON AUGUST 14, 2009 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AND IT IS ALSO FREE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

06:17-ES1 RESOLUTION

To Enter Executive Session To Consider Following Matters:
A. Personnel Matters, To Wit: A Meeting To Discuss The Employment History Of The Particular Individuals Who Need Not Be Identified At This Time
B. Confidential Communication Between Attorney And His Client, The Town Board, Based On Attorney/Client Privilege

CARRIED 7 – 0

COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P. M.

TOWN BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 P. M.

TOWN BOARD RETURNED TO TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 8:10 P. M.

NO ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:11 P.M.