

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 03, 2010
7:00 P. M.
SUMMARY**

PRESENT: Supervisor Myers
Councilman Lecker
Councilman Eagleton
Councilman Conte
Councilman Cifone (Arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
Councilman Tancredi
Town Attorney Hagstrom
Town Clerk Miller

ABSENT: Councilman Krakower

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SUPERVISOR MYERS

Press Release – February 03, 2010

Online theft of funds from Town of Poughkeepsie

Overview

In the course of two business days approximately 9 attempts were made via online access to steal monies from a Town of Poughkeepsie bank account with TD Bank. Four transfers totaling \$378,000 were made and deposited in overseas accounts. To date, \$95,000 has been recovered. This reflects one of the unauthorized transfers. Efforts are still underway to catch those responsible and recover the remaining \$283,000. This is an ongoing, active investigation involving the Secret Service, FBI, and Town of Poughkeepsie Police.

What exactly happened?

On January 12, 2010, four unauthorized transfers totaling \$378,000 were made from a Town Of Poughkeepsie TD Bank account and deposited in bands in the Ukraine.

These transactions were discovered on January 13, 2010. The bank was immediately notified of this activity and the police were called in to investigate. To prevent any other accounts from being compromised, the Town immediately changed all the account numbers and the computers involved were removed and are in the possession of the Secret Service.

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The Town has been working with TD Bank, Secret Service, FBI and Town Police in an effort to recover the funds and investigate who is behind this cyber crime. To date we have recovered \$95,000 of the \$378,000.

Will we recover the lost funds?

We have already recovered \$95,000, and remain optimistic that we will be able to recover the remaining \$283,000 in stolen funds and will aggressively pursue all available avenues as the investigation unfolds. We are hopeful that TD Bank will stand by the residents of the Town of Poughkeepsie, and work vigorously to recover the Town's money that was stolen from their bank.

We find it unacceptable that movement, or attempted movement of money, from a Town account to an account in Eastern Europe did not immediately raise a "red flag" with the bank, was not questioned by anyone at the bank, but was simply processed. We are equally disappointed that in the three weeks since the thefts were detected, no representative from TD Bank has come to Town Hall to speak with us about the situation.

Improved Security

While no organization can make itself 100% immune from internet theft, the Town meets industry standards for internet security. The Town has changed all account numbers, removed the computers that had access to the account, and all the computers in the Town have been thoroughly examined to make sure that no other attempts have been made to access any Town information.

What if the missing funds can not be recovered?

We remain hopeful that the outstanding funds will be recovered and are committed to pursuing all avenues to recover the money depending on the outcome of the investigation. We are reviewing all options to minimize the effect on the taxpayers and maintaining the financial stability of the Town.

Has other information been compromised?

It does not appear that any additional information has been compromised at this time.

**SUPERVISOR MYERS FINISHED WITH HER PRESS RELEASE AND
PROCEEDED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GIFT OF THE TOWN
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GIFT OF ARTIST, FRANC PALAIA , TO THE TOWN BOARD

GIFT OF THE EMBLEM OF THE TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE, CREATED BY ARTIST FRANC PALAIA, FOR THE MAJOR WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON OPENING CEREMONIES, WHICH WERE HELD ON OCTOBER 03, 2009, WAS ACCEPTED WITH DEEP APPRECIATION BY THE TOWN BOARD

CARRIED 6 – 0

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| 02:03-01 | SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (DONALD BEER, ENGINEERING) | Amend Town Code, Chapter 173, Entitled "Stormwater Management", Specifically Section 173-25 "Definitions" & Article IV, Plans, Construction & Maintenance, Section 173-26- "Contractor Certification"
PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE FEBRUARY 17, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING |
| | | CARRIED 6 – 0 |
| 02:03-02 | APPOINTMENT/ PROMOTION (POLICE CHIEF MAURO) | Police Department For Sergeant Kevin Faber To Lieutenant
LIEUTENANT FABER WAS CONGRATULATED BY THE TOWN BOARD |
| | | CARRIED 6 – 0 |
| 02:03-03 | AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN (DONALD BEER, ENGINEERING) | Federal Aid For Highway & Marchiselli Aid For Local Project Agreement For Hornbeck Road |
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| 02:03-04 | AUTHORIZE (SUPERVISOR MYERS, DONALD BEER, ENGINEERING) | Morris Associates To Prepare Papers For Town's Submission For Stimulus Monies For Van Wagner Road, College Avenue, Delaval Place/Marple Road, Cottage Street & North Grand Avenue |
| | | CARRIED 6 – 0 |
| 02:03-05 | RETIREMENT (CLERK MILLER) | Town Court Of Leo J. Stanszak
ACCEPTED WITH REGRET |
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02:03-06	AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN (SUPERVISOR MYERS)	License Occupation Agreement With Metro – North Commuter Railroad Company WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA
02:02-07	BUDGET MODIFICATION (COMPTROLLER WOJTOWICZ)	Police Department to Allow Monies From Various Police Grants Recorded In 2009 To Roll Into 2010 For Various Technology Purchases CARRIED 6 – 0
02:03-08	AUTHORIZE (CLERK MILLER)	Waiver Of 30 Day Advance Notice For Liquor License Renewal For Saigon Café Located At 6A LaGrange Avenue CARRIED 6 – 0
02:03-09	AUTHORIZE (CLERK MILLER)	Waiver Of 30 Day Advance Notice For Application For On-Premises Liquor License For Rolling Greens Of Poughkeepsie Golf Club, LLC Located At 2628 South Road CARRIED 6 – 0
02:03-10	AUTHORIZE (CLERK MILLER)	Waiver Of 30 Day Advance Notice For Filing Of Application For On-Premises Liquor License For Nellie Kelly's, Inc. D/B/A Nellie Kelly's Located At 535 Haight Avenue CARRIED 6 – 0
02:03-11	AUTHORIZE (CLERK MILLER)	Waiver Of 30 Day Advance Notice For Filing Of Application For On-Premises Liquor License for Taco Land, Inc. D/B/A Salsa Located At 2585 South Road, Unit 480 CARRIED 6 – 0
02:03-12	NOTIFICATION (CLERK MILLER)	Application For On-Premises Liquor License For Dica Restaurant Group, LLC, D/B/A CIBO Located At 18 Dutchess Turnpike NOTED BY TOWN BOARD

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02:03-13	AUTHORIZE (ATTORNEY HAGSTROM)	Special Consent Items SC1, SC2, SC3, SC4, SC5, SC6 CARRIED	6 – 0
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PROPOSED ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION UPON SPECIAL CONSENT

02:03-SC1	APPROVE (CLERK MILLER)	Mr. Raymond Mayo's Vehicle For Hire License CARRIED	6 – 0
02:03-SC2	AUTHORIZE (SUPERVISOR MYERS)	Joint Application For A Grant With Other Municipalities To The NYS Department Of State's Funding For A General Efficiency Planning Grant CARRIED	6 – 0
02:03-SC3	APPOINTMENT (SUPERVISOR MYERS)	Water Department Appointment Of Joyce Horecky To Position Of Full Time Clerk CARRIED	6 – 0
02:03-SC4	APPOINTMENT (JUDGE SULLIVAN)	Temporary Part Time Court Attendant Leo J. Stanszak WELCOMED BACK BY TOWN BOARD MEMBERS CARRIED	6 – 0
02:03-SC5	APPOINTMENT (JUDGE SULLIVAN)	Temporary Part Time Court Attendant Allen Roberts WELCOMED BACK BY TOWN BOARD MEMBERS CARRIED	6 – 0
02:03-SC6	AUTHORIZE BIDDING (RUSSELL KING, ENGINEERING)	For Supplying Of Wastewater Flow Meters On February 24, 2010 CARRIED	6 – 0

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION**TOWN BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 8:51 P. M.**