

**MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11,
2013 AT 7:00 PM AT TOWN HALL, ONE OVEROCKER ROAD
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

PRESENT: Supervisor Tancredi
Councilman Baisley
Councilman Eagleton
Councilman Cifone
Councilman Krakower
Councilwoman Shershin
Town Attorney Nelson
Town Clerk Miller

ABSENT: Councilman Conte

- **NOTE:** Attachments pertaining to a particular Town Board Meeting will be found after the final minutes of that meeting, which are kept in the official minute books, held in Town Clerk's Office.

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7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE THE FLAG

Supervisor Tancredi requested that the audience stand for a brief moment in silence and memory of 9/11 World Trade Center Tragedy.

Motion made to suspend the rules for Public Hearing 1: Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 6-0

NO SPEAKERS CAME FORWARD

Motion made to close the Public Hearing: Supervisor Tancredi/M. Cifone

CARRIED: 6-0

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

09:11:01 PUBLIC HEARING

Amend Town Code, Chapter 195,
Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic",
Plus Specific Sections Relating To
Parking On Collegeview Avenue

RESOLUTION

BE IT ENACTED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie, pursuant to a public hearing held on the 11th day of September, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, Town of Poughkeepsie, One Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY, does hereby amend Town Code, Chapter 195, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, specifically Section 195-48. Schedule XIII: “Parking Prohibited at all Times”, and Section 195-54. Schedule XIX: “Time Limit Parking”, as follows:

DELETE: Section 195-48. Schedule XIII: “Parking Prohibited at all Times”:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Collegeview Avenue	South	From the westernmost point of the North gate of Vassar College to a point 20 feet west thereof
Collegeview Avenue	North	From Raymond Avenue to dead end

ADD: Section 195-48. Schedule XIII: “Parking Prohibited at all Times”:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Collegeview Avenue	North	From the Fairmont Avenue Intersection East to the dead end

ADD: Section 195-54. Schedule XIX: “Time Limit Parking”:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit; Hours/Days	Location
Collegeview Avenue	North	3 hours; 9:00 a.m. To 6:00 PM/ALL	From Raymond Ave. To Fairmont Ave.
Collegeview Avenue	South	3 hours; 9:00 a.m. To 6:00 p.m./ALL	From Raymond Ave. to the dead end

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Legal Notice of Public Hearing was posted on September 5, 2013 and published in the Poughkeepsie Journal on September 5, 2013; and

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does determine that this action is a Type II Action requiring no environmental review; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that said local law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

SO MOVED: J. Baisley/S. Eagleton

Councilwoman Shershin: This was at the request of the hairdressers on Collegeview Avenue because certain procedures they do take longer than the two hour limit that is currently in place and one or two of her hairdressers clients had tickets, so we wanted to avoid that in the future and also it smoothes out some inconsistencies in the law and it also has the support of the Arlington Business Improvement District.

Councilman Krakower: Did you check with the podiatrists? How long their procedures take?

Councilwoman Shershin: No, I didn't check with the podiatrist. But, he has his own parking, too.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None CARRIED: 6-0**

Motion made to suspend the rules for public speaking on agenda items: Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

Doreen Tignanelli had a question on Agenda Item #10, appointment of Paul Herman as Court Attendant. I know that Mr. Herman was just recently retired from the Town Police, is this a Police position?

Councilman Cifone: No, this is an officer that works in the court. It's not a Police Position. It is a court attendant there. They are armed and do provide security for the court.

Supervisor Tancredi: It's \$15.00 an hour pay.

Doreen Tignanelli: So, is he a Town employee or a Court employee?

Supervisor Tancredi: He's a Town employee.

Councilman Krakower: He's paid through the Court Budget, not the Police Budget.

Supervisor Tancredi: He retired as a Police Officer and now he will be employed by the Town part time.

Joe Armstrong: This Baright for the Police Department car wash, can you elaborate on that a bit? What it is and what it costs, etc.

Supervisor Tancredi: It's an agreement we've had the last year or two with Baright to have our vehicles washed.

Councilman Krakower: It's \$650 a month with no increase from the prior year.

Joe Armstrong: Can they wash them any time they want?

Supervisor Tancredi: Yes, and I believe there is a strip on the windshield that identifies them and there is two locations for them to go. One on Grand and one on Route 9.

Joe Armstrong: That doesn't include any other Town vehicles, it's strictly police? Some other town vehicles have those strips, too. Ok, the settlement of these tax reviews, is that part of the whole string at the last meeting we had that they went through the whole line of people who were complaining about what their taxes were?

Councilman Krakower: I think a couple of them were on that list, but these are cases that were filed for prior years also. Last time was the new list for the current year. Some of these are multiple years.

Joe Armstrong: Are these not settled yet or agreed on?

Supervisor Tancredi: They are settled now, so we have to approve the settlement.

Councilman Krakower: I met with the Tax Assessor and the appraiser last week and when we met, I went through all of them on that list and some of them on the list are in negotiations to try and settle them and some of them are new ones. They are all in different stages and I know at least one of these includes 2013. These are two in the negotiation process and the Assessor, Attorney and Appraiser came to the point where they felt comfortable to bring them to the Board for a settlement and so the rest are still in process. Some are brand new and just filed, and others are right at the end to try to settle and others we still have a lot of work to do.

Supervisor Tancredi: There may not be any refunds on those that we listed. Once it is worked out, there may be no refund. If there is ever a refund, we have to approve here at a Board Meeting and settle it.

Bob (No last name given): I have a question on Number 12, the resignation of Geoff Patterson. Is that right away?

Councilman Cifone: October 4th.

Bob: I was wondering how come he couldn't wait until the first of the year?

Supervisor Tancredi: He is moving out of the State, his wife is already there and he is going to be joining her.

Motion made to resume the rules: Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 6-0

09:11-02 RESOLUTION

**Awareness-Bullying In The Workplace-
Declaring October 20-26, 2013 “Freedom
From Workplace Bullies Week”**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New York Health Workplace Advocates is working to increase awareness of Bullying in the Workplace; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby declare October 20-26, 2013 “Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week”; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to forward the attached Proclamation to the New York Healthy Workplace Advocates.

SO MOVED: S. Eagleton/J. Baisley

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi**

Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

09:11-03 AUTHORIZE

**Fireworks For The Leukemia &
Lymphoma Society Located At Vassar
College On October 19, 2013**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie has heretofore received an application from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to include a fireworks display at its Light the Night event to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has notified the local Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Liability Insurance has been filed with the Town Clerk naming the Town of Poughkeepsie as an additional insured; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby approve the application as submitted for a fireworks display to be held on

Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 9:00 PM on Vassar College property, Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York.

SO MOVED: M. Cifone/S. Eagleton

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi**

Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

09:11-04 AUTHORIZE

**Settlement Of Tax Review Proceedings
Instituted By Irmingard Klebe and C VC
Capital Management**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize the settlement of the tax review proceedings instituted by Irmingard Klebe and CVC Capital Management, for the tax assessment rolls of 2011 through 2013 as shown on the attached Consent Judgment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize Todd N. Tancredi, Supervisor, Kyle Barnett, Esq. of Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP and Kathleen Taber, Town Assessor to sign such papers as are necessary to effectuate said settlement and as a result of said settlement, the Town will pay no refunds.

SO MOVED: S. Krakower/M. Cifone

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi**

Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

**09:11-05 AUTHORIZE
SUPERVISOR
TO SIGN**

**Agreement With Baright Enterprises,
Inc. D/B/A Foam & Wash Car Wash For
Police Department Vehicles**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a Vehicle Cleaning Agreement with Baright Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Foam & Wash Car Wash for the entire Town Police Department fleet as required by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, a copy of Chief Mauro's memo along with a proposal is attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Baright Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Foam & Wash Car Wash has proposed to continue to provide services with no increase from the 2013 contract rate of \$650.00 per month, and the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie finds that the solicitation of alternative proposals for these services would not be in the best interest of the Town.

SO MOVED: A. Shershin/S. Eagleton

Supervisor Tancredi: This is the fourth year we will be with Baright Foam and Wash.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None CARRIED: 6-0**

LETTER ATTACHED TO FINAL BOOK COPY

09:11-06 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN	Extension Of Traffic Control Agreement With Dutchess Community College For Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Patrols In And Around The College Campus
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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby extend the current traffic control agreement with Dutchess Community College for the period August 26, 2013 through May 7, 2014 as outlined in the August 20, 2013 memorandum from Police Chief Mauro and Dutchess Community College's letter of August 19, 2013, copies of which are attached.

SO MOVED: T. Tancredi/S. Eagleton

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None CARRIED: 6-0**

LETTERS ATTACHED TO FINAL BOOK COPY

09:11-07 AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN	Arlington Central School District's "School to Work Program" Documents For Town Participation
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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize the Supervisor of the Town of Poughkeepsie to execute such

documents as are necessary for the Town to participate in the Arlington Central School District's "School to Work Program", as administered by YSSE, Inc., which program will allow students to work at Town Hall and develop job skills, at no cost to the Town, provided that YSSE, Inc. provide acceptable proof of liability insurance naming the Town as additional insured, together with proof of any required workers' compensation insurance and exemption from minimum wage requirements.

SO MOVED: J. Baisley/S. Eagleton

Councilman Baisley: They did a good job last year and I think it actually helped them out a lot.

Supervisor Tancredi: Yes, I think it was a good program and I'm looking forward to doing it again.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None CARRIED: 6-0**

09:11-08 BID AWARD

**"Hornbeck Road, Route 44 To
Caroline Avenue-Construction
Project**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby award the bid for the "Hornbeck Road, Route 44 to Caroline Avenue – Construction", to the low bidder, H.B. Wiltse Excavating, Inc., at the bid price of \$247,417.00, pursuant to the recommendation of the Town Engineer, and subject to the approval by New York State Department of Transportation of the bid documents, which construction work is part of the Town's ongoing administration and a Type II Action requiring no SEQR review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor or his designee is authorized to execute a contract agreement with H.B. Wiltse Excavating, Inc.

SO MOVED: S. Eagleton/M. Cifone

Councilman Krakower: When we get these memo from the Town Engineer, if we could get more detail, like the length of the road and a little more detail on the cost. I know the bidding process is what it is, but it would be nice to compare apples to apples, like per mile breakdown or something like that so we can see whether it's going up or down from project to project.

Town Supervisor: Ok.

Town Clerk: There were only two bids and one of the people who submitted a bid said that because the contract was a little more restrictive, that's why we had less bidders.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None **CARRIED: 6-0**

09:11-09 NOTIFICATION **Liquor License Renewal Application
For Hobnobbin' Pub Located At
11 Vassar Road**

**REVIEWED BY POLICE
NOTED BY TOWN BOARD**

09:11-10 APPOINTMENT **Paul Herman As Temporary Part-
Time Position Of Court Attendant**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby appoint Paul Herman to the temporary part-time position of Court Attendant, not to exceed 20 hours per week, at the salary of \$15.00 per hour, effective immediately.

SO MOVED: M. Cifone/S. Eagleton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None **CARRIED: 6-0**

09:11-11 RESCIND/APPOINT **Rescind Resolution 08:21-SC9 Of
2013 & Re-Appoint Alexandra Cutonilli
To Position Of Permanent Part Time
Clerk**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby rescind RESOLUTION 8:21-SC 9 OF 2013 and does hereby appoint Alexandra Cutonilli to the position of Permanent Part Time Clerk, not to exceed 20 hours per week, at the Grade 4 Step 1 salary of \$16.60 per hour, effective immediately, which appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 8 nor more than 26 weeks per Civil Service Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute and file all documentation required by the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources in connection with this appointment.

SO MOVED: S. Krakower/A. Shershin

Councilman Krakower: Is this the Court?

Supervisor Tancredi: Yes. This is the same person we appointed last week. Jim, what was the problem with the last resolution?

Jim Nelson, Town Attorney: The formal name is Alexandra, the formal title is Permanent Part Time Clerk, but not Permanent Part Time Clerk to Justice. The salary is, in fact, \$16.60 per hour and the information that was being worked with was hopeful at \$14.00 but that is not what it costs for that title.

Councilman Krakower: So, it just went up \$2.00 an hour?

Supervisor Tancredi: She just got a \$2.00 raise before she started. It's just that that position is budgeted in the 2013 budget.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None CARRIED: 6-0**

**09:11-12 ACCEPT Resignation Of Geoffrey D. Patterson,
Receiver Of Taxes**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby accept, with regret, the resignation of Geoffrey D. Patterson, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Poughkeepsie, effective close of business Friday, October 4, 2013.

SO MOVED: S. Krakower/M. Cifone

Councilman Cifone: We are certainly going to miss Geoffrey, he has done a great job.

Supervisor Tancredi: Karen Schubert is Deputy and will stand in his place and she is already working hard as the School Tax Season is on its way now.

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None CARRIED: 6-0**

09:11-13 AUTHORIZE

**Settlement Of Tax Review Proceedings
Instituted By Estate Of Jean Patrick**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize the settlement of the tax review proceedings instituted by Estate of Jean Patrick, for the tax assessment roll of 2013 as shown on the attached Stipulation of Settlement and Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize Todd N. Tancredi, Supervisor, Kyle Barnett, Esq. of Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP and Kathleen Taber, Town Assessor to sign such papers as are necessary to effectuate said settlement and as a result of said settlement, the Town will pay no refund.

SO MOVED: A. Shershin/S. Eagleton

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi**

Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND ORDER ATTACHED
TO FINAL BOOK COPY**

09:11-14 AUTHORIZE

**Settlement Of Tax Review Proceedings
Instituted By Neptune Capital Investors,
LLC**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize the settlement of the tax review proceedings instituted by Neptune Capital Investors, LLC, for the tax assessment roll of 2013 as shown on the attached Stipulation of Settlement and Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize Todd N. Tancredi, Supervisor, Kyle Barnett, Esq. of Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP and Kathleen Taber, Town Assessor to sign such papers as are necessary to effectuate said settlement and as a result of said settlement, the Town will pay no refund.

SO MOVED: T. Tancredi/M. Cifone

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi**

Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT ATTACHED
TO FINAL BOOK COPY**

09:11-15 AUTHORIZE

**Settlement Of Tax Review Proceedings
Instituted By St. Francis Hospital**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize the settlement of the tax review proceedings instituted by St. Francis Hospital for the tax assessment roll of 2013 as shown on the attached Stipulation of Settlement and Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby authorize Todd N. Tancredi, Supervisor, Kyle Barnett, Esq. of Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLLP and Kathleen Taber, Town Assessor to sign such papers as are necessary to effectuate said settlement and as a result of said settlement, the Town will pay no refund.

SO MOVED: J. Baisley/S. Eagleton

Councilwoman Shershin: Now, they are a non-profit, do they pay any property taxes at all?

Councilman Krakower: They pay property taxes, I believe, for the portion of the building that is used for other than their purpose. I believe they lease some of that building to doctors. So, they pay taxes on that portion and so I believe their portion and negotiations on the settlement revolves around how much of the building they are actually renting or leasing out to someone other than the Hospital.

Councilman Baisley: The big issue was, they are not actually the owners of the building. There is someone that owns the building and lease the property from them and so there is a whole twisted thing.

Councilwoman Shershin: So, this is really for the new Medical Arts Building they added? (Yes)

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi**

Nays: None

CARRIED: 6-0

**Motion made to suspend the rules for comments on any Town issue: Supervisor
Tancredi/S. Eagleton**

CARRIED: 6-0

Joe Armstrong: I don't know if you can answer this or want to answer it at this point. Do you know roughly who the Town unionized people are and what their sick days are and how many they have and what they can accumulate and what they can't?

Councilman Krakower: What they can accumulate is a function of what the contract permits and off the top of my head, I'm not sure what that is. How much they have on the books I believe our Comptroller has a record of that and what they earned and what they could take.

Supervisor Tancredi: All of those are spelled out in the contracts. If you want to call tomorrow, we can get in contact with those numbers.

Joe Armstrong: Ok, I'll get in touch with you tomorrow.

Doreen Tignanelli: I have a question about the Tax Cap. Does the Town Board have any plans to bring forth a resolution allowing them to exceed the tax cap?

Supervisor Tancredi: At this point I'm not sure if we are going to be able to stay under it, but, I'm making every effort to stay under the cap, but I'm not prepared to say 100% we are going to stay under it. I don't plan on bringing a resolution forward unless I'm fairly confident my budget is going to exceed the cap and like I said, the Comptroller and I are working hard to try to make sure we stay under the cap, but it's going to be a tough year with the economy and the paper talks about the economy improving and the home sales improving, but we have not seen that at the local level at all. There has been no indication of that and our sales tax, as we've discussed here before, has been reduced from what we received last year from 2.5 million to 1.9 million by the County and so our pension contribution by the State we received a report a week or two ago that our pension expenses are going up \$650,000 for 2014 and so there really has been nothing but bad news. We haven't even heard about medical yet, but I can assume that that is not going to be good news, but at any rate, we are hoping to keep it under the cap, but I don't know yet.

Councilman Krakower: On the up side, the County has an extra \$600,000 going toward their budget that they won't have to tax us for.

Doreen Tignanelli: Part of the reason I asked was because at Monday night's Fire District Meeting, there was a majority vote to vote to allow them to exceed the tax cap and they called it an insurance policy in case something went wrong like a calculation or something or otherwise you would have to give money back to the tax payers in the next budget. So, I was just curious whether you were following the seeing it as an insurance policy.

Supervisor Tancredi: It's never been our policy in the past. I don't think we've ever voted to exceed the cap and hopefully we won't have to now. I think if we do it

would be because we don't see any alternative. The Board typically operated that same way.

Doreen Tignanelli; You don't have a dead line do you?

Supervisor Tancredi: The Budget has to be approved by the beginning of November.

Jim Nelson, Town Attorney: My recollection is November 20th being the last day to adopt the budget. If you are going to do a tax cap override you would have to adopt a Local Law and the Local Law requires a Public Hearing with five days notice and has to be on the desk for ten days and you have to fit it in the Poughkeepsie Journal's public schedule and so it will be in October.

Jim Barretta: We both wanted to talk about a couple of items that are going around in our house. We've talked about it before, but I wanted to bring it up again. The first one being the Spackenkill Boardman Road intersection, just the general state of more traffic on there, especially with the Wegman project going forward and specifically the question or request end up being, is the Town Board going to do anything to help us out? That's the question. The last time my wife brought it up, she had brought forward the number of accidents which the Town's traffic consultant stated during the sessions with the Town Board was only two accidents over a period of three years and my wife brought up that that was wrong when she collected her information, it was higher than that and in that conversation, Councilman Cifone, you had asked what kind of accidents they were, which at the time, I didn't know what difference that made, but we do have other new information for this year. Just so far this year up until July, there appears to be six accidents, that's just this year and keep in mind the traffic consultant said, during that period of three years he had studied, didn't include this year, there were only two accidents. That's hard to believe. I talked to someone on the Zoning Board and I mentioned this and what the Traffic consultant said and nothing being done with this project going in, and they conveyed to me that they voted in favor of this project because of the way it was framed and presented to them is that there would be improvements at the intersection for the residents that live there. That's not happening!

Councilman Krakower: One of the concerns I have there is that the Traffic Engineer is supposed to be working for us and when we had asked for that information, our Traffic Engineer gave us information and I guess depending on what source you get it from and the question you are asking, maybe you can get two different results, but he's the one that should know that and bring it back to us. When we don't get the best information, we are not able to make as good of a decision as we can and I have some concerns about the Traffic Engineer in the other projects we've seen go through in Town and you see the traffic flows in some of these developments and they are terrible and the goal of the Traffic Engineer is to advise this Board, the Zoning Board and Planning Board and give them the best

possible information to make that decision and if any one of the Boards don't have the best information, that's a problem and I do think we need to look at that going forward.

I too do think that that traffic light is a problem. I would hope somewhere in the process that the DOT steps up and deals with it.

This subject continued for some time more and the Council assured that this is being looked at and have had Council people trying to work on it and be able to get a satisfactory result.

Supervisor Tancredi suggested bringing their concerns to Senator Gibson and Assembly Woman Barrett.

Councilman Cifone assured him that he was working on it , the Town was working on it and they were all trying but the State is not helping. Discussion continued for some time.

Motion made to close the Town Board Meeting and open the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 6-0

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 7:56 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OPENED AT 7:58 PM

09:11-COW 1 PRESENTATION

**Thomas Meyering, Recreation Director,
Concerning The New Senior Citizens
Center "A Work In Progress"**

Tom Meyering, Recreation Director: The Senior Center is "A work in progress" and it is progressing quite well. Before we get too far along in the presentation, there are some people I wanted to thank. First off, we have had several donors step forward. Covanta Energy, Gleason Construction, Key Bank, Page Lumber, those are the main key donors and excellent cooperation from the Town staff. We've had people from the Highway Department, Water Department, Sewer Department, the Engineering Department, Comptroller and Recreation Department all working on the project. The work that still needs to get done to open, and this is a partial list. Install all the flooring, the crew from the Highway Department was there today working on the flooring and they are close to a 1/3 done with the big room and they are moving right along on it. There is still some minor painting, electrical work that needs to get finished. We have some work to do on the driveways and parking spaces, particularly paving. We have to get the phone, internet and alarm systems hooked up yet. The kitchen is definitely a work in progress. We are still designing the kitchen. We've had a commitment for kitchen cabinets there. We have to then

move furniture, equipment and supplies in and install the sink. So, we still have a lot to do, but we are still looking to open somewhere around the 30th of October. Hopefully we should be open with the basic programming at that point. Program options and activity offerings will expand and grow as we get into the project and as we grow in the future. What I wanted to tell the Senior Groups, Club 60's that we have right now, is that we are not eliminating their program, but they will be joining a larger group with a lot more things to do.

They can attend on the same days they do now, with the same people and do generally the same activities. Plus they will be able to drop in any week day or every week day and participate. There will be a lot more activities and classes. We will also be able to host common interest groups and clubs at the Center. The drop in Center will be 10 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Friday. We will have coffee, card games, board games, socializing and a library and quiet area for people. The optional scheduled classes and activities will be at least two per day to start and we are going to ask for a prior sign up required. Some will be free, some will have a minimum fee to cover expenses for us. Possible examples of these will be enrichment activities such as simple and advanced crafts, possibly language classes if we can find someone who knows a foreign language and is willing to come in and speak. Driver's education through the AARP Program, Old Time movie matinees, water color painting, bingo and really, the sky's the limit. When it comes to fitness, we have identified a Sumba Gold instructor and we will be doing Sumba Gold classes. We want to do line dancing, chair exercises, yoga. We have loads of activities to keep our seniors fit and in shape. We can also have common interest groups and clubs that meet at the Center with minimal staff support. They have to be self supporting, and they could cover anything from photography, stamp and coin collecting, genealogy, social groups, and any number of other different things. This month we are asking the seniors in our club and also throughout the Town, to complete a program survey of things they would like to see, so we can develop our program further. The way the club will work is people who have become a card caring member of the Poughkeepsie Senior Center. The requirements are that they have to be 55 or over and a Town of Poughkeepsie resident. We will grandfather in former residents and former members of Club 60 who may not be residents now. We will be having a membership fee that will cover drop in activities, coffee and supplies and also the activities the Club 60 clubs are doing now. They do periodic parties, activities like baked apple day or a soup day and those things we should be able to cover out of the membership fee. The proposed membership fee at this point, pending approval by the Budget Committee, will be \$12 a quarter, (\$1.00 per week). That is the same they are doing now. They are paying that to Club 60 and not to the Town and so the Town will take up the expenses that they don't have now.

Supervisor Tancredi stated that he had mixed emotions about the fee. He would almost lean toward not having a fee. Councilman Krakower agreed. "We have a 30 million plus budget and we are going to ask the seniors of our Town to pay a fee?" Supervisor Tancredi asked, "What do you do if they don't pay?" Councilman Krakower said, "The least we can do is buy them a cup of coffee, right?" Supervisor

Tancredi stated that he would like to get the feeling from the rest of the Board on the idea of charging any fee. He thought it could be very problematic and it is going to take some accounting work on our end and for seniors having a hard time understanding that case, it might create a lot of problems. Town Recreation Director stated that he thought the biggest problem now is a lot of seniors believe that they are going to be charged Club 60 dues as well as the membership dues and that's not the thought. Supervisor Tancredi stated that the dues he thinks are an issue because legally and by our standards I think they have a lot more accounting that needs to take place than what has taken place and I don't know who the treasurers are for these organizations, I know there are certain people elected as treasurers, but they need to understand that if someone comes in and starts asking questions, they are going to have to have a lot of paper work, receipts, things like that so—Councilman Krakower stated he thought it would make more sense not to charge. Supervisor Tancredi agreed with him. It's not worth the time and effort to collect a dollar per senior. Councilwoman Shershin stated that maybe it would be easier to charge an annual fee of maybe \$50 a year and do it once a year. Recreation Director Meyering felt that would be a problem for many seniors on fixed budgets. So, I think that's something we've talked about, but we want the feelings of the Board on that particular idea. I believe it will be very problematic for accounting work on our end and the seniors are finding it hard to believe that that would be the case, but it might create a lot of problems.

Recreation Director Meyering: I think the biggest confusion now is a lot of seniors believe that they are going to be charged the Club 60 dues as well as the membership dues. And, that's not the thought.

Recreation Director Meyering thanked the donors and Town Staff for all their help. He presented a partial list of work needed to open with a basic program around September 30, 2013. Program options and activity offerings will expand and grow in the future. No program the seniors have will be eliminated; they will attend the same day as they attend now with the same people going generally the same activities plus new activities, groups and clubs. The Drop in Senior Center will be open 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM Monday – Friday. Recreation Director Meyering then described the basic program plan with scheduled classes and activities, groups and clubs, membership and funding. This information is available in Recreation, online at tmeyering@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov and by telephone at (845) 485-3628. Our goal is September and Final Ceremony in November.

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. FINANCE | Councilman Krakower: No report |
| 2. FIRE ADVISORY | Councilman Baisley: No report |
| 3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS | Councilwoman Shershin: No report |

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| 4. LAND USE & PLANNING | Councilman Krakower: No report |
| 5. PERSONNEL | Councilman Cifone: No report |
| 6. RECREATION | Councilman Baisley: Report from Recreation Director Meyering was given |
| 7. SENIOR CITIZENS | Councilman Baisley: No report |
| 8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT | Councilman Eagleton: No report |
| 9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY | Councilman Eagleton: No report |

Councilman Cifone announced that there is an end of summer music in the Park presentation by Michael Delvechio at 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, September 13, 2012.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Tancredi made note to the fact that there have been messages put on to resident's phones telling them that they haven't paid their water and sewer bill and it is due and they need to go on line and pay it. Neither resident who was called, has anything due and owing and so the Police Department was notified and to all residents watching or listening to this we just wanted to alert them of this and to call the Town first to see if they have anything due and owed and don't go on line to try to make payments with any credit cards or anything like that.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters, to wit:

- 1. Confidential Communication between Attorney and His Client, The Town Board, based on Attorney/Client Privilege**
- 2. Matters Leading To The Appointment, Employment, Dismissal or Removal Of A Corporation**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there will be no action taken appropriating money.

SO MOVED: J. Baisley/S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 6-0

TOWN BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:22 PM

**TOWN BOARD RETURNED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING AT 10:25 PM**

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:26 PM

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