

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2023  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER  
SALUTE TO THE FLAG  
ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD**

**PRESENT:   Supervisor Baisley  
              Councilman Renihan  
              Councilman Carlos  
              Councilwoman Burger  
              Councilman Cifone  
              Councilman Krakower  
              Councilwoman Shershin  
              Town Clerk Salvatore  
              Town Attorney Nelson  
              Attorney Clemente**

**\*\*Please note that a public hearing summary worksheet, if needed, as well as all original resolutions and attachments complete with voting information are attached here after the summary page. You can also find full video of entire Town Board Meetings on our YouTube channel on the meetings page of the Town website @Townofpoughkeepsie.com.**

**Jay Baisley reads through the agenda and suspends the rules on any agenda item: J. Baisley/ M. Cifone**

***Rebecca Edwards Ward 6, --I live in Ward Six, thank you very much for this opportunity to speak. The architect's presentation in November on the proposed Boardman Road Project made clear to the public the truly terrible condition of our Town Police Station on Tucker Drive we've known for 27 years that that was an inappropriate site and we know why it was chosen and it's clear the police are long overdue to move to a new headquarters. The architect's presentation also made clear that a committee of the Town Board has spent two years trying to shoehorn a new police station into an unsuitable location which has school classrooms a historic mansion and a theater but central to the choice of that site seems to have been a plan to move the entire town hall at very high cost and to borrow 54.82 million. I'm here to urge the board in the strongest terms to start over. Please keep the town hall where it is please move the Police and Courts Building to a new site and one that meets four criteria***

***1. That it is visible and accessible to residents and contributes to our sense of public safety***

**2. That it follows the Town Master Plan by being located where retail and restaurants are nearby ideally in a walkable area to infill and to support our local businesses**

**3. Very importantly that it is affordable for taxpayers and makes the best use of every dollar, there are creative ways to do this, New Paltz just repurposed an empty building and created swing space so that the courtroom and its Police and Courts Building which is only used for a few days a week can be used at other times for community meetings and events**

**4. It's very important that the new site support police morale and recruitment and strengthen police relations with the community at what has been a difficult time over the last few years- the architect stated that their proposal would benefit the police by building a door on the back of the building so the police would not have to interact with the public to me that's an insult to our police officers who chose a career of service specifically to engage with the public and often in very difficult circumstances after car accidents and experiencing all kinds of difficulties. So I urge that the board find as soon as possible an effective affordable site that serves our police as they serve our community thank you very much**

**Rob Sanderson Ward 2, I would like to Echo the previous comments but in just a slightly different way, I became aware of this project just recently within the last two three months, there are three questions that are foremost in my mind and are shared by many of my neighbors here**

**1. Question is what's the least cost alternative to the most pressing need and within the last couple of months my understanding is the most pressing need is the police and the court so to answer that question what is the least cost alternative to that need I think we have to broaden our thinking beyond the Town Center at the Boardman Road facility**

**2. As the previous speaker also mentioned my next question is what is the most appropriate location and lastly**

**3. The very first question that comes up in my mind and in the minds of the folks that I've talked to in my neighborhood here is when do I vote so as I understand it right now we're not this is not going to be a referendum-I would like you to consider the fact that a referendum is something at the top of minds when it comes to a 73 million dollar project**

**-now I'd like to just make a few comments about these questions the first comment has to do with what's the most appropriate location and what are the least possible alternatives and I think you should broaden the scope of our thinking here to consider that both the police and the court do not necessarily need to be in the same location – in fact my avocation is in forensics so I'm very often in courtrooms around the country and I can tell you that very few of the courtrooms that I've been in are located at the same exact place as**

*the police headquarters most often they are in good repurposed buildings or in dedicated buildings of their own and I think if we think about police department and a court facility being in two separate locations it really adds a whole lot of alternatives within our town in terms of space and parking and square footage so I think that helps us to find alternatives to present to the town residents with respect to costs as well, so lots of alternatives, the most appropriate location to me would not be in an R20 Zone, a residential Zone, it would be in a high traffic very visible easily accessible location in Town Centers so I agree with the previous speaker on that, lastly I'd like to say that you know in looking around just driving around for the last couple of months if we are to consider separate locations or other locations in more appropriate places there are several one is Dutchess Golf and Country Club I understand is available, the former IBM training facility on Route 9 close to the entrance of IBM on Spackenkill Road the Faith Assembly Building I think would be less impactful to the neighborhood it's not ideal but it's another location that's available and lastly the International Buffet on the South Road and the two adjoining properties to be south of it I think would be appropriate for either a court or police facility so that's just a little sampling of what I've seen out there and I'm sure there's a lot more thank you.*

*Michelle Squires; first of all thank you for adding some Telecom code I mean I was shocked and very pleased when I did tune in to look at our code I see that there have been some really great you know great paragraphs in there and I'm just so thankful that Mike Welti noticed that we really had no existing code and they targeted it and worked hard with Lisa and the rest of the committee and working group to put together some paragraphs that really make sense, what I still kind of see is missing is a paragraph that would justify need we're also you know there have been plans for several antenna and also additional antenna on the Casperkill South Road development Crown Heights area, you know I'm sure there's going to be some utility planning for that so it would be really great to look at that Wilson Pro Spectrum analyzer to see really what's missing and where our gaps are concerning the other thing I want to talk to is I think tonight where there are some mention of permits and a whole list of that is now a good time for that or you want me to wait till later what permits are you doing (Felicia-that's just the town fees the fee schedule has nothing- the permitting fees are not being amended at this time) or no you can but there's no permit there's nothing that's being amended in regard to permits? (Felicia- Recreation is being amended and there was a missing memo bill in the tax department) right so I just wanted to make mention of you know the electrical permit that whether smart meter installations are going to be part of those permits and who actually holds the insurance for those installations and the liability for those installations because as it overlaps with the fire advisory committee reports that these things have no surge protection on them nothing adequate that would handle a grid you know a major grid line surge which would then cause them to uh burst into flame so uh you know I just wanted to make a comment about that*

Stephan makes a motion to resume the rules: S. Krakower/ A. Shershin

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

01:18-01	Resolutions (Legal)	Poughkeepsie Day School ( <b>TABLED</b> ) A. Monroe County B. SEQR; C. Bond; and D. Survey	
01:18-02	Appoint (Chief Cavaliere)	Richard Belliveau – Police Officer	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Jeffrey Renihan</b> <b>Seconded by: William Carlos</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
01:18-03	Appoint (Chief Cavaliere)	Shane O’Connell – Police Officer	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: William Carlos</b> <b>Seconded by: Jeffrey Renihan</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
01:18-04	Appoint (Chief Cavaliere)	Bryan Bennett – Police Officer	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Anne Burger</b> <b>Seconded by: William Carlos</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
01:18-05	Authorize (Engineering)	Town Clerk to Advertise for Bids Re Tucker Drive Forcemain Replacement	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Michael Cifone</b> <b>Seconded by: Anne Burger</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
01:18-06	Adopt (Comptroller Servidio)	Amended Non-Union Salary Schedule	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Stephan Krakower</b> <b>Seconded by: Michael Cifone</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
01:18-07	Authorize Supervisor to Sign (Supervisor Baisley)	Hudson 7 Amendment to MOU	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Ann Shershin</b> <b>Seconded by: Michael Cifone</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
01:18-08	Notification (Town Clerk Salvatore)	Liquor License: A. Regal Cinemas B. Village Pancake House	

C. 1126 Dutchess Turnpike  
**TOWN BOARD WAS NOTIFIED**

01:18-09	Authorize (Sewer Department)	Auction for 2 Sewer Vehicles	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Jon Jay Baisley</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
	<b>Seconded by: Jeffrey Renihan</b>		
01:18-10	Approve (Town Clerk Salvatore)	Amended Schedule of Fees issued under Town Code §105	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Jeffrey Renihan</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
	<b>Seconded by: William Carlos</b>		
01:18-11	Authorize Supervisor to Sign (Legal)	Vassar College Tennis Courts – Stormwater Agreement	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: William Carlos</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
	<b>Seconded by: Jeffrey Renihan</b>		
01:18-12	Authorize Supervisor to Sign (Legal)	HGP Storage Depot – Stormwater Agreements	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Anne Burger</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
	<b>Seconded by: William Carlos</b>		
01:18-13	Resolution (Director Welti)	Casperkill South Road Development-Crown Heights Center Overlay District (CHCO)	
	<b>Resolution Moved by: Michael Cifone</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7-0</b>
	<b>Seconded by: Anne Burger</b>		
01:18-14	Notification (Town Clerk Salvatore)	Notice of Claim - Referred to Legal: 1. Stark v. Town of Poughkeepsie 2. Emberger v. Town of Poughkeepsie	
		<b>CLAIMS WERE REFERRED TO LEGAL</b>	

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

01:18-COW1	Presentation (Supervisor Baisley)	By Steve Tinkelman – Built Parcel Five, 59 Springside Avenue	
		<b>STEVE TINKELMAN PRESENTED TO THE TOWN BOARD A WISH TO REZONE A GROUP OF PARCELS FROM R-20 TO ATC AND ALSO</b>	

**STATED HE WOULD BE SEEKING TO RECEIVE A PILOT. WATCH THE MEETING VIDEO FOR FULL PRESENTATION**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2023**

**\*\* VIEW VIDEO FOR FULL REPORTS**

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| <b>1. FINANCE</b>  | <b>Krakower, Burger, Cifone<br/>NOTHING TO REPORT</b>  |
| <b>2. TECHNOLOGY**</b>   | <b>Shershin, Cifone, Burger<br/>ANN SHERSHIN GAVE REPORT</b>   |
| <b>3. RECREATION/ SENIOR CITIZENS**<br/>(Including Town Day)</b> | <b>Renihan, Krakower, Cifone<br/>JEFF RENIHAN GAVE REPORT</b>  |
| <b>4. FIRE ADVISORY</b>  | <b>Renihan, Shershin &amp; Fire Officials (Arlington,<br/>New Hamburg, Fairview)<br/>NOTHING TO REPORT</b>             |
| <b>5. INFRASTRUCTURE/ LAND USE</b>                               | <b>Carlos, Shershin, Renihan<br/>NOTHING TO REPORT</b>   |
| <b>6. PERSONNEL</b>  | <b>Cifone, Carlos, Burger<br/>NOTHING TO REPORT</b>  |
| <b>7. BUILDING CONSOLIDATION**</b>                               | <b>Bill Carlos, Stephan Krakower<br/>SUPERVISOR BAISLEY GAVE AN<br/>UPDATE IN REGARD TO POUGHKEPSIE<br/>DAY SCHOOL</b> |

**Jay Baisley suspends the rules on any town item: J. Baisley/ W. Carlos**

***Michelle asked if there was a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow and Jay stated yes there was and all info can be found on the website, she stated that the information was not on the Calendar- She asked if anyone considered the Diamond Mine on Rt 9?***

***Resident from Hawthorne Lane and he asked about Tennis Courts and Recreation Facilities- Jay mentioned that if he would reach out to him and he would go over everything with him. Jay did mention that lights are really expensive as he asked about that. Stephan mentioned some parks, lights would be a problem because they are located in pocket parks.***

***Regina Klein mentioned that she has been enjoying the pickle ball courts at Millbank and that they are already in disrepair.***

***Janet Gray, Park Avenue; She mentions that she is aware that the Town Board may want to table an item, the Poughkeepsie Day School but she thinks that should be done by a vote of the board and very small print at the end of agendas it mentions that committees are subject to open meetings law and she wants to know where they are posted***

**Jay makes a motion to resume the rules: J. Baisley/ M. Cifone**

**TOWN BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05 P.M.**

01:18-ES      ADJOURN TO                      To Enter Executive Session To  
EXECUTIVE SESSION              Consider Following Matters:

1. To discuss matters which are exempt under the Open Meetings Law including matters subject to the Attorney/Client privilege

**CARRIED**

**7-0**

**TOWN BOARD RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:20 P.M.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:21 P.M.**