

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TOWN BOARD
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 2013 AT 7:00 PM AT TOWN HALL
ONE OVEROCKER ROAD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

PRESENT: Supervisor Tancredi
Councilman Baisley
Councilman Eagleton
Councilman Conte
Councilman Cifone
Councilman Krakower (Arrived at 7:06 PM)
Councilwoman Shershin
Town Attorney Nelson
Town Clerk Miller

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7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE THE FLAG

Supervisor Tancredi: Last year when I became Supervisor, I asked Jim to start giving us quarterly financial updates to try to make sure the public and the Board is aware of the Town's Financial Condition, especially in these economic times it is something we need to monitor closely, so, what Comptroller Wojtowicz has for us tonight is his up to date year end numbers, they are not audited, of course, yet, but he is wrapping up the Physical Year for 2012 and he is here tonight to give us a recap.

Motion made to open Public Hearing #1: Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 6-0

04:10-13 – COW 1 PRESENTATION

**By Town Comptroller, Jim
Wojtowicz, Concerning A
Financial Update**

James Wojtowicz, Town Comptroller: We are pretty much ready to wrap up 2012. I will file a report with Albany by the end of this month and that becomes the basis for the audit. Before you tonight are the 2012 results, these are the numbers the auditors will start with. The numbers are good news. 2012 is a good year. I appreciate the support of everyone. Todd has been great to work for. The Finance Committee and the Department Heads, all are working together and you will see that when I go through this analysis, you will see how working together makes a big difference. (Showed slides of his report) The first slide is the Legal Department and

in the middle column you will see the \$420,000. That number in 2009 was over \$600,000. I'm not quite sure what's going on in there, but, work is getting done and I know Jim Nelson is great to work with. The last number on there is the Council Chamber upgrades. \$138,000 is the grant we got from Verizon and Time Warner. It's about \$210,000 and we still have a few dollars coming in. This is basically what you see before you tonight, the Council Chambers and I know they have some other ideas. This is for the new contracts. Cablevision hasn't come through yet and so they are not in this analysis and so, \$210,000 for Verizon and Time Warner. The next slide continues on with the appropriation slide. You will see the top allocates insurance. Great news there, we switched insurance carriers a couple of years ago and every year the numbers keep coming in and so we are \$60,000. Judgment and Claims, that's an interesting one. That's one Todd monitors on a weekly basis. This is Tax Certs and in economy like this, you would be surprised I know the numbers are up, this number was budgeted a couple of years ago at around \$40,000 and so Todd watches it and talks with the Assessor and Jim Nelson. We did increase the Budget this year to \$300,000. Do you want to add anything to that Todd?

Supervisor Tancredi: No, I think you are accurate, it's the function of the economy and we've gone from \$40, 000 as recently as 2010 and now for 2013 we've increased that budget line to \$300,000, but if we don't watch it carefully, the Town could and may have some trouble because as we approve tax certs, if we are not watching this budget line, we can easily go over that amount and so Jim and I try to watch it carefully because if we don't, last year we were under the \$200,000 but there were new tax certs on the horizon and so we increased that this year for precautionary measures.

Jim Wojtowicz: There are a couple other issues, the Day Camps and the Pool for Recreation. The Day Camp is changing strategy this year. So, the costs came in at \$77,000, but also the revenues were short but the subsidy this year was about half in 2011. Maybe Tom Meyering will speak about that later. That was good news. The associated pool revenues, the pools actually made money. Of course these costs don't include Tom and Bryan running up there. The residents do enjoy the pool and it is shared with the City of Poughkeepsie. The last thing I want to touch on is the serial bonds on the bottom and this is something the Finance Committee and Todd have me working on. We do a lot of planning and we are already planning for years 14 and 15 and in 2016 and 2017 about \$460,000 of that bond will come off. That is the Police/Court Building which was purchased in 1996. The 20 year bonds will be over and that building will be "Scott Free". Anything you want to add on this item Todd? (No) Ok, the actual expenditures for the year came in at \$6.2 million on a budget of \$6.6, that's good news. Next slide is the actual revenues. This is the Mortgage Tax. This is one we've been battling for the last four or five years, but this was good news this year. We are plus \$250,000. This number in 2008 was 2.6 million and we couldn't get ahead of it. Again, we are watching 2013 very closely.

Supervisor Tancredi: And that \$2.6 million in 2008 and for 2012 we budgeted \$800,000 and so that is how the economy impacts a local municipality, one of the ways, we ended up coming in slightly over one million and now for 2013 we increased that line to \$900,000. Still less than what we received for 2012, but a little more than what we had budgeted for 2012.

Jim Wojtowicz: Ok, so revenues came in at 6.7 million. Ok, this is the Part-Town General Fund. They do not go into the Village of Wappingers. Police, Building, Zoning, and Planning. Again, the insurance on line 2 is good news. Police again, overtime is down by \$290,000 and I know Joe Conte feels good about this one, since 2010.

Joe Conte: That is the Chief and the Police Force themselves.

Supervisor Tancredi: And Workman's Comp. came in at \$47,000 higher than what we had budgeted.

Jim Wojtowicz: That's the function of some new regulations, higher weekly stipend and a surcharge. Another negative I want to point out is the Retiree's Medical Insurance. As the Police Retire, and this is the B fund, mostly police, they retire at 100% Medical and so that number you see there in the middle is the function of the retirees. We make it up on the other end when a new officer comes in, he comes in at a lower salary, but medical insurance is another thing we want to always want to stay on top of. Slide 5 is the B Fund Revenues. I want to bring your attention to the Sales Tax, line #3. We had budgeted \$2.3 million and it comes in at 2.5 million and change and so we are up 210,000 and that is going to change next year.

Supervisor Tancredi: I think everyone is aware of sales tax being capped. When the County asked for our Sales Tax Number, they wanted to know what we budgeted for 2012 and Jim reported \$2million 3 as accurate and they took 400,000 from us and capped us at \$1 million 9. We actually came in at \$2 million 5 and so we are capped at \$1 million 9 going forward at this point anyway, so we are down \$600,000 at the end of 2013.

Jim Wojtowicz: The Finance Chairman came with me and we met, the County is supposedly going to make it up other ways. There is supposed to be a new re-distribution of Sales Tax.

Supervisor Tancredi: The City needs to agree to that first and supposedly there is an agreement, but, I think they are still negotiating, so we will see what happens.

Jim Wojtowicz: Ok, the next line is the Highway Department, there are three stars in 2012, Mortgage tax, Sales tax, and no snow in 2012. You see the number in the middle of the page, "Snow removal - \$317,000, that's a function of salt, contractor's overtime, not being expended. Again, is that going to happen? 2013 wasn't that bad of a winter, we still have November and December. But, 2012 was real star.

Supervisor Tancredi: People often wonder, of course light winters help us, we budgeted \$607,000 for snow removal in 2012 but because of the winter, we spent \$290,000, that's the kind of impact of a normally light winter, fortunately for us, this past winter, but we still have November and December of this year, but up to this point it hasn't been horrendous, so I often think if we have a dry spell, next year will be wet, and it evens up, this year we saved \$318,000 just on that line item alone.

Jim Wojtowicz: In 2013 we got off to a good start because the salt shed was full. So, basically, this leads us to the next line which is basically our tax levy and this is the good news. Again, according to my calculations, we are talking about a 1.6 million dollar surplus. We started at 2013 with the last audit number with about \$300,000 in our three remaining funds. So, if these numbers hold up, we are talking about adding about 1.6 which is great news and Todd is going to hold me to be accountable to these numbers when the audit comes in. The next slide is our Water Fund. Again, these are the funds that are outside the tax levy. Another good year in our water Fund. The Water Fund is our strongest fund of the Town. We have about a 58% surplus in there. Let me start with debt. Debt service, \$500,000 falls off in 2016. That's the Water Plant. It was a 20 year purchase from the City of Poughkeepsie. So, \$500,00 will come out of the debt service. I know there is some stuff going on with the Joint Water Board that may need that capitol. The last major fund of the Town is our Sewer Fund and again, that strategy change seems to be working. The plant was budgeted accurately. As far as the collection side, he is down a few men, but he is making it work.

Supervisor Tancredi: Ok, do any Board Members have any questions of the Comptroller at this time?

Councilman Conte: Great job, Jim.

Supervisor Tancredi: I appreciate your update, Jim, thanks. Keep up the good work.

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04:10-13 COW 2 PRESENTATION

**By Lindsay Carille, Deputy
Deputy Commissioner, DC
Division Of Solid Waste
Management Concerning The
Solid Waste Plan**

Lindsay Carille: I am a Dutchess County employee. We are a newly created division of the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, which I previously worked for. I would like to start out, I never know if people even know what Solid Waste is and why we want to manage it. Solid waste is any discarded material. The garbage you put in your garbage can. It's the recyclables you are

putting in your recycling bin, it's your leaves, your brush and stuff that comes out of your vacuum cleaner and also it's your industrial wastes. Sewage sludge, construction and demolition debris, it's a lot. Why do we need to manage it? Historically, it was dumped on the ground and covered up (Landfilled). In the late 70's and early 80's when many, many landfills were closing, New York State DEC said, "Hey, communities need a plan to manage their wastes. We are running out of landfill space and everybody is shipping it away, dumping it illegally, we need a plan. So, Dutchess County created a plan in 1990, it's a 20 year plan and what the plan called for was mandating recycling and since 1990 Dutchess County has had a law that says we have to separate our recycling materials from our garbage to be collected separately and processed. Some people don't know that. It applies to everyone. Residents, businesses and institutions. It also calls for composting, namely at that time, leaves and brush and they mainly called for the municipality to do the composting of their municipal leaves and brush. It also called for what we were going to dispose of – the rest of the materials. That was waste to energy facility and landfilling. In 1984 the County created the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency to oversee the construction, financing and operation of the Waste Energy Facility. The County's role in that, other than creating the agency was a guarantee that if your expenses exceeded your revenues, we would cover that short fall called a net service fee. It also called for land filling. We have no land fills in Dutchess County and we don't have any landfills in any of the surrounding Counties at all. New York City up. What we landfill is upstate New York, mainly about 250 miles away. So, what happened? Our plan expired and we were required to do a new plan. The County did that, it was just completed, as a matter of fact. It's called "Rethinking Waste". It's a plan for Solid Waste Management for Dutchess County for the next ten years. The Dutchess County legislature just adopted it on Monday night and the next step is to send it up New York State DEC for their final approval. So, what does this plan call for? Again, the same high archery as before, eliminates waste, very hard to do, but if you don't have waste, you don't have to manage it. It calls for recycling our waste, which means taking the material, like plastic bottles, processing them and then making them into a new product, like a tee shirt. It calls for composting, not just leaves and brush, but organic materials like food waste. That's about 30% of our weight stream, it's a big percentage and so if we want to get of some waste that needs to be disposed of, we are going to have to start composting a little more. People do (inaudible) composting but, as far as I know, there is no community wide composting food diversion, what we call Third Bin for your food wastes and if any body knows of a community that is interested in starting one, please contact me. It also calls for re-use, which is basically taking a piece of furniture that you don't want any more by donating it or selling or giving it to someone else. Those are our three main ways to lessen the amount of material that we have to dispose of, but, unfortunately, right now we only have about 23% of our waste that is recycled, which is not very good. We are about average for New York State. I don't like being average and I don't think Dutchess County likes being average and that is our main goal of this plan is to figure out ways we can recycle more of our materials. Mainly, we've had this law over 20 years, we just haven't been very good about enforcing it or educating people about it. That's going to be

my job and the staff of solid waste in the County, to start reminding people of the benefits of recycling. Our goal is to nearly triple it in the next 10 years to 60%. That's really not good enough. To tell you the truth, when we did this plan, we had to look at reality. We are doing 23% now, after 20 years of recycling. NOT VERY GOOD! Reality is, we have waste that we have to landfill or send to the waste energy facility. About 197,000 tons a year. It's a lot and until get to zero waste and get to better recycling, we have to find a way to manage it. So, what do we do with it? About 142,000 tons or more goes to the Waste to energy facility or it's converted into electricity, the rest of it goes to landfills. It is put into a truck and delivered 250 miles away up state to be dumped into someone else's back yard. So our goal for this plan is to eliminate any land filling and to greatly reduce the amount of wastes. People say, "Well, you have the Waste to Energy Facility, it needs garbage. Yes, it does, but it needs change. It's not operating at capacity now, and if we meet our recycling goals to the next few years, it's ok. If some day that facility is obsolete because we have no waste to go to it, that will be great, but in the mean time, the reality is, we do have waste to go to it and that's where we would like it to go. Now, I know a lot of people have a lot to say about the Waste Energy Facility, that it is polluting our air and harming everyone here, so I'm just going to share a bit of a personal note. I not only work for Dutchess County Solid Waste Management, I'm a Town of Poughkeepsie Resident. I live less than a mile from the Waste Energy Facility since 1990. My husband I raised our three children in the Spackenkill School System and I also grew up in Yonkers, New York about three miles away from an incinerator which had no controls, they just burned the garbage. On a windy day, I would have to go out and clean the patio furniture from the soot. Since I've lived here in 1990, less than a mile from the facility, the only thing I clean off of my furniture is pollen and stink bugs. So, I'm not just talking as a County, I am talking as a resident that lives near there. Back in 1984, Dutchess County said, "We are going to be responsible for our waste". It was a good choice. In 2005 when "Cleaner Air" upgraded, we once again said, "We are going to take care of our wastes and do the upgrades to the facility. " The facility required to meet United States EPA Air Quality Standards and they are very strict on waste to energy facilities. This facility is called "Max System", Maximum Achievable Control Technology not only meets these strict standards, and they do better, any where between 68% and 90% depending on what emissions we are talking about, well below the standards. They have never, not once, exceeded them. They are monitored 24/7 365 days a year. New York State DEC also does periodic checks of the facility and they have never had a problem. Does it have emissions? Yes, the same as you and I with green house gas emissions the same as when we heat our buildings, cool our buildings, drive our cars, run our lawn mower. There is not one building or manufacturing building or home that does not cause emissions. What you need to do and what the EPA asks us to do is to control those emissions and that is what the facility does. Again, they not only meet these standards, they do better. The first thing people talk about is the smoke coming out of the flu, the only thing that comes out of the flu is condensation when the heat meets the cold air. There are no matters coming out of the smoke stack, nor any haze. It does emit Carbon Dioxide over a year, about 3700 tons or less per year. To put it into perspective,

that's about the same of about 700 cars will do over a year. Diesel does more. It does, however, control all emissions. Is this a better way of controlling waste? I think so, the County thinks so. I think we have a responsibility for our own waste and it does produce electricity, enough for about 10,000 homes and other advantages. I'm not really here to promote or defend this, but I really want my message here tonight to be that the County is looking and has a plan that we want to increase our recycling, increase our composting, get as much waste out of the streams and when you are going to through something away, take two seconds to look at it and say, "Can someone else use it, donate, sell, give it away if so. If the answer is no, can it be recycled in my recycling bin, or hazardous waste bin. If you are really good and are composting your yard, can it be put in my compost pile. If all answers are no, throw it then in your garbage. When you think about it, garbage will go way down and that is what we are striving for.

Councilman Krakower: In the new plan, is there a plan to either increase or expand the capacity of the plant or the amount of garbage that comes into the plant for burning?

Lindsay Carille: There is plans to expand the plant. There was a previous draft plan in 2010 done by other consultants that mention the possibility of adding another boiler, there are two boilers there, there are no plans to do that, so no. What we are trying to do is, the 197,000 tons that we are disposing of now, what we would like to do is to get as much of that to the waste management facility instead of sending it to landfills. Right now, the facility can take about 165,000 tons a year. We bring about 142, tons a year. The rest goes to landfills. The reason why is economics. If a hauler can more cheaply transport it 250 miles to the landfill, that's what they are going to do. Unless they are community minded, or have some other reason why they want to use our facility, we can't compete with that financially. We hope to soon.

Supervisor Tancredi: How much waste do we, the residents, create?

Lindsay Carille: That we create and don't recycle? About 197,000 tons plus or minus. We recycle about 45,000 tons. Not very much. That's not including construction and demolition debris. That's another waste stream and is about another 140,000 tons of C&D waste.

Councilman Krakower: How is the plant going to make it more competitive in order to draw some of the business in?

Lindsay Carille: Trying for financial flow control. There is an operator that does the day to day operation of the facility. Their agreement is 25 years old, 1989, and these are fairly new facilities and basically will give you anything you want if you will operate this facility. That agreement is up in June of 2014. What they are trying to do is get a more pleasing agreement. Better cost sharing. Right now they pay for just about everything.

Councilman Krakower: When we looked at the Town Sewer Plant on Sand Dock Road, one of the options brought in by several of the different companies was to increase what we were incinerating by bringing in outside waste and the conclusion that we came to was that we didn't want to see the Town of Poughkeepsie become garbage central where we would have a slew of garbage trucks coming in and on our highways. So, my question is, is that part of what the plan is going forward, to significantly increase the flow?

Lindsay Carille: No. If it was coming from outside waste, it wouldn't be your typical garbage truck, it would be trailer with ten to thirty tons of waste, less traffic than garbage trucks. If we are not generating enough waste in Dutchess County, however, to keep it running at full operation, that is an option. I don't think everybody in our surrounding community who have no landfills are going to be at zero waste, so, it is an option. Beacon brings in recycling from multiple counties, but it is a matter of how often they are brought in and the size of trucks. I don't think that's a problem, but it would definitely be studied if we brought waste in from others. We are at 151,000 tons and the capacity is 164,000 and so there is very little room now to accept any more.

Councilman Krakower: There is no plan to expand that capacity at all?

Lindsay Carille: No, the only thing is the turbine that generates electricity. When the facility was built, the waste is heated up and burned and causes water to boil and generates the turbine which causes electricity, but when the facility was built, part of the steam was being sold to IBM as steam and then IBM said they were not buying the steam any more and then the steam was closed off and so now we have a turbine that can't handle all of the steam and it is being wasted and so to be an upgrade to the turbine we would like to see the operator finance the upgrade to the turbine if possible because there is a very good payback period. If it costs a million, the pay back is like two years of what the increase of electricity you would generate. Then once they got their pay back for the investment then we could share in the revenues of that.

Councilman Eagleton: The question I would have, you are wasting a lot of energy burning the fuel you are burning now, and you are not turning it into electricity.

Lindsay Carille: Most of it. But we could convert more of it. We would be improving the existing turbine and it does not require additional waste to do that.

Supervisor Tancredi: Who sets the fees for the haulers, the County?

Lindsay Carille: Resource Recovery Agency sets the fees and they basically do it by multiple things. They monitor what the cost to landfills are and try to be a little bit competitive. They have to look at what it costs them to process the waste because the operator gets a portion of that.

Councilman Baisley: Wouldn't it make more sense to expand the plant and keep the waste here and process and create jobs.

Lindsay Carille: You are the first person I've heard say that. If you were to expand the plant to take more waste, you would have to bring in waste from other Counties. It would also be quite expensive and so you would have to be willing to fund that. You would have to do a whole business plan as to whether it would be profitable to do that.

Councilman Krakower: When is the last time one of these plants were built, because it was said at one of these meetings that they just don't build them any more, is that correct?

Lindsay Carille: In our State, it's been quite a while. In other States they are doing them.

Councilman Krakower: What's quite a while?

Lindsay Carille: To tell you the truth, I don't know. The reason why, however, is they are very expensive to build and we still have landfill space. The reason why European Countries and Asian Countries have so many is because they don't have as much space like upstate New York.

Councilman Eagleton: Right now, what is the economics running that facility. Is it breaking even or is it making money or losing money? If losing, to the tune of how much.

Lindsay Carille: Unfortunately it has been losing money. Losing money varies, last year it was to the tune of \$4 million and this year it was projected to be about \$2 million and the reason why the large decrease is one of the original 1990 bonds is retired, which cuts out a big expense. There have been many reasons. We don't implement flow controls since 1994 and that agreement has escalating factors in them. Basically over the years, the amount of money they pay the operator to operate that continually goes up.

Councilman Eagleton: Do you know the changes in the electrical capacity. Do you know the changes to or from?

Lindsay Carille: I've heard between \$1 million if they do it during a routine maintenance of it to \$4 million. When they say \$4 million they projected about a 4 to 5 year pay back for that, which would help get rid of the loss. Right now they sell the grid to Central Hudson at a fairly descent price. It's hard to predict, based on waste, electric rates and a lot of other factors. There is a very short pay back period.

Councilman Eagleton: If this thing continuously runs into loss, it doesn't make any sense to me.

Lindsay Carille: Well, we are hoping that that will change. It is definitely the goal of the County to eliminate that net service fee.

Councilman Eagleton: I'm not sure we are adequately protecting ourselves and future residents with this because none of us really know what is under there that someone may have dumped years ago.

Neil Wilson: But, again, that's why we have as part of our protocol, the Town Engineer and consulting staff is there while they are taking materials out and our hope is that it is just C & D and it can be disposed of easily and quickly.

Supervisor Tancredi: In a situation like this where there is some cleanup to be done, we and other people will be monitoring the site for a clean up and for complete compliance and someone ends up confirming that the site is officially clean and good to go and so I assume Engineers and I'm not sure DEC is involved in something like that or not.

Neil Wilson: They are not because what is coming out is material that is otherwise classified as hazardous or toxic. But, certainly, if there is evidence that there is, and then DEC will get called. We have to move it out to figure that out.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Conte, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: Councilman Eagleton

CARFRIED: 6-1

Motion made to open Public Hearing #3: Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

04:10-13-COW 3 PRESENTATION

**By Carolyn Klocker, CCE
Environment Resource Educator,
Concerning Flood Resiliency**

Carolyn Klocker: I am the Senior Resource Education at Cornell Cooperative Center here in Dutchess County. How many hear are familiar with Cornell Cooperative Extension? (Several people indicated yes) Excellent! We have four major program areas there. We have our agricultural and horticultural programs which most people are familiar with. We have people that go out and help on the farms in the community. We also run the 4H programs. So, if you've been to the Dutchess County Fair and walked through the sheep barns, etc, you've seen a lot of the kids that do the youth programs with us. We also have a family and consumer education program. They do a lot of our nutrition education and also do financial education to both students and adults. They have a relative as parents program, so a lot of things to help families get by, especially in these hard economic times and

then I am part of the environment and energy program, so I myself am the water research educator and we also have our program leader who is a specialist in climate, science and policy and we have a GIS Educator, (Geographic Information System Educator) who does a lot of the mapping of the Agricultural redistricting as well as putting together maps for municipalities. So if you ever have a GIS need in the County, Bill Curry in our office is great. Tonight, I am here to talk to you about a project that we recently started in the Environmental Energy Program that Cooperative Extension in our County recently became part of as well as Columbia County, Green, Orange and Putnam and that's the Hudson Estuary Water Shed Resiliency Department. So, tonight I am simply here to give you an overview of the program so you understand what we are going to be doing in the next year and the types of resources we hope to be making to you all over the next year and possibly into the future. So the Hudson Estuary Resiliency Project is a combination of research, demonstration and educational outreach projects to address the challenges of flooding, stream and watershed management and climate change. It is a partnership being lead by NY State Resource Institute at Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension with support of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program. Through this partnership, Cooperative Extension staff will actually be providing education and resources to municipalities and streamside landowners in the Hudson Valley to address flooding and stream management and so during 2013 we will be working with these partner organizations to conduct a needs assessment in targeted communities throughout the Hudson Valley and providing educational opportunities throughout the region as well. So the larger regional area where this project is being conducted in is the Hudson River Estuary Water Shed and so if you take a look at this handout, there is a map of that area. (All Attached to the final book copy) Carolyn described all the attached maps and information and she stated that the Town of Poughkeepsie has three watersheds that they were going to be focusing their efforts on. The entire definition of the presentation made by Carolyn is included in the attached materials.

Councilman Eagleton: One of the questions I get repeatedly because my Ward is impacted by flooding. There are a lot of creeks within my Ward and a lot of homes built along the creeks and I get constantly asked if we widen the stream or straighten it out, would it get rid of the flooding? That is the common perception and I guess my challenge has always been to try and educate people that when you make adjustments to something that was there long before us, it doesn't necessarily make it better.

Carolyn Klocker: It doesn't necessarily respond the way we want it to.

Councilman Eagleton: I think the challenge we have in governing a Municipality is always enforcing that and trying to educate people cheaply on what can or can not be done. I guess you are aware that FEEMA just updated the flood maps and so we have a lot of people with heightened awareness now because they are paying for it in terms of insurance for their homes. Anything that can be provided to educate

people in regards to their risks and what they can do and expect to be done, would be helpful.

Carolyn Klocker: One of the first topics we would like to address with that seminar series is changes in the FEEMA Flood Plain mapping as well as the changes made in regard to their rates and regulations related. We initially planned on the seminar as part of the form but we released there was more than a half hour slot needed to cover it. It would need a solid two hours because there are a lot of changes made and a lot of questions and concerns related to those changes. We will have to talk to the professional we are going to get in order to know when he can present the topic.

This is one of the first ones we would like to address and so hoping it will be the first part of June to have the seminar and I will get in touch with you.

Councilman Baisley: Where is your seminar series going to be held?

Carolyn Klocker: We are going to have it throughout the region in various locations and we are going to offer each topic at least twice. So, there are two dates, in case of a conflict with the first one.

04:10-13-COW 4 PRESENTATION

By Recreation Director, Tom Meyering, and Camp Director, Sandi Concerning The Recreation Program Update

Tom Meyering, Recreation Director: First off, I would like to introduce our camp director for the summer, her name is Sandi. Sandi comes to us with a lot of experience in Recreation. She has a Master's Degree in Recreation and Therapeutic Recreation and she has worked for the State at Wassaic previously to this and at several nursing homes and so she has a lot of experience. There are three topics I want to touch on this evening. The first one is the Get Away Day Camp, our new Senior Center and then other upcoming programs, like five things I just want to touch on very briefly. The goal for our day camp is to provide an educationally enriched, affordable Summer Day Camp program that meets the needs of the families in our Town. We changed this a little bit this summer and we are adding the educationally enriched portion to it, largely at Sandi's suggestion because we feel we need to make the Day Camps something that the kids grow more from having participated in. It's great to go and play ball all day and run around and have a good time and a place for the parents to get rid of the kids for the day and have them well taken care of. We have a real definite opportunity to present educational opportunities and I know that as we have a real definite opportunity to present things such as the environment and streams conservation and also other opportunities that we have. To meet this goal this year, we've decided to do several different things. With the enriched educational activities, there are two key things that we are doing this year, which we've really not done well with in the past. First is to have weekly themes. For the six weeks in which we run, we are going to have a

different theme. The theme will vary from Olympics, Friends of the Earth, Fun Science Outdoors, Off Broadway and Carnival. So, all sort of neat things. The other part is special guests and programs on lines with some of these. At this point we have Artsonia lined up, which is a digital on-line art gallery that the kids can produce.

Sandi Thezan, Camp Director: The on-line Art Museum is actually a display of the campers art work that they do throughout camp and also giving parents and family members an opportunity to buy their art work or use it as gifts or as projects they want to do and it's totally free. So, that's an important part of the Arts and Craft area of our camp. Sandi has also lined up several other speakers at this point and she is working on it every day getting new people. We have Bike New York coming in to do a bike rodeo type presentation. The Arlington Fire Department, the Town Police Department, the Nature Program Director from the County Parks is coming in one day. We have the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center planning to come in. We have a Gymnastics Program through Sony New Paltz and the Children's Media Project. So, we are really striving out there to get specialists in, several weeks, to present special things to our campers. When it comes to being affordable, as far as I can tell, we are the most affordable camp program in Dutchess County. There are other programs that don't run the same hours we do that might be a little cheaper, but we are certainly the one I think is the most affordable. With the Budget Committee last year, it gave me the direction to maintain the same fee as last year. So, we are at \$75 per week. Along with that, we've established a limited scholarship program, a very limited scholarship program based on reduced or free school lunches. To maintain the affordability though, we consolidated our Day Camp to Greenvale Park. Last year and the year before, we had two Day Camps, which meant we were paying two camp directors and two program staff people, two groups of program staff and this year by consolidating at Greenvale Park we are able to do that at one time. We've restructured the staff and it will serve us better having it at one location. The other thing, by consolidating, we are able to do this year is to offer extended hours care. We will have care available for children from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM which will be helpful to a lot of families. The 8 to 4 program we ran in the pass, a lot of families can take advantage of it, but a lot of families couldn't because it just didn't fit with their schedules and so this will certainly help do that. The other emphasis we are doing to help meet our goal for the summer is we are looking at is, if we have a quality staff, we are looking at a quality program. We just closed our application period for summer staff. We have four applications for reposition. So, we have a lot of going through and a lot of quality people we will not be able to hire we don't have the positions for them.

Councilwoman Shershin: So, how many children are you going to be able to take in to the Day Camp?

Tom Meyering: We are going to be able to handle 150 children per week, which was the same we had in the two locations last year. Ok, to now move along to our

next big operation is our new Senior Center. We are moving along very nicely with it. We anticipate opening in September. At this point, what we've gotten accomplished is the design and plan is accomplished. We've done demolition both inside and out. Interior walls have been built. Some of the electricity has been done. We are moving along there. Projects under way, the bathrooms had to be rebuilt. The kitchen windows and doors and soon to be done, such things as new insulation for the ceiling, taping and painting walls and furnishings. I want to mention, painting though, what we are planning to do, I have been approached by an Eagle Scout to do a project and he is planning to put together about 50 volunteers for a week end and we will have a community paint day. ALL ARE WELCOME! We are not looking for just kids, we are looking for adults, too. The Center is moving along very nicely. At this point, I did a reality check today to see if the September Date is well within reach, which will work well for us because our Senior Programs now operate until July and then they take the month of August off and so we can operate until July and move in the new facility in September. I would be very remiss at this point without thanking the Building Department, Highway Department, Water Department and Sewer Department for all their help they've been putting in there. The Building Department, Bruce Flowers has been spending about 75% of his time down there for the last month to month and a half. The Highway Department, there has been three or four of their people working in the building. The Water Department and Sewer Department have also had people helping us and so without that, this would not have happened.

Supervisor Tancredi: Part of the challenge, as Tom said, we've made good progress, but now with Spring here and obviously Highway getting better, the challenge will be getting the rest of the work completed while our people are busy with their regular jobs. So, we are going to work at it.

Tom Meyering: I also should have mentioned, the Engineering, Don, has been very, very helpful. To move along to other upcoming items and this is just kind of things that are happening. Right now, actually today, the playground that the Rotary Club donated to us for Crown Heights Park, was delivered and the installer started some of the work in getting that prepared. This year, our Summer Concert series is going to return for four concerts in July at Greenvale Park. Our Co-labor with the City of Poughkeepsie with the Spratt Park Pool, is moving along. I believe, maybe next week we will have the contract ready. Next item is our enhanced staff background checks. We are planning, at this point, to present to the Board for next week, our policy for the Recreation Department permitting us to do background checks beyond what we've done in the past. We feel that this is very important for the safety and well-being of our campers and the public. We are again doing the ladies recreational softball league. That's the final item. The Friends of Peach Hill received a competitive grant from Parks and Trails New York that will allow them to work on producing a new web-site, which will be a virtual visitor's center for the park and there are a lot of neat things they are working on and I'm working with them so the website will draw people to the park. It will help people to understand what is happening at the park when they get there. When they are walking the

trail, there will be a place smart phone where they can pick up a QR Code and scan it in and have a video of what they are looking at or telling them about the trail. Hopefully it will also help them get new volunteers and donations for the facility.

Councilwoman Shershin: Yes, the old site didn't have correct contact information on it and there was no way –I hope they have a button so they can make donations, there was no way to get in touch with them.

Tom Meyering: Yes, the old website was done quickly by several volunteers and this one is being done through a web firm and they got the grant themselves and so I want to thank them for that. Those are all of the items I have.

Councilman Eagleton: There is a bunch of seniors in my Ward that are in a glee club and they rent out the Knights of Columbus Hall and I guess they were looking to use the Senior Center for that.

Supervisor Tancredi: I think they came in.

Tom Meyering: We have some work to do yet on exactly how we are going to run and what is going to happen once we get the building open. But, we certainly will have the facilities available there. We want to run it five days a week and have it open with more enhanced programming that we've done in the past.

Supervisor Tancredi: Were they talking also evenings?

Councilman Eagleton: They may be interested in any time they can get.

Tom Meyering: We will certainly welcome clubs and seniors to come in and use it. We will program them in. The building is 6,000 sq. feet and so there is plenty of room and there is going to be several – we've divided it into one large room at this point and then a smaller room which will be primarily a craft room. But, we can put people singing in one room and they won't affect people in the other room.

Councilman Eagleton: Apparently they are good, so.

Tom Meyering: We are really looking forward to the challenges of making that happen.

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Supervisor Tancredi: Ok, before going to the Committee Reports, is there anyone in the public who would like to address the Board?

Doreen Tignanelli: Regarding the information Caroline gave you and Councilman Baisley brought up the point about tree cutting and there are more and more places

around the Town that you see people removing large trees and developments, it's much easier and cheaper for developers to just clear out the trees on site instead of working around them. A lot of times some of the trees that are replanted, they are just ornamental trees, like pear, cherry or something and not something long lasting or have any habitat value. I know, once before there was talk about a tree protection plan. It really didn't go anywhere, but something needs to be done and I would like to encourage people to plant more trees and conserve more trees because it increases storm water run off. It cuts down noise. Central Hudson is going to be doing a transmission line around the Tilcon area around Sheaf Road, they have about 10 acres of trees they are going to be taking down and this is all a cumulative impact. It's not attractive, it raises temperature and you have the storm water issues. People should be encouraged if their neighborhood has streams, to do plantings. There are a number of shrubs; you don't necessarily need to plant trees. It would be helpful also if the Planning Board would become more active in conservation. The only other thing is the solid waste plan. That plan has been accepted by the legislature and I really do think that the Town should have been reached out to for input right from the very beginning, but that didn't happen and talking about increasing recycling, which is good, but, if they do that, they are taking materials out of the solid waste stream and the plan talks about bringing in more waste from outside of the County in order to keep the plant operating at capacity. I really do think the Town of Poughkeepsie residents are going to have the potential for increase truck traffic and ok, the plants meets EPA standards, but the American Lung Association has also given Dutchess County a Grade of D for ozone pollution. Ozone is a dangerous pollutant and children are especially vulnerable. I would also like to encourage the Town here to also do additional recycling at Town Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 2. FIRE ADVISORY | Councilman Conte: No Report |
| 3. GOVERNMENTA OPERATIONS | Councilwoman Shershin: No Report |
| 4. LAND USE & PLANNING | Councilman Krakower: No Report |
| 5. PERSONNEL | Councilman Cifone: No Report |
| 6. RECREATION | Councilman Baisley: No Report |
| 7. SENIOR CITIZENS | Councilman Baisley: No Report |
| 8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT | Councilman Eagleton: No Report |
| 9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY | Councilman Eagleton: No Report |

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Supervisor Tancredi; Motion made to Close the Meeting: Seconded by S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 7-1

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:43 PM

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