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**Town Board Meeting Minutes
Organizational Meeting, January 2, 2003
7:00 pm**

Present: Supervisor Lipton, Councilmen Drabkin, Hornbeck, Ryan, Santosky, Town Clerk Sommer, Town Attorney Christiana.

Supervisor Lipton led the meeting in the pledge to the flag, then introduced Town Board members.

Supervisor Lipton read voting procedures, which mandated voice vote unless a roll call vote is requested by a board member.

Ellenville National Bank, Premier National Bank, and Fleet Bank were selected. The Supervisor may use other banks to obtain the most favorable rates. Moved and seconded and approved unanimously.

Regular Town Board meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of the month at town hall at 7:00 pm

The Town Board audit and workshop meetings shall be held on the last Thursday of each month at 4:30 to audit the town's bills, followed by workshop meeting.

The Daily Freeman shall be official newspaper. The Middletown Times-Herald Record was designated as an alternative.

Shirley Lamon was appointed as full time secretary/bookkeeper to the Supervisor.

Crystal Gazlay was appointed to be the secretary to the Highway Superintendent.

Eric Eck was appointed as Deputy Higher Superintendent.

The firm of Sperry, Cuono, Holgate & Churchill, CPAs, PC was appointed as Accountants for the Town.

Harold Lipton was designated Budget Officer

Berger, Friedman & Christiana was appointed Legal Advisor for the Town.

First Deputy Clerk & Deputy Registrar:	Annette Rose
Second Deputy (part time)	Susan Mitchell
Third Deputy (part time)	Teresa France
Alternates may vary.	

Registrar of Vital Statistics	Veronica Sommer
Records Management Officer:	Veronica Sommer
Clerk to Justices:	Sonia Kortright
Clerk to Justices (part time)	Karen Keator
Dog Control Officer	Jill Shufeldt
Clerk to Assessor	JoAnn Lee
Social Service Officer	Susan Mitchell
Solid Waste Attendant	Edward Hornbeck
Solid Waste Attendant	Wayne Kershaw
Laborer for Town	John Tackett
Town Historian	Alice Schoonmaker
Youth Director:	Carol Dennin

Youth Department Clerk: Kris Zimmerman (25 hrs/week)
 Constables: Gregory Hart
 Brian Belile*
 Alex Chalm
 Walter Troin
 Bruce Schoonmaker*/**
 Arthur D. Lapp, Sr.
 Robert Matson
 Anthony Kawalchuk Sr.

*Court Officers
 **Fire Police

Ambulance	KAFAS	\$10,000
Veteran Services:	VFW 8959	\$400
Joint Recreational Projects:	Indian Valley Little League,	\$900
	Kerhonkson Pool	\$14,000
	Rondout Babe Ruth	\$900
	Pop Warner Football	\$900
	Kerhonkson Youth Commission	\$1,000
	Library Services:	Ellenville Library
	Stone Ridge Library	\$10,000

Adult Recreation	KAGolden Seniors,	\$800
	KA Jewish Seniors	\$700
	Swawangunk Seniors	\$500
	KA Senior Citizens	\$2,500

Museum:	Friends of Historic Rochester	\$10,000
	Town of Rochester Hist. Pres Commission	\$2,500

Community Development:	Cornell Coop. Extension	\$400
	KA Chamber of Comm.	\$1,000
	Accord Fire Company	\$1,000

Petty Cash Funds:	Town Clerk,	\$300
	Supervisor	\$150
	Highway Superintendent	\$100
	Code Enforcement	\$50
	Zoning Board/Planning Board	\$50
	Youth Recreation	\$200

Code Enforcement Officer	Doug Dymond (17.5 hrs per week)
Assistant Code Enforcement Officer:	Lewis Noest (17.5 hrs per week)
Secretary to Code Enforcement	Brenda Striano
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair:	Marijane Hunlock-Knudsen
Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chair:	Beatrice Haugen Depuy
Planning Board Chair	Nadine Carney
Planning Board Vice Chair	Shane Ricks
Secy to Planning & Zoning Boards:	Beverly Schoonmaker

Spending Authorization for Highway Superintendent

Up to \$3,000 without prior approval except for emergency repairs or where statutory limits apply.

Association of Towns

The Town's delegate shall be Supervisor Lipton. The alternate delegate shall be Town Clerk Sommer. The following shall be authorized to attend: Supervisor, Town Clerk, 2 Councilpersons, Town Justices, 1 ZBA and 1 PB member or two from one board.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Town business.

30 cents per mile for authorized use with prior authorization from department head or town board

Historic Preservation Commission

Appointed Ruth Bendelius and reappointed Milford Ebert, as Members for three year terms 12/31/2005 Alice Cross was appointed chair and Milford Ebert was appointed treasurer. Eleanor Rosakranse was appointed secretary and Charles Green was appointed treasurer.

Board of Ethics

Ron Santosky was appointed chair. Richard Gray and Anne Estroff were appointed members.

Deputy Supervisor:	Ron Santosky
Liaison to Hwy Department:	Randall Hoornbeek
Liaison to Solid Waste Facility:	Ron Santosky
Liaison to ZBA and PB	Randall Hoornbeek
Liaison to Youth Comm.	Tom Ryan
Liaison to Environmental Comm.	Brian Drabkin
Liaison to Parks & Recreation	Tom Ryan
Liaison to Hist. Preservation	Tom Ryan
Liaison to Cablevision Comm:	Ron Santosky
Liaison to Insurance Carriers:	Brian Drabkin
Liaison to Assessor:	Brian Drabkin
FOIL Appeal Officer:	Ron Santosky

All appointments for one year or at pleasure by town board or as mandated by statute,

In accordance with town law section 29 (16), Supervisor Lipton was authorized to take appropriate and necessary day-to-day actions for the benefit of the town.

The Procurement and Investment Policies of the Town were adopted without revision for the year.

Town Board approved salary schedule

Moved and seconded.

The Organizational Meeting ended at 7:15 pm

Town Board Notes
January 2, 2003
7:00 pm Town Hall

Present: Supervisor Lipton, Councilmen Drabkin, Hornbeck, Ryan, Santosky, Town Clerk Sommer, Town Attorney Christiana

Minutes

The minutes of the December 26, 2002 Audit/Workshop Meeting and the End of Year Business Meeting were approved as presented.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Lipton reported that the Supervisor's Report was on file with the Town Clerk.

Insurance Report

Dwight Coombes was present to discuss questions about the Town's insurance coverage. Councilman Drabkin said that the town had two separate policies – a separate one for the Community Center – at a higher cost because of the poor condition of the building. When the two unsafe buildings are demolished, the second policy can be cancelled, reducing the insurance expense.

Bids for Town Clerk's Office Renovation

Supervisor Lipton asked for a motion to advertise for bids to renovate the clerk's office. Town Clerk Sommer indicated that work could not begin prior to June due to the tax collection season. No action was taken after the motion was withdrawn.

Courthouse Plans

Supervisor Lipton asked if he could invite the Town Justices to the next meeting in order to discuss plans for the new courthouse with them.

Board of Assessment Review

Robert Christian was appointed to the BOAR for a term expiring 9/30/07.

Waste Transfer Station

Councilman Santosky proposed that the opening of the Town Transfer Station be delayed until 10:00 am on days that there is a large snowstorm. After a discussion with Buddy Hornbeck, it was agreed that the transfer station will open at 10:00 am on such days unless directed otherwise by the Town Board transfer station liaison.

Councilman Santosky said that he originally intended to propose that the "Free Stuff" pile at the Transfer Station be terminated as people frequently dropped off unusable junk in order to avoid paying for disposal. He indicated that he noticed that there had been increased monitoring by transfer station employees to prevent this.

Strategic Planning Committee

Councilman Drabkin moved that a strategic planning committee be created to discuss various buildings and grounds construction projects. The motion passed unanimously and Councilman Drabkin is to nominate members.

Public Discussion

The meeting was opened to public discussion at 7:40 pm.

ZBA

Stanley Hudson told the Town Board that he was disappointed that he was not re-appointed to the Town Board at the last meeting. He said that in 15 years he had missed only one meeting and then asked the Town Board members why he wasn't reappointed. He indicated that he was qualified and that he also served on the County Planning Board, of which he was recently elected secretary. It was agreed that the Board would go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the matter.

Snow Plowing

Paul Reisch said that there were lots of seniors in town who were being hurt by scammers who plowed their drives for exorbitant fees. He asked the Town Board to consider a policy for a fund to handle affordable plowing for senior citizens.

ZBA

ZBA Chair, Marijane Hunlock-Knudsen read a letter from the Ulster County Planning Board in support of Stanley Hudson.

Mining Moratorium

Steve Lincoln and Zali Win thanked the Town Board for the 90 day moratorium that was passed at the last meeting and noted that due to legal issues that the moratorium was not yet in effect. They presented the members of the Board with information packages that included legal memoranda and case precedent to create such a moratorium.

ZBA

ZBA vice chair Bea Haugen Dupuy asked the Town Board how they could replace experienced ZBA members with non-experienced people and suggested that Stanley Hudson be reappointed and that Jim Kingston be appointed an alternate.

Executive Session

The Town Board went into executive session to discuss the ZBA appointment and returned at 8:25. They indicated that they spoke to Jim Kingston who resigned from the ZBA. After the meeting reconvened, they accepted the resignation of Mr. Kingston, appointed Stanley Hudson to a seven year ZBA term and appointed Mr. Kingston as an alternate.

Assessors Office

Councilman Drabkin asked the assessor to prepare a report for the Town Board, which the Assessor indicated that she would prepare. The format will be similar to that of the Village of New Paltz.

Councilman Drabkin asked if it would be appropriate for the Town Attorney to review the format of the Town's organizational meeting to include any changes in law that might have occurred since the format was last updated. He also asked if there should be a liaison for electronic systems, videotaping, etc.

The rebidding of the demolition of the Community Center buildings shall include slab removal.

Councilman Hornbeck moved to appoint two liaisons to the Kerhonkson Pool renovation project. Councilmen Hornbeck and Ryan were appointed for another year.

A discussion of the appointment of a buildings and grounds liaison was tabled.

A discussion of the bids for electrical work at the Community Center in the amount of \$9,300 took place. The Town Attorney said that additional bids were required.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

