

SPECIAL JOINT TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 1, 2010

Supervisor Pagones opened the Special Joint Board meeting at 5:30pm, Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York and led the audience with the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Present:

Town of Fishkill

Supervisor Joan A. Pagones

Councilman Callahan

Councilman Ferguson

Councilman LaColla

Councilwoman Malvarosa

Town Clerk - Darlene Bellis

Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP (by Ronald C. Blass, Jr. and Rebecca A. Valk, of Counsel)

Town of Wappinger

Supervisor Chris Colsey

Councilman Bettina

Councilman Beale

Attorney, Al Roberts

Absent:

Councilman Paoloni

Councilwoman Czarniecki

Town of LaGrange

Supervisor Jon Wagner

Councilman Jessup

Councilman Luna

Councilman O'Hare

Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP (by Ronald C. Blass, Jr. and Rebecca A. Valk, of Counsel)

Absent:

Councilman Beck

Town of Beekman

Supervisor Dan French

Councilman Kinsley

Councilman Mangeri

Councilwoman Zulauf

Attorney, David Sears

Mark Wladis, Esq.; Gina Christanie - Dutchess County Personnel; Christian Harkins - CAP Assessor; James A. Foy - Receiver of Taxes; Robert Wheeling - Comptroller;

Supervisor Joan A. Pagonis stated that this is an official meeting of the following towns: Beekman, Fishkill, LaGrange and Wappinger. A grant application will be discussed relative to sharing of services. She then called on Ronald C. Blass for purposes of comment.

Ronald C. Blass stated that the overall purpose of this meeting is to continue the discussion regarding to getting feedback from the several attorneys who represents one or more towns in the proposed coordinated assessment program; secondly, to continue the policy of going into executive session, particularly because the towns are dealing now and deeply within the set of contracts discussions and negotiations among the municipalities. For both of those reasons, the attorney/client discussion and the appropriateness of contract negotiations being part of the executive session, he proposed that someone makes a motion to go into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Town of Fishkill Councilman Ferguson made the motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Town of Fishkill Councilwoman Malvarosa

All ayes - Town of Fishkill Town Board
All ayes - Town of Wappinger Town Board
All ayes - Town of LaGrange Town Board
All ayes - Town of Beekman Town Board

Motion Carried

Executive session at 5:35pm

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Town of Fishkill Councilman Ferguson made a motion to go back into the regular order of business. Seconded by Town of Wappinger Councilman Bettina

All ayes - Town of Fishkill Town Board
All ayes - Town of Wappinger Town Board
All ayes - Town of LaGrange Town Board
All ayes - Town of Beekman Town Board

Motion Carried
Regular order of business at 7:25pm

Rebecca A. Valk read (SEE ADDENDUM) a resolution for the Town of Wappinger, a resolution for the Town of LaGrange, and a resolution for the Town of Fishkill, in which the following votes were taken.

Town of Wappinger

Motion made by Councilman Beale to authorize the Town of Fishkill to submit an application through the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program for the establishment of a Consolidated Assessing Unit between the Towns of Beekman, Fishkill, LaGrange, and Wappinger. The Town of Fishkill shall act as Lead Applicant and the Towns of Beekman, LaGrange, and Wappinger shall act as co-applicants, with respective Supervisors of each Town acting as Co-Applicant Contact Person. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall be the Town of Fishkill Supervisor, Joan Pagones, or her designee. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall execute all financial and/or administrative process relating to the grant program. Seconded by Councilman Bettina

Roll Call	Councilman Beale	aye
	Councilman Bettina	aye
	Councilwoman Czarniecki	absent
	Councilman Paoloni	absent
	Supervisor Colsey	aye

Motion Carried

Town of LaGrange

Motion made by Councilman Luna to authorize the Town of Fishkill to submit an application through the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program for the

establishment of a Consolidated Assessing Unit between the Towns of Beekman, Fishkill, LaGrange, and Wappinger. The Town of Fishkill shall act as Lead Applicant and the Towns of Beekman, LaGrange, and Wappinger shall act as co-applicants, with respective Supervisors of each Town acting as Co-Applicant Contact Person. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall be the Town of Fishkill Supervisor, Joan Pagones, or her designee. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall execute all financial and/or administrative process relating to the grant program. Seconded by Councilman O'Hare

Roll Call	Councilman Beck	absent
	Councilman Jessup	aye
	Councilman Luna	aye
	Councilman O'Hare	aye
	Supervisor Wagner	aye

Motion Carried

Town of Fishkill

Motion made by Councilman LaColla to approve the motion as amended by Rebecca Valk to authorize the Supervisor, on behalf of the Town, to submit an application through the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program for the establishment of a Consolidated Assessing Unit between the Towns of Beekman, Fishkill, LaGrange, and Wappinger. The Town of Fishkill shall act as Lead Applicant and the Towns of Beekman, LaGrange, and Wappinger shall act as co-applicants, with respective Supervisors of each Town acting as Co-Applicant Contact Person. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall be the Town of Fishkill Supervisor, Joan Pagones, or her designee. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall execute all financial and/or administrative process relating to the grant program. Seconded by Councilman Ferguson

Roll Call	Councilman Callahan	aye
	Councilman Ferguson	aye
	Councilman LaColla	aye
	Councilwoman Malvarosa	aye
	Supervisor Pagones	aye

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Town of Wappinger Councilman Beale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Town of Wappinger Councilman Bettina

All ayes - Town of Fishkill Town Board
All ayes - Town of Wappinger Town Board
All ayes - Town of LaGrange Town Board
All ayes - Town of Beekman Town Board

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Bellis
Town Clerk
Town of Fishkill

ADDENDUM

- Resolution: Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program

RESOLUTION
Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program

Councilman Luna, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman O'Hare, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of LaGrange desires to form a Consolidated Assessing Unit in accordance with applicable provisions of the New York State Real Property Tax Law with the Towns of Beekman, Fishkill, and Wappinger; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of the assessing function of all four (4) Towns will result in a streamlining of municipal resources and will promote municipal economy; and

WHEREAS, the Towns desire to apply for Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program money to assist with the implementation of the Consolidated Assessing Unit;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Town of LaGrange hereby authorizes the Town of Fishkill to submit an application through the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program for the establishment of a Consolidated Assessing Unit between the Towns of Beekman, Fishkill, LaGrange, and Wappinger. The Town of Fishkill shall act as Lead Applicant and the Towns of Beekman, LaGrange, and Wappinger shall act as co-applicants, with the respective Supervisors of each Town acting as Co-Applicant Contact Person. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall be the Town of Fishkill Supervisor, Joan Pagones, or her designee. The Lead Applicant Contact Person shall execute all financial and/or administrative process relating to the grant program.
2. The project for which the grant application shall be submitted is as follows: The Towns of Fishkill, LaGrange, Wappinger and Beekman propose to eliminate their individual assessment departments and create a consolidated assessment unit that will provide assessment functions for all four towns at reduced cost and improved efficiency. The grant application shall request funding for (i) renovation of space in the Fishkill Town Hall to house the employees of the new Consolidated Assessing Unit; (ii) a hybrid vehicle for use by the Assessor and staff of the new Consolidated Assessing Unit; (iii) a copier for the new Consolidated Assessing Unit; (iv) expenses associated with educating the Towns' residents regarding the new Consolidated Assessing Unit and its policies and procedures; (v) computers and furniture for the new Consolidated Assessing Unit; (vi) scanning equipment that will allow the new Consolidated Assessing Unit to digitize all Consolidated Assessing Unit records and the existing records of the participating Towns; (vii) the costs associated with the dissolution of an existing Coordinated Assessing Program between the Town of Union Vale and the Town of LaGrange; (viii) transitional costs associated with personnel to be employed by the new Consolidated Assessing Unit; and (ix) costs associated with cross- training existing

employees of the participating Towns such that employees may properly interface with the new Consolidated Assessing Unit.

3. The maximum amount of money to be applied for in the grant application shall not exceed \$800,000.
4. The local share or match for the grant funds shall be 10 % of the grant award; the amount of each Town's share of that 10% local match will be determined by future agreement among the four Town's.

Jon Wagner, Supervisor.....YES
Joseph Luna, Councilman..... YES
Gary Beck, Councilman.....ABSENT
Stephen O'Hare, Councilman.....YES
Edward Jessup, Councilman.....YES

STATE OF NEW YORK :
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS : ss.:

I, Darlene Bellis, Clerk of the Town of Fishkill, in the County of Dutchess, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the preceding resolution, adopted by the Town Board of Town of Fishkill at a joint meeting of the Towns of Beekman, Fishkill, LaGrange and Wappinger, during which I served as Clerk for the purpose of taking minutes, held on February 1, 2010, with the original thereof filed in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole thereof so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred to therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 4th day of February, 2010.

Darlene Bellis
_____, Town Clerk of the Town of Fishkill

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