



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

Monday, November 18, 2013 5:30 p.m.

City Hall

Chairman Mallory called the meeting to order at 5: 30 p.m.

Constantine Kazolias - 47 Noxon Street – Brought statements (attached) to read but prefaced it with the following remarks he allegedly made at the County with Rolison sitting as Chairman of the Legislative body: He said there's no money in the County Budget to take over the City buses, so let's make that clear. Another thing off the record, because I've submitted these letters before during the Common Council but wanted to talk about the gist of it. He asked rhetorically, "Why did the City come and assess/appraise the Water Plant?" You don't appraise something unless you're going to sell it...

Chairman Mallory: Stated that this was the Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget. What you're sharing right now could be discussed at Public Participation.

Mr. Kazolias: I'm asking where the \$15,000.00 is coming from to appraise the Water Plant? I'd like to know that. You should lower your limits to \$5,000.00; this way you've got better control of the finances, here in the City. The Water Plant should not be sold. Feels that there may be some underhanded things being done. As far as the garbage is concerned, the Administration is "Hell-bent" on the (sorry for using the word, "Hell"), but as far as the Sanitation Department is concerned, the worst thing that can be done is to privatize it.

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THE LETTER TO THE POJO EDITOR BY BRUCE DOURDIS, FORMER V.P. UNION REP, COVERED THE MOST PERTINENT POINTS TO WHY THE CITY IS IN FINANCIAL STRAITS. ADDITIONALLY THE STATE AUDIT COVERED THE PERIOD 01/01/11 TO 07/01/12, DURING THIS PERIOD, THE MAYOR/COMMOM COUNCIL WERE UNDER REPUBLICAN CONTROL.THE SANITATION ENTERPTISE COMMENCED 01/01/13. LOOKING AT THE SANITATION ENTRY OF \$350.000, FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS, AS A DEBIT NOT A CREDIT,REALIZING THAT NO COMPENSATION C-2 FORM WHICH ARE TO BE FILED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF ACCIDENT/INJURY, TO PRESENT NONE HAVE BEEN FILED; THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE CREDIT[LOAN], AS WAS DONE AS NOTED IN THE 2012 WATER/SEWER STATE AUDIT REPORT. THE IMPENDING MERGER BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY THERE WILL BE NO PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS, SO WHY DOES THE CITY ENTER' THIS \$350,000 FALSE FLAG ENTRY"? I DO NOT BELIEVE THE WHARTON SCHOOL OF FINANCE STANDARD FOR ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES WOULD ACCEPT SUCH AN ENTRY HAS IT PERTAINS TO CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW SANITATION ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT!!! THE CITY HAS MANY DIVISIONS UNDER THE DPW. THEY ARE: PARKS, STREETS, LEAF PICKUP, AND DEAD ANIMAL PICKUP, SNOW PLOWING, TREES. ABATE VIOLATIONS GRASS/WEEDS/TRASH/, BULK PICKUP, STREET CLEANING, SAND BAGGING ICE HOUSE/ CLEANING CATCH BASINS, SNOW PLOWING, SWEEPING STREETS, TREES, MAYBE I MISSED A FEW, ALL THE ABOVE DIVISIONS UTILIZE SANITATION EMPOLYEES, A/K/A/ POUGHKEEPSIE'S MINUTE MEN, EQUIPMENT VEHICLES, MAITENENCE OF THE ABOVE INCLUDING FUELS ARE ALL C HARGED TO THE SANITATION ACCOUNT RATHER THAN TO THERE RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS WHEN SERVICES USED? IS THIS A CARRYOVER BUNYI ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES? REGARDING THE TRANSFER STATION, WHY WERE 2012 RE VENUES SHORTED BY \$20,000 AND MAYORS PROJECTED 2014 BUDGET BY \$70,000? THE2012 PROJECTD REVENUES @ \$120,000 WHY DO THE METALS RECYLIBLES REVENUES @ \$1000/MO BEING ENTERED INTO THE CITIES FUND BALANCE AND NOT SANITATION? KINGSTON RECEIVED A DEC GRANT FOR \$400+! WHERE IS THE CITY OF POK? DID IT APPLY? WHY DOES THE CITY CONTINUE PAYING \$18/TON MORE, BY SENDING TRASH TO COUNTYS BURN PLANT!! AS A FORMER MAYOR OF POUGHKEEPSIE BOB AHMED ONE OF THE TWO BEST MAYORS OF POUGHKEEPSI, THE OTHER LOU FIORE, MAYOR AHMEDS POLICY WAS THE CITY IS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE BUSSINESS. THE BUS SERVICE IS CRITICAL TO MEETING THOSE CRITERIA. TO BELIEVE BY THE CITY GIVING UP ITS BUS SERVICE BY OUTSOURRING TO THE COUNTY WHEN THE COUNTY PRIVATISES TO AN OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR, WILL SAVE \$600,000 AND STILL MAINTAIN PRESENT SERVICE/WITH MAINTENCE, TO THOSE THAT DO, STILL BELIEVE IN THE TOOTH FAIRY? FORGET THE BRIDGES THEY HAVE BEEN OVERSOLD THOUSAND TIMES!! TO QUOTE A FORMER BUS DRIVER WITH MANY YEARS SERVICE EMPLOYED BY THE LOOP, CHARACTERISED THE SERVICE IN TWO WORDS"IT SUCKS}!!SO WHAT HAS CHANGED TO THIS DAY? TO THROW ANOTHER FLY IN THE OINTMENT, WHEN THE CITY PONIES UP \$600,000+ HARD PRESSED FUNDS, PLUS THE \$2,000,000+FEDERAL GRANT FOR A BUS DEPOT WITH NO TOILET FACILITIES, IS THIS PROJECT THE EPETIMY FOR EXCELENCE?

CONSTATNTINE GUS KAZOLIAS

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ATTENDING THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING OF 10/21/13, A TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT CREATED A HEATED DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, MAYOR TKYZIK WAS MIA. THE CORPORATION COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR ATTEMPTED TO TAP DANCE AROUND THE ISSUE. THE ISSUE WAS THE OUTSOURCING CITY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSES. THERE APPEARS TO BE A BACK ROOM DEAL BETWEEN THE MAYOR TKYZIK AND DC MARK MOLLINARO WHICH WAS POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE. THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT WAS THE AUTHORIZATION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION TAP DANCED AROUND THAT THE CC DOES NOT HAVE TO VOTE ON THE TAKEOVER. DISCUSSION STARTED WHEN COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON RAISED THE QUESTION WHY THE COUNCIL WAS NOT INVOLVED. THEN COUNCILWOMAN BOYD READ INTO THE RECORDS A SECTION OF THE SCAM THAT WAS POSTED ON THE DC WEBSITE THAT THE CC HAD TO VOTE ON THE TAKEOVER. STOPPING THE STONEWALLING BY THE ADMINISTRATION. BOTH COUNCILMAN RICH AND THE COUNCILWOMAN PERRY JOINED IN THE FRAY. THE CHAMBERS WERE FILLED TO CAPACITY WITH STANDING ROOM ONLY. MORE THAN 20+ PEOPLE SPOKE AGAINST THE TAKEOVER EXPRESSING THEIR PERSONNEL CONCERNS AND HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THEIR LIVES. MANY WERE SENIOR CITIZENS, OTHERS THEIR CONCERNS WHILE THOSE WHO WERE WORKING COULD NOT, AND WHO RELY THE BUS FOR TRANSPORT. THIS BOE ARE PROBABLY ASKING WHY GUS IS BRINGING THE ISSUE OF CITY BUSES DURING THIS MEETING. REMEMBERING THE CLOSING OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAUSING A CONCERN FOR THE LITTLE TOTS WHO HAD A HAZARDOUS TREK CROSSING STREETS WHILE SOME WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT, THE CITY BUSES. THE PIE IN THE SKY WHERE THE CITY WOULD SAVE \$600,000 WITH THE COUNTY TAKEOVER AND MAINTAINING THE EXISTING SERVICE WHEN THE COUNTY COMPTROLLER HAS WRITTEN IN THE POJO TO ELIMINATE THE LOOP BUSES. ONE MUST BELIEVE IN THE TOOTH FAIRY, WHO COULD BE PRESSED INTO SERVICE TO MAGICALLY PICK UP AND DROP THEM OFF AT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS. IN CONCLUSION THIS BOE BY RESOLUTION SHOULD EXPRESS TO BOTH THE COUNTY AND CITY THE EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE SAFETY OF THE LITTLE TOTS

COBSTANTINE KAZOLIAS

IN THE PAST, POUGHKEEPSIE WHOSE ORIGINAL INDIAN NAME WAS THE CITY BY THE BROOK, BUT NOW IT'S KNOWN AS DETROIT EAST!!! THE DAM HAS BURST WITH THE OUTSOURCING TO D.C. OF; THE PLANNING BOARD, THE REZONING OF THE RIVERFRONT AND THE WALKWAY INCLUDING 1, 3, and 5 WARDS. OTHERS ITEMS ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK ARE: THE BUSES, FEDERAL GRANTS, AND THE ASSESSOR OFFICE. THE CITY SOLD ITS TWO PARKING DECKS, GAVE SWEET HEART DEALS TO DEVELOPERS WITH PILOTS WHICH ARE STILL TOP SECRET TO THE PUBLIC, FILLING A FOIL WITH NO INFORMATION FORTHCOMING. THE CITY UPGRADE ITS METERS TO THE TUNE OF TEN MILLION, WHILE THE CITY UNDER THE RADAR IS TRYING TO PRIVATISE THE WATER PLANT. ANOTHER MAYOR'S SIGNATURE PROJECT IS THE PRIVATIZATION OF SANITATION. AS FORMER MAYOR BOB AHMED PHILOSOPHY WAS THE CITY IS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE BUSINESS. IF THERE IS NO BUSINESS TO BE HAD THE WAY THIS CITY IS GOING THEIR WILL BE NONE BUT A POLICE STATE.

Frank Clark - 50 Rinaldi Blvd. – Good evening. Thank you Chairman, Council members and Administration. Wanted to share his ideas in how to generate revenue from the buses. Brought statement (see attached).

THE CITY COULD INCREASE THEIR BUS REVENUE FROM ONE BUS ONE DAY A WEEK BY OVER \$10,000 PER YEAR.

BEAR WITH ME WHILE I EXPLAIN HOW WITH MY OWN EXPERIENCE.

I GET OUT OF WORK ON SAT AT THE GALLERIA @ 4 PM. THERE IS NO CITY BUS BECAUSE THEIR LAST TRIP BACK TO POUCHKEEPSIC IS AT 3 PM.

I HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE COUNTY BUS THAT IS SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE AT 4:30 PM. FOR OVER A YEAR I'VE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER 5 PM FOR THAT BUS ALONG WITH 30 TO 40 OTHER PASSENGERS WAITING TO COME BACK TO POK. AT TIMES I COULDN'T GET ON THAT BUS BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDING AND HAVE TO WAIT TILL 6:15 BUS THAT ALSO IS LATE BY 15 MIN THERE FOR INSTEAD OF GETTING HOME WITHIN A 1/2 HOUR IT TAKES OVER 2 1/2 HOURS.

MY FIGURES FOLLOW

I DONT KNOW WHOS DECISION IT WAS
TO STOP THE CITY GALLERIA BUS AT
3PM ON SATURDAY

SATURDAYS ARE THE BUSIEST SHOPPING DAYS
AND THERE ARE MORE WORKERS IN THE MALLS
DOWN RTA.

IF THE CITY GALLERIA BUS RAN UNTIL
6PM

THOSE 35 (AVG) PASSENGERS WOULD TAKE THE
4PM CITY BUS

35 PASSENGERS @ 2.00 FARE =

\$70. THIS ONE TRIP ON SATURDAY
X 52 WEEKS
\$3,640. YEARLY REVENUE

MULTIPLY THAT FIGURE AMOUNT BY 3 =
(4PM - 5PM - 6PM)
\$10,920.

INCREASED REVENUE FROM

ONE BUS - ONE DAY A WEEK

I REALIZED I MADE A HUGE ERROR WITH THAT AMOUNT AND BEFORE I GET ACCUSED OF GIVING A FALSE AND UNTRUTHFUL STATEMENT I MUST TELL YOU THE AMOUNT IS ACTUALLY OVER \$45,000. FROM THAT ONE BUS I DIDNT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PASSENGERS THAT WOULD BE PICKED UP IN POUGHKEEPSIE TO GO TO THE GALLERIA

(SATURDAY ONLY)

3:30 PM AVG 15 PASSENGERS @ \$2. FARE = \$30.00
 4:30 PM " " " " " " = \$30.00
 5:30 PM " " " " " " = \$30.00

TOTAL \$90. (SAT)

X 52 WEEKS

Yearly Total \$4,680 SAT

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

ADDITIONAL REVENUE

TO GALLERIA

FROM GALLERIA

4:30 AVG 15 PASSENGERS @ \$2. = \$30

5PM 15 Passenger \$30

5:30 " " " " = \$30

6PM " " \$30

\$60.

\$60.

X 5 DAYS (M-F) X 5

DAYS X 5

\$300

\$300 WKS

X 52 Weeks

X 52 WKS

\$15,600

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TOTALS

SAT ONLY BACK \$10,920. YEARLY

SAT ONLY TO \$4,680 YEARLY

MON-FRI TO \$15,600 YEARLY

MON-FRI FROM \$15,600 YEARLY

GRAND TOTAL

\$46,800.

ADDITIONAL REVENUE

NOTE THE AVG PASSENGER COUNT WAS
VERIFIED BY TWO BUS DRIVERS


FRANK CLARK

P.S. THE \$2 FARE SHOULD BE FOR THE
GALLERIA BUS ONLY ITS A LOT CHEAPER
THAN PAYING \$10 FOR A CAB
OTHER FARES SHOULD STAY THE SAME

Harvey Flad – 115 Academy Street – Came to speak about the lack of a budget line item that was agreed to previously. Work was to be done so that 18-wheelers would not have access through Academy Street as this was residential neighborhood. He speaks for all residential neighborhoods, not just Academy Street. On Academy Street, renovation was to be made to the streetscape all the way from Route 9 to Main Street possibly to the Westbound arterial to Catharine Street. The entrance into the City should be an inspiring

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impression for visitors to the City. If this were to be put back into the budget for the streetscape, in one or two years, or so. If it were put in the 2014 Budget, maybe a year later. It had been eliminated apparently for other projects. He asked that it be reinstated for the City's sake and that the plans go forward.

Dated: December 24, 2013

I hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on Wednesday, November 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain
Deanne L. Flyn