

**Public Hearing-Tax Cap Override Law, 7:15 p.m.
Town Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
October 20, 2016**

Present: Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilman Jeff Logan. **Absent:** Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Bettez opened the public hearing on the Tax Cap Override Law.

Public Input:

Lou Cariola asked if there was anything specific that was causing the need for this law.

Amanda Sisenstein spoke in support of the law.

Josh Honig spoke in support of hiring Phoenix Kawamoto to continue the work she has done with the Community Partnership program. He suggested sharing the cost with other towns.

Carol Roper spoke in support of the law and hiring Phoenix Kawamoto.

At 7:33 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:34 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Acceptance of 10/13/16 minutes, +Set date for PH on Water Loop Project, +Approval of PrePay, +Planning Board request for Rte. 299, +Adoption of Tax Cap Local Law, +Discussion of Engineering for Moriello Pool.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Fran Wishnick spoke in opposition of the moratorium.

Roger and Lillian Spool spoke in support of hiring Phoenix Kawamoto.

Lou Cariola spoke about the speed limit reduction on Rte. 299.

Appointment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to re-appoint Leonard Loza to the Board of Assessment Review for a new 5-year term to expire September 31, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the minutes of **September 22nd, September 29th and October 13th**. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Presentation-Health Insurance renewal options:

Paul Strothenke explained the increases from Guardian, VSP, MVP and NYSHIP for dental, vision and medical coverage, ranging from 6%-9%.

Resolution-Dakota Access Pipeline:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH
INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE**

WHEREAS, the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline would carry as many as 570,000 barrels of fracked crude oil per day for more than 1,100 miles from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to Illinois, passing over sensitive landscapes including treaty protected land containing recognized cultural resources and across or under 209 rivers, creeks, and tributaries including the pristine Missouri River, which provides drinking water and irrigates agricultural land in communities across the Midwest;

WHEREAS, despite deep opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as well as farmers, scientists, more than 30 environmental advocacy groups, and other Tribal nations along the proposed route, and without Tribal consultation or meaningful environmental review as required by federal law, in July, 2016 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit allowing construction of the fracked oil pipeline to move forward;

WHEREAS, in a show of monumental cooperation not seen in the 140 years since the Battle of the Greasy Grass or Custer's Last Stand, members of the Lakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe have united with the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Fires Council - which include the confederation of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Nations - and established a peaceful

encampment in Cannon Ball, North Dakota known as the Sacred Stones Camp to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline with a cultural and spiritual presence;

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz, with its rich history of the Esopus People of the Lenni-Lenapi Nations, understands the importance of recognizing the specific challenges facing the original inhabitants of this land; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2012, the Town of New Paltz passed legislation prohibiting natural gas and/or oil exploration and extraction, recognizing the possibility of fracked gas and petroleum contaminating our water and air;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz stand in support of the Indigenous opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, commends President Obama for temporarily halting the project, and calls upon the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to revoke all permits allowing construction of the fracked oil pipeline; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz urge all residents of to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stones Camp efforts in any peaceful means possible.

Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Speed Limit Reduction on Rte. 299:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following resolution urging the Ulster County Public Works Department to lower the speed limit on Route 299, a between Springtown Road and Jenkins Road in the Town of New Paltz from 55 mph to 45 mph:

WHEREAS, In New York State, the statutory speed limit on all roads is 55 mph and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has the authority to establish speed limits on state highways, county, and town roads, and

WHEREAS, Route 299, a between Spring Town Road and Jenkins Road in the Town of New Paltz is a popular route for bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, cyclists are faced with life-threatening conditions as cars driving over 55 miles an hour pass by them just inches away, and

WHEREAS, cyclists have been hit or run off the road causing them to crash and suffer varying degrees of injuries, and

WHEREAS, a nearly six-mile stretch of Route 299 from the Carmine Liberta Bridge to the intersection of Rt. 44/55 is a vital link for those traveling from New Paltz to some of the most beautiful recreational opportunities in the Hudson Valley, and

WHEREAS, this stretch of road is also part of the Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway but it can only be enjoyed by those in motor vehicles or by the most experienced cyclists who are willing to take serious risks,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to transmit this resolution to the County Commissioner of Public Works of the County of Ulster, asking the Department of Transportation to 1) establish a lower maximum speed of 45 mph on Route 299, a County Road between Springtown Road and Jenkins Road, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and 2) complete a TE9a form with the NYSDOT.

Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Planning Board request for Rte. 299:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the request by the Planning Board for the Town Board to request that the DOT investigates the safety improvements and potential speed limit reductions on Rte. 299 west of the Wallkill by completing the DOT TE-9 form and submitting it to the Ulster County Department of Public Works. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

IMA with the New Paltz Central School District:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the IMA between the Town and the School District regarding the exchange of equipment. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Contract with Trailways:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the contract with Trailways for Traffic Control Services. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Local Law #3/2016-Tax Cap Override:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt Local Law #3 of 2016 to Override the Tax Cap. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Engineering for Moriello Pool:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice to conduct a study on Moriello Pool, at a cost not to exceed \$9,500. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to amend the motion to request

\$4,750 from the Village, as a capital expense. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Set date for Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing on the Facilities serving Water Districts 1, 2 and 3 (Water Loop) for November 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Meadowbrook II Water Bill:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to reissue the billing as recommended by the Comptroller. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Join Government Purchasing Alliance:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to for the Town to join the Government Purchasing Alliance. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Switch EAP and Disability to Guardian:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to change the Town's EAP and Disability coverage to Guardian effective January 1, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Request to hire Mae Morales:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire Mae Morales of Alter Enterprise at a rate not to exceed \$300.00 to remotely repair backup schedule due to daily warnings of failure. Should hardware reconstruction be required, request the rate not to exceed \$600.00 for Mae Morales to correct the backup problem. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorized PrePays:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to add Whitaker & Associates to the authorized prepays for the pre-demolition asbestos abatement project at the old town hall. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the October Warrant in the amount of \$938,263.54. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Discussion:

Supervisor Bettez explained that under the tax cap, the Town would only be allowed to increase expenses by about \$53,000. However, contractual expenses alone are \$235,000. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to cut \$9,645.00 from line A522-7310.100. Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Councilmen Logan and Irwin voted aye. Supervisor Bettez and Councilman Torres voted no. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:38 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk