

Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting

July 23, 2009

Present: Jeff Logan, Kitty Brown, David Lewis, JaneAnn Williams, and Toni Hokanson

Agenda: Take off Essential Services and Summer Youth Recreation. Councilman Logan questioned building moratorium: put off until August 20th. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Fran Wishnick, Town resident, spoke regarding last week's motion for the hiring of a secretary – she was previously on a board where minutes were approved, she is not in favor of such a hiring. She feels meetings will be extended -- she thinks it is not a good idea. Regarding the newspaper article on free pool membership – she is concerned about public discourse – it is not appropriate to call the idea assinine. She cautioned the Board to not respond initially to requests in a negative way – let them percolate. Councilwoman Brown explained the Board not responding – not the Board's right to take up time set aside for public comment.

Presentation:

John Orfitelli, chair of HPC – grant application for GIS map to build off data from prior grants in the Town and Village – create interactive map available on line. Josh Simons of SUNY explained the project is multi-faceted – touches on Planning and Building; Tourism; Designation of Historic Districts. Budget change is from 40% to 33%. Supervisor Hokanson added that \$3000 left of HPC of \$4000. Village did not approve spending at their meeting last night. Resolution – amending agenda to include Resolution.

Public Comment:

Ira Margolis, Village resident – appreciate Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Lewis comments. Patrick O'Donnell, Village Trustee, – included Village properties in CLG, thanks for including Village Properties. Village Board excited but unable to fund. Steve Greenfield, Town resident, agrees with the practice of back and forth dialogue.

Local Law regulating wood stoves: Councilman Logan stated information on woodstoves has grown. Councilman Logan made a motion to refer to legal counsel. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

High Priority Planning (SMSI) grant committee: working group of 8 to 10 people equally split between Town and Village. Advisory group consists of up to 25 people. Councilwoman Brown expressed a desire to stay on committee. Mayor Dungan provides oversight for the working group. Working group consists of the Supervisor and 2–3 others; and the Mayor and 2-3others from the Village side. Councilwoman Brown suggested inviting the SUNY President. Supervisor Hokanson will reach out to some former Supervisors; the Town will have a second town board member. The target date for the RFP to go out is August 14th.

Re-set public hearing for Christ storm water district: Councilwoman moved to set Public Hearing for Christ Storm water district, for 8/20 at 7 pm, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast.

Set public hearing for Signs local law: Supervisor Hokanson moved to set the Public Hearing for 7:40 p.m. on August 20th on Signs, and declare the Town lead agency. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

HPC Grant: Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize the Supervisor to submit an application requesting funds through the CLG sub –grant program and the Town Council commits a sum of \$6,492. for the required match to the grant. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Moriello Pool fees 2010: KT Flusser and Steve Greenfield come to table. Supervisor Hokanson gave the maximum occupation for the pool is 500. KT Flusser here as a resident - she expected to start a conversation – never intended for free use of pool. She suggested the Board consider a parking fee not a user fee. KT's objective is to make the pool more equitable for New Paltz residents.

Steve Greenfield questioned contributions to the YMCA. Supervisor Hokanson stated that there was not contribution given to YMCA in the 2009 budget. Steve suggested raising non New Paltz users. Proposed \$5000 more by switching revenue stream to parking from membership. Advertising banners on fencing. He does not think you will see patrons from Ulster County pool coming over to Moriello. Councilman Lewis stressed that the Board is committed to reduce the budget. Councilwoman Brown suggested trying Josh Honig's idea of 1 free day a week – August Tuesday's free days @ Moriello. She asked about a freebie @ SUNY? Beginning is misunderstanding of pool and playground. How to make playground free to public. Councilwoman Williams questioned what is function of municipal government? We have to evaluate what we are going to do and can we do this?

Supervisor Hokanson added Board committed to watching budget – initial reaction – keeping down taxes, but the board is open to further discussion.

KT feels the free Tuesday is a good idea. Look at budget with a critical eye.

.....Break from 9:50 to 9:58...

Supervisor Hokanson and Councilwoman Brown and free day –Tuesday are not representative of weekend traffic, August attendance gets low, and weather could change.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion for the pool to be open to New Paltz residents free each Tuesday in August of 2009. Seconded by councilwoman Williams who offers a friendly amendment – day to be determined, then she withdrew amendment. Vote is 3 ayes, 2 nays. Councilman Logan noted it is short sighted to approve without consulting our pool director.

Fire Protection Contract: amended, a copy will be shared with the Mayor. The amount differs (in item 4) \$230,648.40 changed to 215,271.84. The call volume period was based on the Village's prior fiscal year. The change is from Jan to Dec. 2008 to June '08 to May 31, 2009. A motion was made by Councilman Logan approving Supervisor Hokanson to sign the contract at \$215,271.84. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson suggested they make payments as a prepay once the contract is signed. Councilman Lewis moved to make payments as a pre-pay. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for new flood plain maps: Supervisor Hokanson moved that the Town Board declares itself lead agency and set the Public Hearing for 7:10 p.m. on August 20th. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Renewal Agreement for Labor Attorney: Councilman Logan made a motion authorizing the supervisor to sign the renewal agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Parking for DUSO swim meet at Moriello Pool: Councilwoman Brown made a motion to allow parking at town hall on August 1st. (Rain date is August 2nd). Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Sale of Highway Chippers: Supervisor Hokanson asked why? Councilman Logan responded no one else wants them-- they are excess. Have one other chipper. One has a full value market range of \$7700-8100; bidder offered \$8000-Montano Company – 1998; has 2000 hours on it. ..Other is smaller –valued at \$1500-3000. An offer was made of \$3000. No interest. Councilman Logan made a motion to accept the bid of the 1998 model. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the bid of Brush Bandit of \$3000. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson questioned the clerk on her involvement on the bid. Town Clerk Cappillino responded she had no part in the process.

Set Special Meeting: August 5th at 9 a.m. to meet and determine members of the Grant Committee.

Prepay: Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to approve from celebrations \$2000 for the band at the July 4th celebration. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, except for Councilwoman Brown, who recused herself as a Unison employee. Motion carried.

At 10:37 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk