

Town Board Meeting October 18, 2018 7 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilman David Brownstein, Councilman Marty Irwin.

At 7:09 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to remove the EnCB Water Testing Request and add the Chamber's Parade Request and Extension of Tolling Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Sarah Robeson and Samantha Skillman spoke in support of the New Paltz Child Care Center. Joe Bergstein of the EnCB read aloud a statement requesting the Town Board adopt the resolution regarding Glyphosate public education.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and seconded by Councilman Brownstein to approve and/or authorize the following items as part of the consent agenda. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

1. Approval of Minutes 10/4/2018
2. Water/Sewer Bill Adjustment on Acct. #331-0, credit due to sewer in the amount of \$351.44
3. Acceptance of Resignation from Officer Syndi Acampora
4. Approval of RFP for Joint Town/Village website
5. Establishment of Escrow for McDonald's Corporation Renovation Site Plan, PB 18-215, Initial Escrow Deposit of \$3,000 with a replenishment amount of \$1,500.
6. New Paltz Chamber Parade Request

Resolution-Glyphosate Public Education:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE-CONTAINING PRODUCTS IN WEED ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, glyphosate and other herbicide and pesticide garden and landscape products have the potential to contaminate drinking wells through the groundwater and runoff;

WHEREAS, homeowners are responsible for testing their own individual water supply wells for a variety of contaminants;

WHEREAS, federal agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have delayed a determination of the safety of glyphosate and the World Health Organization has deemed glyphosate a probable human carcinogen;

WHEREAS, alternative methods of weed eradication including organic methods were proven to be effective prior to 1974 when glyphosate-containing Roundup was first sold commercially;

WHEREAS, Town of New Paltz municipal properties and public school grounds are not currently being maintained with the use of glyphosate-containing herbicides;

WHEREAS, glyphosate has been identified as a possible cause of serious medical conditions such as non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma;

WHEREAS, there is documented evidence that glyphosate adversely impacts honeybee populations, native pollinator species such as bats, soil fauna and other wildlife;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, that beginning on the effective date of this resolution, that the Town will implement a public information campaign promoting herbicides and practices that have been demonstrated to be environmentally benign;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board (EnCB) will prepare information to educate Town residents and businesses about the municipality's decision to not apply glyphosate products on municipal property and public school grounds; highlighting the documented public health and ecological impacts of using lawn care products containing glyphosate, promoting the efficacy of non-chemical methods of grass and weed eradication;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz Planning Board and the EnCB shall notify all developers engaged in clearing vegetation from parcels about the resolution promoting alternatives to the use of glyphosate-containing herbicides, requesting their use by the development community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz shall notify all private landscapers servicing clients in the New Paltz area about the Town's resolution promoting alternatives to glyphosate-containing herbicides, requesting their use of environmentally preferable products and practices for managing weeds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz will encourage local retailers to participate in this effort by providing a greater diversity of commercial herbicide products that are environmentally preferable to glyphosate;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution becomes effective immediately upon approval by the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz and shall continue until the Town Board decides further action.

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

County Legislation on Plastic Bag Ban:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to send a letter in support of the ban to the County Executive on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to amend the agenda to include approval of the Warrant. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the October Warrant in the amount of \$1,873,718.92. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2019 Budget Discussion:

Jim Tinger, Youth Center Director explained the increases in his budget were due to increases in salaries to make them more competitive, and for the purchase of a multi-passenger van. He further explained that he was able to cut the majority of the cost of the van down by exploring the option of financing it rather than an outright purchase.

Supervisor Bettez and Comptroller Jean Gallucci indicated that they were able to cut \$757,930 from the Tentative Budget. Additional discussion items included the Police Department and the Child Care Center.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin reduce the budget for FAMILY of New Paltz from \$30,000 to \$15,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis for discussion. The following votes were taken: Councilman Irwin voted aye, Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Torres, Councilman Brownstein and Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis voted no. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to reduce the Fireworks budget from \$7,500 to \$0 and to use the funds in escrow for the 2019 fireworks. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to adopt the Preliminary Budget with a decrease of \$757,930. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing on the Preliminary Budget for November 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Tolling Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the extension of the Tolling Agreement on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Noise Ordinance:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Town Attorney is working on it.

At 9:11 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 Rosenkranse
Town Clerk