

Special Town Board Meeting
October 29, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilman Dan Torres.

At 7:36 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +ShopRite Performance Bond, +Engineering Services re: alternative water sources, +IMA with Village, +Plains Road water discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Ira Margolis was bothered by the personal attacks made during public comment at last week's meeting, towards the Supervisor's Assistant, and by the fact that no one responded to the comments.

Supervisor Zimet and Councilmen Logan, Barry and Torres all agreed with Mr. Margolis and apologized for not responding to those comments. Councilman Barry thanked Mr. Margolis for being the voice of reason at many of the Board meetings during his term.

Carol Cryer, Plains Road resident, asked about the status of the efforts by Supervisor Zimet and Councilman Logan for the extension of the 6-year no water bill period. It is likely that such an extension would be approved?

Councilman Logan indicated that it is a constitutional issue and the Town is not allowed to make a protected or special group. The DEP has committed \$125,000, which should cover about 5-6 years. However, Councilman Logan offered to further negotiate with DEP to increase that amount that would increase the number of years that the Plains Road residents would be without a water bill.

Councilman Logan read aloud an announcement from Dave Clouser & Associates and sub-contractors indicating that they will be actively collecting information in the Plains Road neighborhood for the project's environmental review and water system design. Survey crews will be setting up control points for aerial topographic mapping that will be used for the water system's design. There will also be field staff collecting information on natural resources in the area as part of the environmental review investigation. All work will be done within public right of ways and on the 101 Plains Road property. The crews will not require access to any private property, other than the 101 Plains Road property. They expect this initial data collection process to take approximately 2-3 weeks. If any resident has any questions or concerns, they may call Dave Clouser's Office at 256-9600, or Deputy Supv. Jeff Logan at 845-337-0466.

Donna Liebman, Plains Road resident asked about the status of SEQR and when the Board will be listing the type of action.

Councilman Logan indicated that the Town Board has declared Lead Agency and that the engineering process of collecting data is starting, which is part of SEQR.

Rebecca Rotzler addressed information in the newspaper about comments that she made at a recent Village Board meeting alleging that she did not care that Town employees were sick from the condition of the old Town Hall. She indicated that she never made those comments but rather she was asking for reports about the building that might lead to additional funding. Supervisor Zimet apologized for her comments.

IMA with Village re: Water Supply System:

Councilman Barry read aloud the proposed agreement, which was followed by discussion, questions and comments from residents and the Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign the IMA between the Town and Village of New Paltz regarding the long-term maintenance of the water supply

system in the Town, on the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement presently before the Town Board. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, Supervisor Zimet voted no. Motion carried.

Municipal Center:

Dave Lent, Space Committee Chair indicated that the committee voted unanimously to recommend hiring J. Hurwitz & Associates as the architects to design the new Town Hall. Hopefully the Town Board will move forward in developing a contract.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to appoint Agnes Devereux to the Municipal Space Committee. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to auth J. Hurwitz & Associates to be hired as the architects for the design of the new Municipal Building and allocate \$50,000 from the legal reserve towards phase one for the schematics. upon the signing of the contract that Councilman Irwin is empowered to negotiate. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to authorize \$10,000 from the legal reserve for Councilman Irwin to access the services of the Attorney and Engineer for questions related to that contract and other issues relative to moving forward with the project, and to keep the Supervisor abreast to the spending of the money. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Committee member Carol Roper asked about the status of moving the remaining records out of the old Town Hall. Highway Supt. Chris Marx indicated that the Town has contracted with Whitaker & Associates and should have the proposal that will be put out to bid for the remediation of the remaining records and items, within a week or so.

The Board agreed that the Village Board must decide about their commitment to join the Town in the Municipal Center.

Engineering Services Agreement re: Water Supply System:

Councilman Logan indicated that this agreement allows Dave Clouser to go back and bill the NYC DEP for his services on behalf of the Town, as of January 23, 2015. The verbiage is taken right out of the existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize Supervisor Zimet or Deputy Supv. Logan to execute the Engineering Services Agreement dated as of January 23, 2015 between David Clouser Engineer, PLLC and the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

ShopRite Performance Bond:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to establish a bond for surety of performance of certain drainage and other improvements by Shop Rite, in the amount of \$60,400, as requested by the Planning Board. The purpose of the bond is to insure that certain improvements that are specified on the site plan are made. This resolution is subject to a more formal agreement that will be developed that is acceptable to the Town and Shop Rite. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

UPSEU Contract Ratification:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the contract as negotiated. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Adoption of Preliminary Budget:

Town Comptroller Jean Gallucci indicated that there were changes made to the budget as a result of the ratification of the UPSEU contract, the Rescue Squad's request for additional funds, and an increase in the stipend for Emergency Planning.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize giving the Rescue Squad the additional \$5,247.00. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

There was a discussion about a tub grinder for the Recycling Center, the Supervisor’s salary, the Emergency Planning stipend, and Fund Balance.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet for discussion. Councilman Torres wants to take a vote to increase the Supervisor’s salary. Councilman Barry suggested leaving it as is and make the determination next year to increase it if need be. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepays:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the prepayment of \$253.00 to the Hotel at Mohegan Sun, for the Lt’s hotel stay at the Use of Force Summit. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the prepayment of \$1,687.20 to reimburse the General A-Fund from the Police Grant Restricted Funds account for the reimbursement of expenses that were incurred in 2013 for the Bulletproof Vest grant program. The funds have finally been received by the Town. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modifications:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following modification to 2015 budget:

Decrease: A522-3120.4	Police C.E.	\$10,089.00
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Increase: A522-3122.297	Police Live Scan Grant	\$10,089.00
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Reason: For the 50% match of the cost of the Live Scan.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following modification to 2015 budget:

Increase: A980-2680.0	Insurance Recoveries	\$2,570.77
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Increase: A522-3120.4	Police C.E.	\$2,570.77
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Reason: NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal check #0000078666 applied to A3120.4 for 7F341 accident on 9/30/15 to pay for Smitty’s repairs.

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

At 11:52 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk