

Public Hearing Cont.- Electric Car Charging Stations
Town Board Meeting
November 21, 2013
7:15 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry.

Absent: Councilwoman Jean Gallucci, Councilwoman Kitty Brown.

At 7:16 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to open the Public Hearing on Electric Car Charging Stations. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Attorney George Lithco indicated that the first draft of the local law was referred to the Planning Board. Attorney Lithco revised the law incorporating the suggestions made. The purpose of the law is to update the Town's zoning definitions and zoning district regulations to facilitate the development of electric vehicle charging. The law provides for residential districts to have electric charging stations, although it is not required.

Councilman Barry asked Attorney Lithco if the vision was that everyone would have one of these stations at their homes, possibly for employees at their work and then other charging stations for people that need the access to charge but don't necessarily live or work in the community. Attorney Lithco indicated that this was correct.

Councilman Barry indicated that these rules and regulations outline our approach as a community to providing these three types of solutions. Supervisor Zimet added that this would also streamline the permitting process by the Building Department.

Councilman Barry asked if this is designed also to be for a profit. Attorney Lithco indicated that they can be installed to function like a parking meter where you can get a certain amount of charge for a certain fee.

Councilman Logan asked if hypothetically, he and Councilman Barry could go start an electric car charging corporation and then apply to separate landowners to put in charging stations. Attorney Lithco indicated that they could, but would have to be in the L-1 and/or B-2 Districts if that was the principal purpose.

Councilman Barry asked if there were any communities in NYS that already had charging stations. Attorney Lithco indicated that the EPA has a website where you can find these stations. Currently, Kingston and Poughkeepsie have them at Nissan dealerships.

Supervisor Zimet indicated that Dennis Doyle from the Ulster County Planning Board is very supportive of this. Councilman Barry thanked Jim Littlefoot for his help with this.

At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to refer the revised law to the Ulster County Planning Board for comment and to keep the Public Hearing open. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:41 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Resolution for Hunting License Sales, +Liquidation of Surplus Equipment, +Rescue Squad Discussion.

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

Announcements:

The Town of New Paltz's Dog Control Officer, Jill Shufeldt was featured in an article in the Bluestone Press. It discusses her not-for-profit group that helps adopt out dogs to good homes. If anyone would like to adopt a dog, they should contact the Town Clerk's office who will put them in touch with Jill.

The New Paltz Hurricane Girls Cheerleading group is heading to the National Championship in Orlando, Florida. They are fundraising to help with expenses.

Annual Turkey Trot fundraiser for FAMILY on Thanksgiving Day.

Public Input:

Lauren Rooney, President of the New Paltz Rescue Squad read aloud a statement addressing statements made by members of the Town and Village Boards at previous meetings that were featured in an article in the New Paltz Times. She indicated that the article featured several errors about the Rescue Squad's operations and misinterpreted comments made by Rescue Squad representatives at recent Board meetings. The Rescue Squad and its Board of Directors looks forward to a venue where the misunderstandings can be addressed and correct the misinterpretations.

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the Town did approve \$25,000 in the B-Fund in next year's budget, in addition to the \$145,000 in the A-Fund. The Village was asked to match the \$25,000, which they are considering. The Town and Village also created a subcommittee to work with the Rescue Squad to address concerns.

Draft Local Law: Accessory Apartments:

The Public Hearing that was held on October 24th was held open and referred to the Ulster County Planning Board who sent back advisory comments. Attorney Lithco indicated that there was no reason to change the law, as the comments were purely advisory. The UCPB commented on The Special Use Permit Renewal, the 7-year period and the Existing Structure. Attorney Lithco addressed these items in a memo to the Board.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. The Town Board will vote on the law at the December meeting.

Draft Local Law: Municipal Water Supply:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the resolution reintroducing the local law and providing for publication and posting of ***continued public hearing set for December 19th at 7:15 p.m.***, on the law retitled "Amendment to Section 104-4.C., Zoning Law Definitions; Section 140-20.B, Requirement for Water Supply". Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Park Point Public Hearing and Town Board Input:

Supervisor Zimet indicated she was concerned that an agreement has yet to be reached on what Park Point's assessed value will be. The Town Assessor came up with figures, but Wilmorite did not agree with them. Attorney Lithco indicated that if there is an updated review of the fiscal impact analysis and it's the Board's desire to include an updated assessed value from the Assessor, it can be incorporated and addressed as part of a Finding Statement. The Town Planning Board is holding a public hearing on November 25, 2013. The Town Board wants to be present to make comments.

Zero-Waste Action Plan:

Recycling Coordinator Laura Petite indicated that there is interest in including public input. Supervisor Zimet suggested having a presentation and inviting the public to attend before formally adopting the plan. Councilman Barry indicated that the plan is very comprehensive and we should try to streamline it into phases and try to implement Phase I now. After Thanksgiving, Supervisor Zimet will set up a meeting with out Ulster County Legislators, Laura Petite and the Executive Director of the UCRRA.

Stormwater Management Plan-MS4:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the Stormwater Management Plan as prepared by Dave Clouser. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Adoption of Local Law #2/2013- Weight Limits on Old Mill, Lent and Waring:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt Local Law #2 of 2013, Weight Limits, as they pertain to Old Mill, Lent and Waring, and instruct Highway Superintendent Chris Marx to put the signs up. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Sale of NYSDEC Hunting and Fishing Licenses:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of New Paltz resolves to continue selling licenses under the new Department of Environmental Conservation Automated Licensing System as a service to our constituents.

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

Trailways Contract with Police for Traffic Control Services:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to pre-approve the Supervisor to sign the contract for traffic control services on Main Street for the day before Thanksgiving, when it is received.

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

Bike Path Maintenance:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the County Executive has been working to get a complete Railtrail from the Walkway Over the Hudson all the way up. The DOT is willing to create a bike path over the Thruway Bridge. However, before they do it, they want to make sure the Town is willing to do the maintenance. Supervisor Zimet and Superintendent Marx will be attending a meeting being held by the Ulster County Executive, to ensure this project is completed correctly. The Town Board agreed to the maintenance of the sidewalk and bike path.

Liquidation of Surplus Equipment:

Highway Superintendent Marx would like to put the following pieces of equipment up for bid:

1990 2.5-Ton Chevy Dump Truck

1991 Ford 555C 4x4 Extendahoe Backhoe, Model DF9PIZ

1996 Chevy 1 Ton Dump 4x4

1994 Chevy 1 Ton Flat Bed Lift Gate 4x4 Truck

2006 Crown Victoria

1989 Great Dane Van Trailer, Model 191T48/162/96, GVWR 65,000, (has no paperwork)

1 Tarco 2-yard gas sander

1 Airflow 2-yard gas sander

1 Smith 2-yard hydro-sander

If no bids come in, he will scrap them. The Town Board indicated that the inspection of equipment must be during specific hours. A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize Superintendent Marx to dispose of these vehicles through the public bid process; if that is unsuccessful, it will be scrapped. Notice of the bid will be published in the official newspaper.

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

Village news:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the Town Board has been invited to a joint meeting at the Village on December 11th at 7:45 p.m. for the purposes of ratifying the Consulting Agreement between the Village and Town regarding the Consultant for the Master Plan. She also announced that the NYC Controller authorized the \$600,000 to be spent to pay for Phase II to look for an alternate water system for the community. The Village accepted the contract with the DEP to enter into Phase II, and they also accepted the contract with Dave Clouser & Associates to work on the project as outlined.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the November 2013 warrant in the amount of \$978,397.16. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilman Barry indicated that there is a real need to have someone here on a full time basis to examine and look into alternative ways to save money on these expenditures and drive efficiencies.

At 9:22 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the hiring, firing and disciplinary action of an employee. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Superintendent Marx and Laura Petite were invited into Executive Session.

At 9:40 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to allow Laura Petite to dismiss an employee during the probation period at the Recycling Center. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan for Laura Petite to post a job opening at the required locations, time clock and Town Hall. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to allow Superintendent Marx to go out to bid for 1500 yards of clean fill for the Sports Park Septic System. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk