

**Town Board Meeting
December 21, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

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

At 7:31 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

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

Appointments:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Sarah Nieves as a part-time dispatcher with the New Paltz Police Department. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to re-appoint the following volunteers with thanks:

Steve Esposito with a 5-year term to the ZBA, expiring 12/31/2022

Richard Fiesel with a 5-year term to CWOSP, expiring 12/31/2022

Jim Little foot with a 2-year term to the EnCB, expiring 12/31/2019

Noel Russ with a 2-year term to the EnCB, expiring 12/31/2019

Philippe Robins with a 5-year term to the Ethics Board, expiring 12/31/2022

Dawn Elliot with a 4-year term to the HPC, expiring 12/31/2021

Susan DeMark with a 4-year term to the HPC, expiring 12/31/2021.

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

Resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Ray Mendock from the Highway Department, with a thank you for his 30 years of service with the Town. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the minutes of ***December 7, 2017 and December 12, 2017***. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the December Warrant in the amount of \$1,175,364.21. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

NYCLASS Investment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize Comptroller Gallucci to take necessary steps to add NYCLASS to the Town of New Paltz resources as an investment vehicle for use in conjunction with our Investment Policy in the coming year. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Rappa Escrow Release:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the release of \$1,648.10 for the Rappa/Pony Hill Subdivision. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Fire Inspection Contract:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Fire Sprinkler Internal Inspection Contract for the Community Center on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Additional Warrant Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Finance Department to process all remaining available authorized Purchase Orders for 2017 by year end. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Hampton Inn: Tabled

Town Board Statement:

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

The Town Board vehemently disagrees with the disparaging comments made at our December 7th Board meeting by Councilman Logan against Chuck Bordino. We wish to express the Board’s apologies to, and confirm the Board’s support for, our hardworking and dedicated Recreation Director. Going forward, the members of the Town Board do hereby commit to conduct themselves in a manner befitting their office, in an environment of mutual respect and civility toward the public, Town employees, and each other.”

Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Letter of Support:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Letter of Support for Historic Huguenot Street’s application to the New York State Thruway’s Logo Signs Program on behalf of the Town, with amended language regarding the Town’s records. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Comments regarding Councilman Logan’s service:

Councilman Irwin indicated that it was important to recognize Councilman Logan’s service to the Town and thank him for his hard work.

Rte. 299 Gateway Committee Draft Report:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that a draft report has been created by the Committee. Councilman Torres indicated that he is very excited about the report and that it addresses many of the questions that have been raised over the years relative to the Master Plan. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis indicated that it is an excellent report and that she is also excited for it. Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Committee will present the report to the Town Board and Planning Board, possibly at a joint meeting in January. Councilman Irwin expressed his concern regarding recommendations to properties along the thruway and the possibility of there being challenges to those recommendations. The Board encouraged people to read the report and come to the presentation.

Moratorium Update:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize Victoria Polidoro to draw up the legal paperwork to extend the Moratorium 120 days, as per the request by the Committee and at a cost of up to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Torres. Following a discussion the following votes were taken. Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Torres and Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis voted aye. Councilman Irwin voted no. Motion carried.

At 8:10 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