



VILLAGE & TOWN OF NEW PALTZ
Regular Joint Meeting of Wednesday, March 14th 2018
Village Hall -- 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Present: Village Mayor Tim Rogers, Village Deputy Mayor KT Tobin, Village Trustee Don Kerr, Village Trustee Dennis Young, Village Trustee William Wheeler Murray; Town Supervisor Neil Bettez, Town Deputy Supervisor Dan Torres, Town Councilperson Marty Irwin, Town Councilperson Julie Seyfert-Lillis

Not Present: Town Councilperson David Brownstein

Also Present: About a dozen members of the public; members of the press, Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order -- Mayor Rogers motioned to open the regular Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 Joint Meeting on behalf of the Village at 7:00 PM; Trustee Young seconded; all present from the Village voted Aye. Supervisor Bettez motioned to open the regular Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 Joint Meeting on behalf of the Town at 7:00 PM; Councilperson Irwin seconded; all present from the Town voted Aye

Approval of Agenda -- Mayor Rogers added two updates to the Joint meeting agenda regarding the state Assembly's proposed budget, and Ignite Fitness' support of our Firefighters.

Public Comment -- Tim Genny spoke in support of the Climate Reality Project's 100% campaign pledge, and stated that the Village of New Paltz has already achieved everything outlined in the pledge, but that it's helpful to get the official sign-on to be a leader and encourage other municipalities to participate

Business Agenda --

1. **Mayor's Update on State Assembly Budget** -- The Wallkill will now be included in the algae bloom definitions; SUNY Impact Aid Bill did not get included but Assemblymember Cahill is advocating for it and has some ideas re: allocating \$200,000 to New Paltz for being a SUNY community; funding for a shared municipal building was not in the Assembly's proposal either; one good thing is that the Assembly did not include the "small cell deployment" proposal that was in the Governor's budget (see: VONP Resolution # 15 of 2018).
2. **Ignite Fitness:** Mayor Rogers stated that Ignite Fitness is continuing their initiative of providing a major discount for volunteer Firefighters so they may stay fit. The initiative is in its 10th year.

3. **Discussion of local response to opioid crisis with NPPD Chief Joe Snyder, Community Education Coordinator Phoenix Kawamoto and New Paltz Youth Program Director Jim Tinger** -- All three approached the table and gave a really detailed update on how all three sectors are working together on a multifaceted approach to taking on the opioid crisis and related substance abuse prevention programs and initiatives. New Paltz has a lot of resources available! They passed out a packet (EXHIBIT A) and discussed. Please note that the Good Samaritan law protects everyone from getting in trouble when calling 911 in the case of an OD, so don't hesitate if you or someone needs help! Next Community-based Narcan Training: 4/15, 12:30 - 1:30 PM at Village Hall (25 Plattekill Ave), open to all.
4. **Recreation Fees** -- Mayor Rogers introduced the topic and summarized the goals of working in-sync with the Town regarding Rec Fees and how they are levied. Draft from VONP PB Attorney is forthcoming.
5. **Town and Village IMA for new water meters in the Town water districts** -- Mayor Rogers introduced and summarized the topic, and motioned to approve the IMA; Deputy Mayor Tobin seconded; all Village Trustees voted Aye (**Passed 5-0**). Deputy Supervisor Torres motioned to approve the IMA; Supervisor Bettez seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye (**Passed 4-0-1**)
6. **Single Hauler update** -- Mayor Rogers introduced the topic and Chris from County Waste approached the table. Finalized contract is still a work-in-progress. Table discussed complaint lines and how best to deal with repeat legitimate complaints/concerns.
7. **FedEx boycott** -- Deputy Mayor Tobin introduced the idea, which is in unity with the resolution regarding firearms as FedEx is adamant in their support of the NRA. The goal here is to memorializing the choice of both Boards to use another service rather than calling for a boycott. Deputy Supervisor Torres volunteered to draft a letter to FedEx on behalf of both Boards. Deputy Mayor Tobin motioned for the Village to sign off on such a letter to FedEx; Trustee Kerr seconded; all Village Trustees voted Aye (**Passed 5-0**). Supervisor Bettez motioned the same on behalf of the Town; Deputy Supervisor Torres seconded; all Town Councilpeople present voted Aye (**Passed 4-0-1**)
8. **Resolution: Firearms and violence** -- Deputy Mayor Tobin presented this topic in conjunction with the above. The table discussed a few minor revisions (the addition of addressing "collecting"). Trustee Kerr motioned to approve the Joint Resolution as amended; Mayor Rogers seconded; all Village Trustees voted Aye (**Passed 5-0**). Supervisor Bettez motioned to approve the Joint Resolution as amended; Councilperson Irwin seconded; all Town voted Aye (**Passed 4-0-1**)
9. **Acceptance of Feb. 20, 2018 Proposal by Davey Resource Group, Inc. for Project development to implement NYSDEC Urban Forestry Grants** for 1) Tree Inventory, NYS Contract #T00415GG for \$41,364 grant; and 2) an Urban Forestry Management Plan, NYS Contract #T00436GG for \$14,875.00 grant. As proposed the cost for Project development is entirely grant underwritten. -- Supervisor Bettez led the discussion and stated that the Town needs the Village to authorize the Town Supervisor's signature on the above.

Trustee Kerr motioned to approve; Mayor Rogers seconded; all Village Trustees voted Aye (Passed 5-0). Councilperson Irwin motioned the same for the Town; Supervisor Bettez seconded; all Town said Aye **(Passed 4-0-1)**

10. **Climate Reality Project 100% Pledge** -- Topic presented in Public Comment. Deputy Mayor Tobin asked if the Town wanted to also jump on the 100% pledge. Supervisor Bettez motioned for the Town to sign-on to the 100% Pledge; Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconded; all Town voted Aye **(Passed 4-0-1)**. Trustee Kerr motioned for the Village to sign-on to the 100% Pledge; Deputy Mayor Tobin seconded; all Village voted Aye **(Passed 5-0)**

Adjournment -- Supervisor Bettez motioned to adjourn the Town part of the regular Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 Joint meeting at 8:26 PM; Councilperson Irwin seconded; all voted Aye

The Village moved on to the regular Village Board of Trustees meeting and thus remained open.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk