



**Town Board Meeting
April 15, 2021, 7 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilwoman Alex Baer. **Absent:** Councilman David Brownstein

At 7:15 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 Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Announcement:

The Town has re-issued the RFP for Solar at the Landfill.

Public Comment:

Tom Jelliffe asked for an update on the HWD Bike-Ped Path. Supervisor Bettez indicated the Town is still waiting to hear from DOT.

Natural Resources Inventory Feedback Session:

The Town Board provided Amanda Gotto and Janelle Peotter with comments/suggestions on the Natural Resources Inventory Report and interactive Maps.

Executive Session:

At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss litigation. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session and have the attorney respond to the lawsuit with the Econo Lodge regarding the law the Hotels/Motels law the Town passed last year. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Approval of minutes: Joint Town and Village Board, April 1, 2021
- b. Acceptance of resignation: Jim Littlefoot, EnCB
- c. Authorization for Supervisor to sign Ulster County STOP-DWI contract
- d. Authorization for Supervisor to sign New Paltz Rescue Squad contract
- e. Authorization for Supervisor to sign revised Town Historian contract
- f. Authorization for Supervisor to sign Assignment of Claim and Release for Zero Place
- g. Authorization for Supervisor to sign UPSEU settlement agreements withdrawing improper practice charges U-37741, U-37315, and U-37314 with revisions provided by labor attorney
- h. Authorization to add NYSERDA-funded EV station project to 59 N. Putt capital project for a net cost of \$510.00
- i. Selection of GPI, Inc. as consultant to prepare a Bridge NY funding application for the replacement of the Clearwater Road Culvert and authorization for the Supervisor to sign any associated documents
- j. Approval of request to install donated memorial bench along EST -Rt. 299 and authorization for Supervisor to submit PERM 33 Highway Work Permit Application, Adopt-A-Highway agreement, and other documentation as necessary
- k. Approval of expenditure of \$2,038.00 for Skatelite purchase to resurface NPYP skate ramp
- l. Establishment of Escrow Accounts: PB 21-34 in the amount of \$2,000 with a replenishment threshold of \$1,000; PB 21-151 in the amount of \$4,000 with a replenishment threshold of \$2,000; PB 21-120 in the amount of \$1,000 with a replenishment threshold of \$500
- m. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign 6th Rider to Purchase Option Agreement: Plains Rd. Water District

Approval to hire part-time dispatcher:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire Cole Nicolis as a part-time dispatcher. Seconded by Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Extended warranty for Police Cameras:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the expenditure of \$6,365.00 from the police department Computer Reserve Fund to purchase extended warranty for 2021-2022 on Watch Guard in-car camera, body worn camera and software. Seconded by Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Issuance of Refund on Water/Sewer Account #255-0:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to issue a refund in the amount of \$1,815.49. Seconded by Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Proposed 4-day weekly operating hours for ReUse/Recycling:

Kris Klitzner, Recycling Coordinator, spoke to the Board about modifying operating hours at the ReUse/Recycling Center. He proposed closing on Tuesdays and being open Wednesday to Saturday from 7am to 4:45 pm. The Board agreed to allow the modified hours and suggested giving the community some time before implementing the change.

Discussion-B&G seasonal worker hiring request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to place the ad for seasonal workers for the B&G Department. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-River Stewardship Project:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to work with the Watershed Alliance to participate in the grant for the Boat Launch. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Rental Agreement for Field of Dreams:

The Board agreed to allow the Supervisor to figure out how to allow the Town to rent the Field of Dreams or the Taste of New Paltz event.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the April Warrant in the amount of \$881,942.52. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:25 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 Rosenkranse
Town Clerk