

Regular Town Board Meeting
May 23, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci, Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry.

At 7:37 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Town Map, +Resolution-Environmental Advocates, +Town Website Update, -Field of Dreams Pavilion, -UC Arson Task Force Van Parking.

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

Public Input:

Steve Greenfield spoke about consolidation.

Ray Lunati wanted to thank the person who put the flags up along Main St. He also indicated that it was nice to see the Van Nostrands at the meeting tonight. He feels as though the focus should be on not consolidating anymore, it should be on the "townies". He thanked the Town Board members for their patience to sit through the badgering at last week's meeting.

Announcements:

Moriello Pool will be opening the weekend of June 8th, due to the upgrade to pumps and valves. The schedule for lessons is forthcoming.

Supervisor Zimet submitted for the record a series of emails between Paul Brown and herself, which relate to the article he wrote in the New Paltz Times regarding consulting fees.

Supervisor Zimet gave a brief synopsis about how last week's resolution regarding Home Rule Legislation came about. The legislation has not been passed and it will come back to both Boards for a new resolution.

Councilwoman Brown suggested holding Public Information Sessions. She would like to post the original plan from the Government Efficiency Committee on the Town's Facebook page.

MS4 Update- "Municipal Separate Storm Systems":

Engineer Dave Clouser was present to explain the significance of this mandatory EPA sponsored permit that is administered by the DEC. This program is designed to put more regulations on Stormwater. The Town has 3 years to be set up and in compliance. There are 6 required minimum control methods that include Public participation and involvement, Public Hearings and annual reports that are to be filed by June 1st of every year. The Town Code will need a Local Law for Discharge Detection and Elimination and a Local Law for Stormwater. The law requires that a Stormwater Officer be appointed, usually the Building Inspector. It also requires mapping and training of some personnel. This program needs to be approved by DEC.

Councilman Logan inquired about grants to implement the program. Mr. Clouser indicated that there are some grants available but they are competitive. Furthermore, the Town would have to file a plan for the Town outside the Village and the Village would have to file the same plan for the Village. A benefit of compliance is a closer look at Stormwater as an educational opportunity.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize Mr. Clouser to continue to work on this because at some point the Town will be notified to get it up and running. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. He asked if it would be worth-while to apply for any of the grants. Mr. Clouser believes the Town should try.

Highway Superintendent Chris Marx indicated that he just received a letter from DEC regarding MS4, which could be the notification we are expecting. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to amend the motion to include authorizing Mr. Clouser to investigate any possible grants to pay for the work. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Town Map:

At a prior meeting, the Town Board referred the possible changes to the Town Map to the Planning Board for its recommendations. A problem arose when property owners on Rose Lane were issued building permits and subsequently notified by the Assessor that their taxable values had dropped. This occurred due to an unknown provision that since the portion of the road where the properties were located was not shown on the official Town map, the lots were not buildable.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to remedy the problems that were brought to our attention by creating Open Development Areas. Seconded by Councilman Logan. Aye votes were cast by Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan. Nay votes were cast by Supervisor Zimet, Councilwoman Gallucci and Councilman Barry. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize Attorney Joe Moriello to draft a local law to amend Chapter 101 and the Town Map. Seconded by Councilman Barry. Aye votes cast by Supervisor Zimet, Councilwoman Gallucci and Councilman Barry. Nay votes cast by Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan. Motion carried.

Parades & Events Update:

Councilwoman Brown indicated that she and Councilman Barry were the Town representatives at meetings with Chief Snyder, Commissioner Leverette and Trustees Basco and Glenn. They tried to break down the types of events and parades as well as the policies and processes. The language is being fine-tuned and documents should be ready in about a month.

Town Website Update:

Carol Connolly and the Town Clerk have been working on it and were presented with a mock-up by the Website Company. Supervisor Zimet indicated that the Town is looking into a new email service provider, which would cost less than what we're paying now.

Fuel Agreement with SUNY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Environmental Advocates:

The following resolution was read aloud by Councilwoman Brown.

According to Environmental Advocates of New York, whose mission is to protect our air, land, water, and wildlife and the health of all New Yorkers. Based in Albany, we monitor state government, evaluate proposed laws, and champion policies and practices that will ensure the responsible stewardship of our shared environment. We work to support and strengthen the efforts of New York's environmental community and to make our state a national leader. Studies indicate that New York can be energy self-sufficient on clean, **renewable power by 2030** – it only requires the political will.

Dear Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Cahill;

The Town Board of New Paltz urges your support of 1) the New York Solar Bill (A.5060) and 2) A fracking moratorium (S4236A).

- 1) Governor Cuomo has introduced a plan to expand the development of solar power, and the state Senate has passed similar legislation. The Town of New Paltz urges our members of the Assembly to act on this important bill before they leave Albany for the year this June.

We urge your support of the New York Solar Bill (A.5060), a Super Bill which will extend the Governor's NY-Sun Initiative through 2023. Solar energy is expected to be the 2nd largest generator of new power this year, and New York cannot afford to fall behind.

After experiencing the devastation of Hurricanes Sandy and Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee, New Yorkers want clean, renewable power and a modernized energy infrastructure to lessen our reliance on and the worst effects of climate-altering fossil fuels.

This is common-sense legislation that sends a signal to green developers and business owners that they can invest in New York, and that the NY-Sun initiative will be there to help them succeed. Please co-sponsor this Super Bill.

- 2) There are 63 duly elected members of the New York State Senate, and two of them – Senate leaders Jeff Klein and Dean Skelos – are blocking a vote on legislation to impose a fracking moratorium while the State fully assesses fracking’s public health impacts.

Among other potential health hazards, each time a new well is drilled, 2 to 8 million gallons of water laced with toxic chemicals are required. With thousands of wells proposed, that means billions of gallons of water will be used *every year!* Withdrawing this volume of water from local waterways and aquifers could devastate sensitive habitats and drinking water.

The Assembly has passed this measure, and Governor Cuomo said it would pass overwhelming if brought up for a Senate vote.

Please let Senators Klein and Skelos know that you support the Legislature staying in session, instead of going on vacation, and that you support a simple up or down vote on this important legislation.

Thank you for your service to your constituents. The Town Board of New Paltz respectfully requests that you confirm receipt of this letter and that you respond by letting us know your position.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to authorize the Supervisor to sign this letter and send it to Senator Bonacic and Assemblyman Cahill. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Highway Seasonal Help:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to hire Lloyd Luckett for the 2013 season, which runs from June 1st to September 1st, at the part-time rate of \$15.61, per union guidelines. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Youth Center:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to hire an additional employee for the summer, Justin Hilborne at \$8/hr, 15 hrs/week for 10 weeks, for a total of \$1200. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast. Councilwoman Gallucci voted no, motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Barry to allow Councilwoman Brown to post the Youth Program’s participant policy on Facebook. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast motion carried.

Moriello Pool Employees:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the Moriello Pool Employees List provided by Bill Russell. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

NAME	POSITION	RATE OF PAY	REHIRE	
Apuzzo, Annelise	Attendant	8.80	Yes	
Harrington, Madeline	Lifeguard	10.70	Yes	
Hart, Jacquelyn	Attendant	8.40	New	
O'Donnell, Liam	Lifeguard	9.90	New	
O'Donnell, John	Attendant	8.40	New	
Richards, Brenn	Lifeguard	9.90	New	
Sarvis, Chase	Lifeguard	10.20	Yes	

Towing Law:

Chief Snyder discussed the proposed changes to the law, which would include a Disabled Vehicle Fee and a designated are for these vehicles.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adopt the changes to the Towing Law 41-3. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepays:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the following prepays:
Voucher #13-02259 in the amount of \$2,060 to Linda Kingsley for the Town’s portion of the 4/30/13 invoice.
Voucher #13-01001 in the amount of \$386.94 to Tony’s Power Equipment which should have been part of the May warrant.

Voucher #13-02269 in the amount of \$27,762.23 to Trinity Vendor Finance for the Highway Excavator that requires payment upon delivery.

Voucher #13-01164 in the amount of \$8,023.19 to David Clouser & Associates and Voucher #13-01162 in the amount of \$1,244.41 to On-Site Computer Services. These vendor invoices were received on time but not processed with the May warrant due to review process.

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the minutes of ***April 18, 2013***. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the minutes of ***April 25, 2013*** with the following corrections:

“Supervisor Zimet suggested creating another playground”

Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast. Councilwoman Gallucci abstained due to her absence from the meeting. Motion carried.

At 9:56 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the potential hiring and firing of individuals and the UPSEU contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:55 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to hire Brogan O'Donnell as a part-time intern for the Recycling Center, to be paid at an hourly rate of \$9.00 in an amount not to exceed \$15,500/year. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to hire Cara-Lee Statham as a court clerk typist off the Civil Service List. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to hire Frank Kobes as a court officer to be paid at an hourly rate of \$14.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to extend the sunset clause in the May 23, 2011 memorandum of agreement between the Town of New Paltz and the New Paltz Police Association -Article 14.8 – Additional Compensation with the understanding that this issue will be revisited at the time of negotiations for a new contract. This action in no way binds the Town Board in future negotiations. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 12:15 a.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk