

**Town Board Meeting
June 1, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Marty Irwin.

Absent: Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

At 7:32 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.

Announcements:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that work on Moriello Pool is moving along. However, the installation of the liner has been pushed back due to the weather. Best case scenario, the pool will open on June 24th or possibly June 30th.

Public Input:

Mark Sherman supports a realistic reduction in speed on Rte. 208.

John Gotto requested an update on the Springtown Road Rail Trail Bridge.

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the bid specs for the replacement bridge are on the agenda for approval to go out to bid. Within 6 weeks of the acceptance of a bid on June 14th, the bridge should be delivered and installed. In the meantime, the WVRT is working on a place to fix it enough to be able to use it over the summer before the permanent one is installed.

Presentation:

John Orfitelli, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission made a presentation regarding the need for incentives for property owners of historically significant properties. The HPC explored the advantages and disadvantages of various incentives that include Tax Credits, Façade and Inclusive Easements, Tax Exemptions (Freeze/Abatement), and the Creation of a Preservation Fund. The HPC will try to work with Joe Moriello to determine how to move forward.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to appoint Kate Brodowska to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the vacancy left by Helen Christie, set to expire 12/31/19. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing litigation. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:34 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept *the Police Commission minutes of May 18, 2017 and the Joint Town & Village Minutes of May 18, 2017*. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Amending Town Map:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to refer to the resolution to amend the Town Map regarding Rose lane, to the Town Planning Board for comment. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Workplace Violence Statement & Policy:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the Workplace Violence Statement & Policy. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Hudson River Sloop Clearwater:

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER'S SAIL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO MAINTAIN CLEAN WATER AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

WHEREAS in 1970 Pete Seeger and the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* helped turn the tide in favor of enacting the 1972 Clean Water Act by sailing the *Clearwater* to Washington, DC and organizing an historic Capitol Hill forum on the need for federal clean water protections, where Seeger said,

"The problems of the American Rivers can't be solved by people . . . who live on them. Only the Federal Government has the power to enact and enforce the laws that are needed;" and

WHEREAS the Hudson River and many American waterways are much cleaner and safer as a result of the implementation of the Clean Water Act, as well as other state and national environment protection legislation and regulations; and

WHEREAS issues of serious water pollution still plague communities from Flint, Michigan to the City of Newburgh or the Village of Hoosic Falls in New York; and

WHEREAS a clean, safe and healthy environment is foundational for a strong economy; and

WHEREAS existing federal clean water protections, have recently been rolled back or are coming under threat from many quarters, including:

- Using the Congressional Review Act to undo the Stream Protection Rule, which previously protected waterways from surface coal mining pollution;
- Using the EPA rulemaking process to "repeal and replace" the Waters of the United States Rule, which extended Clean Water Act protections to 60% of U.S. streams and 20 million acres of wetlands, and these waters and wetlands will soon lose those protections if the Rule is undone;
- Proposed 31% cuts to EPA funding, including, among other things: a 45% cut in Categorical Grants to states for water protection programs; elimination of the \$427 million funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other regional programs; a total estimated cut of \$1 billion in Office of Water programs; and

WHEREAS proposed cuts to Superfund would undermine Superfund cleanup in 85 sites across New York State; and

WHEREAS federal water protections and robust EPA regulation and enforcement are vital to the environmental health of New York's waterways and to the safety of its drinking water; and

WHEREAS climate change is also a water quality issue and already impacts New York's waterways and drinking waters through more frequent and severe droughts and storms; and

WHEREAS many water quality issues, such as phosphorus loading of our lakes and streams, directly impact aquatic life and recreation, and will require increases in Federal funding for stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS drinking water contaminants which jeopardize public health and safety are just being uncovered in many existing water systems, flat-funding Federal grants will not allow States and municipalities to implement drinking and waste water infrastructure projects needed for their prevention or remediation; and

WHEREAS these issues and threats affect not only all New Yorkers, but all Americans; and

WHEREAS the Sloop *Clearwater* will carry to Washington and deliver to federal officials a "cargo of concern" documenting the broad-based concerns of citizens, public interest groups, and municipal and state officials throughout New York about growing threats to our water and to federal clean water protections, and the need for sound, science-based water policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz hereby registers its deep concern over current rollbacks and threats to federal clean water protections as described above, affirms the need for sound, science-based water policy and for adequate regulation, enforcement and funding as pressure on water quality and safety continue to mount. We also wish to express our support for the effort *Clearwater* is leading to carry our concerns and concerns of many New Yorkers for clean water and other environmental protections directly to Washington.

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

Proposed Local Law-Simplified Site Plan:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to refer the proposed local law to the Ulster County Planning Board for review. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution Declaring Lead Agency:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the resolution declaring the Town Board Lead Agency for the proposed local law on Simplified Site Plan. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Payroll Request-Recycling:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve payment to Derek Vitek for 24 hours of training at the Recycling Center. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

CloverGo App Approval:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the request by the Bookkeeper for the use of the CloverGo App. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Workstation Relocation Request:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the request by Chuck Bordino to move the Deputy Supervisor's PC workstation, which is currently not in use, to the Community Center for use by the Recreation Director. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Modified Pool Hires list:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to modify the previously adopted list of 2017 Pool hires to reflect a delayed start date of June 18, 2017, and to correct the hourly rate for Alexa Russell as Head Lifeguard from \$15.20 to \$15.30, as a result of a recording error. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Master Plan Resolution:

Supervisor Bettez indicated the Town will be writing a grant relative to the Clean Energies Community Program for a Joint Town & Village Comprehensive Master Plan.

CWOSP Press Release:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize CWOSP to publish the news release captioned, "Assistance Available for Farmers and Landowners to Conserve Open Space." Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Hasbrouck Easement Signage Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to post "Carry In, Carry Out" signs on the property owned by the Town, known as the "Hasbrouck" easement located on Springtown Road between Kleinekill and Dug Road. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to modify the motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200 to pay for the cost of the signs to come out of DB522-3310.400. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Rail Trail Bid Specs:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to publish the bid specs for the Springtown Rail Trail Bridge, seeking sealed bids to be opened at 2 p.m. on June 14th. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Donation of Town Slave Register:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to deny the request made by the Town Historian to donate the Town Slave Register to the Smithsonian Museum. Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Supervisor Bettez and Councilman Irwin voted aye and Councilman Torres voted no. Motion failed.

Discussion-Solar/New Paltz Community Energy NPCE:

Councilman Irwin indicated the Town is ready to put out an RFP as the next step of the process of a NYSEDA Grant/New York Prize Program to develop a MicroGrid and a Solar Garden. In order to put the RFP out, there needs to be a formal arrangement with the MicroGrid Institute letting them know that their role is for the project. This involves the development of a NPCE Agreement, a cooperation agreement that outlines the Charter, Bylaws, Compensation, etc.

At 9:18 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