

**Town Board Meeting
June 15, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

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

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: -NPCE Agreement, +Disc. Springtown Rail Trail Bridge Bids, +Quarterly POs for Court, +P/T Account Clerk positions, +Disc. Tiny Homes Event

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

Announcements:

Councilman Irwin indicated that Marion DuBois has resigned from the Clean Water Open Space Protection Commission. He read aloud comments from the CWOSP members regarding their experiences with Marion.

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the installation of the liner at Moriello is underway. The pool should be open by July 1st.

Public Comment:

Mike Zierler and Mike Reid spoke about last night's Rte. 299 Gateway Committee meeting.

Supervisor Bettez read aloud a letter submitted by the Vice President of the Food Industry Alliance of NYS. They are looking forward to speaking with the Town Board about the issue of disposable bags

Appointment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Wayne Pyle to the Recreation Committee.

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 ***June 1, 2017***. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Revised Proposal from Mobilitie Cellular:

Mobilitie Cellular revised their initial proposal for a micro Cell tower in the Cherry Hill area. The proposed facility would be installed on an existing pole with a 3 foot antenna, which would be less noticeable than the original proposed tower. This would help boost service and capacity in that area. The Town would be paid a \$500 installation fee and then \$500 per year going forward.

Councilman Logan requested comparables regarding how much is paid to other Towns. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Seahawks Contract:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Seahawks contract. Seconded by Councilman Irwin with a few minor corrections regarding the Town's address and the date. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

NPCSD Recreation Transportation Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign both agreements. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Marbletown:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement and to allow Highway Superintendent Marx to share equipment. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the June Warrant in the amount of \$451,810.48. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Escrow release for D&D Woodworks:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the release of \$1,204.24 from D&D Woodwork's escrow account. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Payment Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the payment request of Invoice #N112724 for \$1,250.62 and #N112953 for \$25.72 to Yaun Co. for costs incurred during the Town Hall demolition, to be paid out of the Capital Project budget line. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Pool Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Isabella Santos as a lifeguard at Moriello Pool at a rate of \$11/hr, effective June 18, 2017. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Part-time hire for Finance Department:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Yvette Cruz as a part-time, clerk for the Finance Department, up to 20 hours per week, at a rate of \$15/hr. effective June 19, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Youth Center Alarm System:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the expenditure of funds up to \$600 to upgrade the alarm system at the Youth Center. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Quarterly POs for Court:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to add the following POs to the approved quarterly list:

Staples	\$100	AAA-522-1110-400
Quill	\$100	AAA-522-1110-400

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

Part-time clerk positions:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize creating 2 (two) part-time Account Clerk positions with Ulster County Personnel from one already authorized full-time position. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Letter of Support for Mohonk Preserve:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of support for Mohonk Preserve's CFA Grant Application to stabilize the 1908 Testimonial Gateway. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Proposed Guidelines for Public Access:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the proposed guidelines for Town election-related broadcasts from the Public Access Committee. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

New Horizons Request:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that New Horizons Resources would like to develop an apartment, as an individual residential alternative, for 2 people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the site recommended by the sponsoring agency. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion on possible plastic bag local law:

Supervisor Bettez read aloud a letter sent by 2 local 5th graders, as a way to help reduce the plastic waste in New Paltz. There was a discussion about what options the Town has in order to address this issue. Councilman Torres indicated that the State has a "Pennies for Parks" program that generates money for State parks through the implementation of a fee for plastic bags. Another option was to ban plastic bags completely. He will speak with Assemblyman Cahill and report back to the Board.

Town Hall Demo update:

Councilman Irwin indicated that the building is almost gone.

Resolution-Clean Energy Communities Program:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of commitment and to complete and submit the grant application.

WHEREAS, Local governments in New York State can save energy costs, create jobs, and improve the environment by using the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program to implement clean energy actions, and

WHEREAS, Communities that complete four out of the ten high impact actions and meet all other eligibility requirements are designated by New York State as a Clean Energy Community and are eligible to apply for grants of \$50,000 to fund additional clean energy projects, and

WHEREAS, The Village and Town of New Paltz will soon have each completed four out of the ten high impact actions including: Benchmarking, which sets up a system for measuring and sharing data on building energy use over time allowing and occupants to compare energy usage against other buildings, and better identify opportunities to cut energy waste; Energy Code Enforcement Training action, which focuses on what code enforcement officials need to know about the Energy Code in the context of its practical application on active construction projects; a unified Solar Permit, which is a standardized permit application designed to streamline the approval process for installing solar in the community in order to costs for applicants by creating a uniform permitting process in municipalities across the State; and Clean Fleets, which is an effort by local governments to install alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure in order to increase opportunities for constituents to access electric vehicle charging stations, and

WHEREAS, grant applications for project(s) or initiative(s) will be evaluated based on the following criteria, with eligible projects earning a minimum of 50% of the selection criteria points out of the total number of possible points, as indicated herein:

1. To what extent does the proposer present a thorough, sound, detailed approach for accomplishing the objectives of their proposal within a reasonable timeframe? (25 possible points)
2. To what extent does the project/initiative have a positive direct impact on energy use and greenhouse gas emissions? (15 possible points)
3. To what extent does the project/initiative have other sustainability benefits? (15 possible points)
4. To what extent will efforts be made to collaborate with other municipalities and to transfer knowledge to the broader region and state? (15 possible points)
5. To what extent does the project/initiative involve an innovative and/or replicable approach? (15 possible points)
6. To what extent will the project/initiative leverage public and private dollars and/or generate economic development benefits (i.e. temporary or permanent job creation and investment)? (15 possible points), and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village will each be applying for \$50,000 (for a total of \$100,000) to create a joint Village/Town Comprehensive Master Plan that focuses on sustainable development in order to create a strong local economy with a vibrant downtown and affordable housing while preserving open space and promote agriculture, and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process for additional funding the project a signed letter of commitment, on official letterhead, is required from the top elected official of the jurisdiction within which the project is located,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a letter of commitment and to complete and submit the grant application (<https://nysesda.seamlessdocs.com/f/CECAApplication>), as well as all of the required associated documents on the NYSERDA website.

https://portal.nysesda.ny.gov/CORE_Solicitation_Detail_Page?SolicitationId=a0rt0000000QnlnAAC

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

Springtown Rail Trail Bridge bids:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that 5 bids were opened yesterday. The Engineer still needs more time to review them before making a recommendation to the Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize the Supervisor to accept the lowest qualified bid. Seconded by Councilman Torres. Councilman Logan offered a friendly amendment that this is pending approval by the Town Attorney. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Tiny Homes Event:

Councilman Logan indicated that the Tiny Homes company has been using the Town's seal on their signs without permission and with no compensation. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Town Attorney to write a cease and desist letter to the Tiny Homes company.

Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Following further discussion, Councilman Logan and Councilman Irwin withdrew their motions. Supervisor Bettez indicated that he would ask Kathy Preston to contact the company and ask that they make a contribution to the Town's Fireworks event.

At 9:13 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk