

Town Board Meeting
June 25, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Kevin Barry, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Dan Torres.

At 7:52 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +CFA LED Street Lights, +Bus Drivers List, +Pavilion Dedication, +Establishment of Escrow, +Water Update. A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jim Littlefoot, Shivertown Road, requested that a patrol car monitor Shivertown Road everyday for 15 minutes due to the speeding and heavy truck traffic.

Susan DePaulis requested the Town Board to consider allowing backyard chickens. She will prepare a proposal for the Town Board.

Linda Abbott, Springtown Road, requested the Town Board change the Flood Plain Law.

Chad Colarusso, Springtown Road, Flood Plain Law is unfair.

Denise Huede wants to know what the intent of the law is?

Caroline Paulson, Springtown Road, indicated the Flood Plain Law has been taking an emotional toll on the residents.

Ray Lunati, Kaegill Lane, requested the Town Board allow the residents to be on the agenda to present their research.

The Town Board scheduled a Special Town Board Meeting for Thursday, July 9th at 7 p.m., primarily for the purposes of discussing the Flood Plain Law with the residents.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to appoint Marty Irwin to the Town Board to fill the unexpired term left by Jean Gallucci, to expire on December 31, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilman Irwin was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to appoint Leonard Loza to the Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term left by Linda Donovan, to expire on December 31, 2018, contingent upon the filing of a Financial Disclosure and Oath of Office within 30 days of appointment, otherwise the appointment becomes null and void. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to appoint Ray Lunati to the Planning Board as an alternate. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Mr. Lunati was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Senior Coordinator Agreement:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the Consulting Services Agreement with Kathy Puglisi as the Senior Coordinator for the sum of \$6,000 from 1/1/15 to 12/31/15. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Time Warner Senior Discount:

Carol Connolly indicated that seniors who are calling the “special” number are still being told by TWC that there is no discount. She is encouraging the seniors to contact her so she can relay the information to the Town’s Representative, David Whalen, who hasn’t been very responsive. Councilman Barry will draft a letter to Time Warner.

Water Bill:

Veronica Claypool Butler indicated that her April water bill was over \$400, a significant increase from her usual \$60. She indicated that she had someone from the Town’s Water Department and her own personal handy man, go through her house to check for leaks. They both determined there were none. Water Commissioner Marx indicated that the readings indicated a spike in usage during the time in question, but ultimately went back to the normal usage. She suggested

splitting the bill with the Town because she does not feel that she should pay for resources that she did not use. Councilman Logan indicated that the Town is prohibited by law to give away Town assets and that she would be responsible for paying the entire bill. The Town Board does not want to set a precedent.

Food Waste Contract:

Tabled.

Youth Services Contract:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Summer Recreation Contract for the Summer Recreation Program. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Court Radios:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a lease amendment agreement for additional radios for the court clerks for 60 months at \$240/month. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Traffic Study:

Supervisor Zimet read aloud a letter from Engineer Dave Clouser regarding the traffic issues with Lent Drive and George Danskin Way. He indicated that the cost for Crieghton Manning to conduct a traffic study would range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Supervisor Zimet indicated that Gail Gallerie would bring this issue to the Transportation Implementation Committee.

Wildberry Consolidated Funding Application:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of support for their grant application. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

LED Street Lights Consolidated Funding Application:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of support for the grant application for the installation of LED Street lights in various Towns in Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Millbrook Preserve Resolution:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ REGARDING THE DESIGN, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MILLBROOK PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the Village of New Paltz is presently contemplating the potential acquisition of real property from Shawangunk Reserve, Inc., Tax Map # 86.2-1-12.110, ("the Property"), to potentially be added to the Millbrook Preserve with portions lying within the Village and portions lying within the Town of New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Village Board view the potential addition of the Property as a critical ecological open space that must be preserved and protected and which addition would connect the current Millbrook Preserve, formerly known as Stoneleigh Woods which was purchased by the Town using the approved Open Space Bond funds, to the forever green parcel of Woodland Pond, thus creating a significant continuous wilderness park in the heart of the New Paltz community, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Town Board and the Village Board of Trustees have determined that it is in the overall best interests of the residents of the Town and Village to pursue the potential acquisition of the subject Property and said process is presently moving forward; and

WHEREAS, because the property lies within both the Town and the Village, it is necessary for both municipalities to have a clear understanding with respect to the rights and responsibilities, financial and otherwise, of each party regarding design, operation, maintenance, improvement and repair of the entire Millbrook Preserve Property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz has expressed a desire for the Village to assume the lead role in the design, improvement and repair of the entire Millbrook Preserve Property while still retaining input on all such issues, as well as proportionate financial responsibility for the initial stages of organization of the entire newly constituted Preserve Property, and thereafter, such maintenance and operational financial responsibility and decision-making shall be within the sole purview of the Village,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor, or the Deputy Supervisor, as the case may be, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding or an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Village of New Paltz, with respect to the design, operation, maintenance, improvement and repair of the entire Millbrook Preserve Property, to be effective in the event that the Village acquires the Shawangunk Reserve, Inc. property and subject to the approval in form and content of any such Agreement by the attorney for the town.

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

Bus Drivers:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve and add the following names to the drivers list for the Youth Summer Recreation Program: Mark Cacchio, Vivian Figueroa, and Barry Slaton. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Establish Escrow Account:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the establishment of the following Escrow Account: The applicant Thomas Wanning Project shall provide for initial deposit into escrow account in the amount of \$2500.00 as determined by the Planning Board and Town Board of New Paltz based on its evaluation of the nature and complexity of the application. The applicant shall be provided with copies of all Town vouchers for such services as they are submitted to the Town. When the balance in such escrow account is reduced to ½ of its initial amount, \$1250.00, the applicant shall deposit additional funds into such account to bring its balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. If such account is not replenished within 30 days after the applicant is notified, in writing, of the requirement for such additional deposit, the Planning Board may suspend its review of the application. A building permit or certificate of occupancy shall not be issued unless all professional fees charged in connection with the applicant's project have been reimbursed to the Town. After all pertinent charges have been paid; the Town shall refund to the applicant any funds remaining on deposit.

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

DEP Water Update:

Councilman Logan indicated that the contracts and agreements have been approved and signed. However, the Village is pursuing the Wallkill River as a water source, which the DEP has made clear it will not pay for. Councilman Logan is meeting with the attorney tomorrow because this could have legal ramifications in terms of the contract the Town signed with the DEP.

Pavilion Dedication:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to designate up to \$1,000 for the cost of the plaque at the pavilion. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Highway Superintendent Marx will work on this.

Resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to accept the resignation of Marty Irwin from the Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Creation of Account Clerk-Civil Service Position:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to create the position of Account Clerk Civil Service Position for the Budget Department. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Civil Service Status of Finance Director Position:

The Town created and defined the position, which was referred to the County. The County would prefer that the Town use a position that the County already has through Civil Service, which includes a Comptroller (Competitive) and a Budget Officer (Non-Competitive). Supervisor Zimet will try to work with the County to increase the minimum requirements/qualifications for the positions.

Budget Modification:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following modification to 2015 budget:

Increase: A522-1110.4 Justice Court Contractual \$695.00

Decrease: A522-1110.2 Justice Court Equipment \$695.00

Reason: To move funds allocation from equipment to contractual to pay for an emergency repair of a justice court door lock.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

Tabled.

At 11:16 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk