

**Town Board Meeting
August 17, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis via videoconference from the Park County Public Library, Cody, Wyoming.

At 7:39 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: -Item #5k Change Order for Rail Trail installation project

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended, Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to amend the agenda to add a discussion about the 2018 Budget. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Lou Cariola thanked Highway Superintendent Chris Marx for working on the realignment of Gatehouse Road.

Presentation:

Kathy Germain, RUPCO, discussed the opportunity for assistance for housing rehabilitation through a Community Development Block Grant through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Trust Fund Corporation. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez set the public hearing for September 7th at 7 p.m., and to authorize the Supervisor to act as liaison on behalf of the Town who will be the applicant and execute any documents required for the grant submission, and to work with RUPCO who will be the sub-recipient. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Presentation:

KT Tobin, New Paltz Village Board, discussed the possibility of the Town passing an Affordable Housing Law similar to that of the Village. The law establishes a Board to take in and review applications from people who are eligible for affordable housing. Applicants before the Planning Board with proposed developments will be required to build 10 or more dwelling units with a certain number of them being affordable housing units, with the possibility of density bonuses. The Town Board will further discuss this with the Village Board at the next Joint meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to accept the minutes of ***July 13, 2017 and August 3, 2017***. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis did not cast a vote. Motion carried.

Esopus Shared Services Agreement:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Esopus. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis did not cast a vote. Motion carried.

Approval of New Paltz Police Department Resignations:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to regretfully accept the resignation from part-time officer Augustus Carson and part-time dispatcher Erin Litts. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to initiate hiring process for NPPD replacements:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to allow Chief Snyder to initiate the hiring process for NPPD replacements. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Police Services Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution approving the Police Services Agreement with Paramount Pictures. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilman Torres suggested creating an application process for future filming at the Re-Org meeting.

Terex Backhoe Repair:

Recycling Coordinator Laura Petite indicated that she did receive the thermostat for the backhoe, which now needs to be installed. This will take the backhoe out of service for some time. She has recently been having issues with other components. Parts are hard to find and very costly. She plans to include these repairs in the 2018 budget.

Rail Trail Bridge demo overage approval:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the prepayment of purchase order #17-01816 for UCRRA in the amount of \$58.17 for the disposal of the Springtown Road Rail Trail Bridge to come out of H08-522-5120-400. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of Escrow:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Bookkeeper to open a Town Escrow account for the Community Health Department prior to audit for the purpose of transferring funds from the Community Partnership Grant checking account that were specific to the purposes of the Community Health Coordinator, and deposited, upon receipt, into the Community Partnership account to be held until which time an Escrow account could be opened. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of Change Order:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve \$2,000 to Roehrs Construction for tree trimming at the Springtown Rail Trail Bridge in order to accommodate the crane and its cables. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Flatbed purchase request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve \$2,200 to Hudson River Truck for the purchase of a flatbed body for the Buildings & Grounds and Water Sewer Department. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Highway Conference Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the attendance and reimbursement of Carol West, Highway Secretary to the Basic and Advanced Governmental Accounting classes offered by the NYS Comptroller. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to table this until further information has been received. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Assessor Conference Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the request for Assessor Tricia Masterson to attend the annual Assessor's Conference and seminar October 1-4, 2017 in Lake Placid at a cost of \$831.00; and Tricia Masterson and her aide Karen Verney to attend the NYS Assessor certified class on reading and understanding deeds, in New Windsor at a cost of \$260.00 total. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Recycling Permit Refund:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve a refund in the amount of \$15.00 for a permit purchased by a Rosendale resident that did not use it and returned it the following day. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

August Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the August warrant in the amount of \$702,828.10. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Disposal/Donation of old Town phones:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to dispose of the Town's old CS 200 ESI phone system. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of Escrow:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to establish a Planning Board escrow account for the Route 32 Nursery in the amount of \$7,000 with a replenish amount of \$4,000. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Recycling Electric Provider:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to switch electric providers for the Recycling/Re-Use Center from Viridian to Central Hudson. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

LED Streetlight RFP:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez for the Town of New Paltz to be part of the MHSC Community Managed RFP. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Mohonk Foothills guiderail proposal:

As a result of increasing damage to the roadway, Mohonk Preserve is requesting that the Town accept the installation of continuous wood guiderails to be placed along a specific section of Butternut Road north of the Lenape Lane overpass bridge, and in the area of the easternmost end of Lenape Lane where it intersects with Gatehouse Road. However, there is a question as to when this would be done. The Town Board scheduled a public information meeting for Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion-2018 Budget:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that 2018 Budget sheets have been distributed to the Department heads. He advised them that there is a 1.168% tax cap which equates to \$155,000, and that budgets should be prepared with a 3-4% cut in discretionary spending. Increases in fixed costs alone are projected to be around \$500,000.

B&L Proposal-Sewer 6:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the proposal for professional services for Preliminary Engineering Report and Cost Estimate for Sewer 6 connection to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:43 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk