

**Town Board Meeting
August 2, 2018
7 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Bettez, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis (Via Videoconferencing), Councilman David Brownstein, Councilman Marty Irwin. **Absent:** Councilman Dan Torres.

At 7 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: +Youth Center Staff Lunch, +Greenway Grant Resolution, +Resolution-Building Renovation Fund, Separate Pool Coordinator Hire from Consent agenda.

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

Public Comment:

None

Alfandre Architecture Proposal and Building Renovation Fund:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to approve the contract with Alfandre Architecture dated July 25, 2018 and that the Supervisor be authorized and directed to execute it on behalf of the Town Board. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to allocate from the Capital Project "Town Muni-Center Expenses" Fund the following amounts: \$3,500 for Matt Eyler's consulting and \$7,200 for Alfandre Architecture, for a Space Needs Analysis, as indicated in Alfandre Architecture's July 25, 2018 Proposal. And further, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to sign said proposal on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and seconded by Councilman Brownstein to approve and/or authorize the following items as part of the consent agenda. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

1. Approval of Minutes- Joint T&V 7/11/18, Police Commission and Town Board 7/19/18
2. Appointment of Matt Maley to the Historic Preservation Commission, replacing Caryn Sobel whose term is set to expire on 12/31/18.
3. Resignation of Justin Myers from the Bike-Pedestrian Committee
4. NYCLASS account change:
 Change the Fund Registration with the pooled investments from the following:
 Remove: General A Fund Checking
 B Fund Checking
 DB Fund Checking
 Replace with: ATA Operating Account
5. Request to the Village for Water hookup for Freihofer's at 27 N. Putt Corners Road
6. Parade Requests- Shawangunk Runners 8/6/18, Family of New Paltz 11/22/18
7. Youth Center Hire- Margaret Graham, 15-20 hours/week at \$13/hr.
8. Youth Center hourly wage adjustment-Jade Kiel increase to \$13.50/hr.

Pool Coordinator Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to re-hire Bill Russell as the Pool Coordinator for the Town at the same annual rate. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of the 2018 Application/License form for a Residential Garbage, Rubbish and Recyclables Collector's License:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the License form for 2018. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Speed Limit Reduction on Old Rte. 299:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution requesting the lowering of the speed limit on Old Rte. 299. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried. **URGING** the Ulster County Public Works Department to lower the speed limit on Old Route 299, between North Ohioville Rd and Plutarch Road in the Town of New Paltz from 35 mph to 30 mph.

WHEREAS, In New York State, the statutory speed limit on all roads is 55 mph and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has the authority to establish speed limits on state highways, county, and town roads.

WHEREAS, Old Route 299, between N. Ohioville Rd and Plutarch Rd in the Town of New Paltz is a residential street, and **WHEREAS**, due to increased traffic and construction on State Route 299, Old Route 299 is increasingly used by vehicles as a cut-through to avoid these obstacles, often driving at unsafe speeds, and

WHEREAS, this vehicular traffic presents a hazard to residents who wish to walk, bike, jog, or enjoy outdoor recreation in their own neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, a residential area speed limit of 30 mph is already posted for North Ohioville Rd, intersecting Old Route 299 at its west end, so a reduction in speed would bring Old Route 299 into alignment with this neighboring road, and

WHEREAS, proposed rezoning for the Route 299 Gateway Area supports walkability, which current conditions do not support, and

WHEREAS, a traffic study completed by Resource Systems Group, Inc in 2006 as a part of the Town of New Paltz Transportation-Land Use Project observed deficiencies at the Route 299/Ohioville Rd intersection, in regard to the absence of crosswalks or pedestrian signals,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to 1) transmit this resolution to the County Commissioner of Public Works of the County of Ulster, asking the New York State Department of Transportation to install crosswalks at the intersection of North Ohioville Rd and Old Route 299, and establish a lower maximum speed of 30 mph on Old Route 299, a Town Road between. N. Ohioville Rd. and Plutarch Rd., pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, 2) complete a NYSDOT TE9(a) form for submission

Highway Vehicle Purchase Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the purchase of a 2019 International Dump Truck for the Highway Department in the amount of \$135,414 through CHIPS Funds. Seconded by Councilman Irwin. A friendly amendment was made by Councilman Brownstein to approve this subject to review by Attorney Joe Moriello. Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Following a Board discussion Councilmen Brownstein and Irwin withdrew their motions. All aye votes cast on original motion by Supervisor Bettez. Motion carried.

Highway Vehicle Sale Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the use of Absolute Auctions & Realty for the sale of the 1-Ton dump truck and 2013 Ford Taurus, and authorize the Supervisor to sign any service agreements. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution: In-Kind match for Henry W. DuBois Tap Application:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Committing to In-Kind Services Match for Grant Funding Application to the New York State DOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz is applying to the New York State Department of Transportation for grant funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in order to implement street enhancements to Henry W DuBois Drive, and

WHEREAS, this project will improve Henry W Dubois Drive by creating buffered bike lanes (one-directional, on the north and south side) and sidewalk (on north side), providing much needed access and safety for all current transportation mode users, including pedestrians, cyclists, New Paltz Bus Loop users and drivers, and also future users of the Empire State Trail, and

WHEREAS, such improvements to Henry W DuBois Drive are referenced in the 2006 New Paltz Land Use/Transportation Plan, the 2008 Sidewalk Master Plan for the Village and Town of New Paltz, the 2011 New Paltz Pedestrian/Bicycle Non-Motorized Accessibility Plan, the 2014 Safe Routes to School Action Plan, and also supports the goals of other local and regional plans including the 1995 Town of New Paltz Comprehensive Master Plan, the Village of New Paltz's 2013 adopted resolution for Complete Streets, the 2014 Millbrook Preserve Concept Plan, and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Strategic Plan, and

WHEREAS, while Henry W Dubois Drive currently has 5-foot bike lanes at its western end (west of N. Oakwood Terr) and at its eastern end (east of Old Mill Rd), these sections of bike path are narrow, with no buffer provided, and

WHEREAS, this project proposes increasing the width of the shoulder to allow for a 3-foot buffer between the vehicle travel lane and bike lanes, consistent with the preferred design features for bike lanes as presented in the Empire State Trail Design Guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the middle section of this road (between Old Mill Rd and N. Oakwood Terrace) currently has no shoulder and sections of poor visibility due to topography; consequently pedestrians are frequently seen walking along the painted line, partly within the travel lane, to avoid the existing uneven grade immediately adjacent to the roadway, and

WHEREAS, this project proposes adding shoulders in this stretch of roadway to allow for 5-foot bike lanes and a 3-foot buffer, consistent with the preferred design features for bike lanes as presented in the Empire State Trail Design Guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the project will allow local cyclists and pedestrians, as well as travelers along the Empire State Trail within New Paltz to remain within designated lanes, in both the east and west directions, instead of being forced onto a shared roadway at this 'gap' of the trail where shoulders do not currently exist, and

WHEREAS, this road is classified by NYSDOT as a major collector and, although the speed limit is 30 mph and average traffic counts are 3,500-4,300 vehicles daily, it is a popular alternative to Main Street, well trafficked by local residents and passing traffic as a bypass for Main Street, especially during peak tourism periods when Empire State Trail usage will also be at its highest, and

WHEREAS, improving safe multi-modal transportation along this corridor will allow the Town and Village to further promote the use of the Empire State Trail within New Paltz for tourism and advancing the community as a desirable place to visit and enjoy outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Town is requesting \$3,370,260 in grant funding for this project, and
WHEREAS, this grant application requires a 20% match from the municipality in order to qualify for the grant funding,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz agrees to a match of up to \$674,052 in cash or in-kind services in the event that the grant is awarded.

Set Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing on the proposed local law Section 182-28 of the Code regarding the exemption of §485-b of the Real Property Tax Law, for August 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Clearwater Road:

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

Adding Clearwater Road to the NYS Department of Transportation's list of Designated Qualifying and Access Highways for Larger Dimension Vehicles in New York State

WHEREAS, Clearwater Road in the Town of New Paltz, a distance of 0.7 ± miles from its eastern end to NY State Route 32, is the only access road to the UCRRR Transfer Station and the Town of New Paltz Reuse and Recycling Center, and
WHEREAS, it is necessary that larger dimension vehicles travel on Clearwater Road to transport materials to and from the Transfer Station and the Town of New Paltz Reuse and Recycling Center, and
WHEREAS, Clearwater Road is not currently listed in the NYS Department of Transportation's list of Designated Qualifying and Access Highways for Larger Dimension Vehicles in New York State,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz adopt a resolution to request that the NYS Office of Traffic Safety & Mobility add Clearwater Road in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County to the list of Designated Qualifying and Access Highways for Larger Dimension Vehicles in New York State.

Water Bill Adjustment Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to *not* approve the request to prorate the bill on account 69-0. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Youth Center Staff Lunch Reimbursement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to allow the Youth Center to spend up to \$150.00 out of their budget for lunch for a staff training.
 Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Greenway Grant Application:

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

Giving Approval for Grant Application to the Hudson Valley Greenway under the 2018 Greenway Conservancy Small Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the 2018 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program for a project entitled "Henry W DuBois Road Improvements" to be located in the Town and Village of New Paltz, and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located;
NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that the governing board of the Town of New Paltz does hereby approve and endorse the application for a grant under the 2018 Greenway Conservancy Small Grant Program, for a project known as Henry W DuBois Road Improvements" located within this community.

Break from 7:32 p.m. to 7:54 p.m.

Executive Session:

At 7:54 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing the purchase of real property with Matt Eyler. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:06 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:07 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 Rosenkranse
 Town Clerk