

Joint Town & Village Meeting September 19, 2017 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Present: Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee Dennis Young, Trustee William Murray, Trustee KT Tobin, Trustee Don Kerr.

At 7:30 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: Move discussion on Palmateer Easement to the Joint agenda, +Phone side-cars for PD. 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

Affordable Housing Law-Guy Kempe:

Mr. Kempe, Chair of the Village's Affordable Housing Board, outlined considerations for a proposed Town & Village Affordable Housing Board. Some of these considerations included "Housing Unit Standards", "Exemptions" and "Eligibility". The Boards will continue to discuss this concept at future meetings.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to amend the agenda to re-open public comment. Seconded by Mayor Rogers, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Bonne Maseo of the Recreation Committee discussed the need for soccer fields in New Paltz.

Bike Paths:

Supervisor Bettez indicated the Town is looking for Federal grants for the Transportation Alternatives Program to help widen the shoulders for a protected bike lane on Henry W. DuBois. He is looking for interest from the Village to apply for these grants jointly.

Palmateer Easement:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Temporary Water Exploration Easement has been reviewed by the Town and Village Attorneys and the recommendation is to authorize the Supervisor to sign this upon final approval as to form by the Town Attorney. This would allow the Town and Village to test for ground water wells on the Palmateer property. The Palmateers are very supportive of this idea. The Town currently has a Conservation Easement on the property. Councilman Irwin questioned if this action would be allowed under the terms of the Conservation Easement. He would like Joe Moriello's feedback before moving forward.

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers for the Village to move forward with signing the Temporary Water Exploration Easement. Seconded by Trustee Tobin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers to authorize up to \$3,800 to do studies on the exploration of the Water Treatment property. Seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Cat trapping discussion:

Trustee Young indicated that the Village already has a section in its code that prohibits the trapping of cats on properties owned in the Village, unless the Village Board gives permission to do so. This law supersedes the previous trapping policy put into place.

Waste Franchise Agreement:

Trustee Young has received feedback regarding the RFP for a single garbage hauler for the Town and Village.

A motion was made by Trustee Young to move forward with setting the due date for the RFP for January 15, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Murray. Trustee Kerr offered a friendly amendment that the due date be *no later* than January 15, 2018. Seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to set the due date for the RFP for no later than January 15, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Crossing Guard IMA:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Village will be taking over the responsibility of paying for the Crossing Guard Program, with the Police still overseeing it. The Village Board has already approved this agreement.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the IMA on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Joint Municipal Center:

The Village Board has hired an appraiser to conduct an appraisal on the property that is being looked at for a proposed Joint Municipal Center. The Town has hired Willingham Engineering to do an assessment of the property. The Boards will continue to discuss this.

At 9:27 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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Elting Library Resolutions:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the Resolution and Notice of Determination of Non-Significance-Negative Declaration regarding the Elting Memorial Library Ballot Proposition 2017, as well as the Resolution to put the following question on the ballot at the next general election of the Town of New Paltz to be held on November 7, 2017:

“SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE ELTING MEMORIAL LIBRARY BE INCREASED BY NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000) TO THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$556,000) ANNUALLY”

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

Resignations:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Rebecca Minas from the Bike-Ped Committee. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Mike Merriman from the EnCB. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to appoint Michael Knutson to the Clean Water Open Space Protection Commission to fill an unexpired term left by a previous member that will expire 12/19. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Kenji Tierney to the EnCB to fill the unexpired term left by Mike Merriman that will expire 12/18. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the **Town Board minutes of September 6, 2017 and September 7, 2017**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2018 Budget:

The Town Clerk presented the Board with the 2018 Tentative Budget. The Board will discuss the budget at the next several meetings.

Set Public Hearing for Tax Cap Override Local Law:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing for October 19th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Formation of Committee to Appoint Wetlands Inspector:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Ingrid Haeckel and Mike Domitrovits from the EnCB, Amy Cohen and Amanda Gotto from the Planning Board, and Supervisor Bettez to the Committee formed to appoint the Wetlands Inspector. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization of Payment:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize the payment of \$31,685 to KEK Excavators, Inc. as final payment for the demolition of the old Town Hall, and that KEK Excavators, Inc. execute a Final Lien Release prior to delivery of the final payment check. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Phone side cars for PD:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the purchase of two side cars for the phones at the Police Department, in the amount of \$450.00. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Electric Bid:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to award bid for supplies for the installation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station to Yaun Supply in New Paltz, as the best value in the amount of \$1,886.73. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

September Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the September Warrant in the amount of \$607,068.65. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Change Order-Springtown Rail Trail Bridge:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the change order in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 for Roehrs Construction to replace the decking on the Springtown Rail Trail Bridge. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Highway Truck Purchase:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the purchase of a 2018 Chevy Silverado 3500 HD Crew Cab with dump body and stainless steel plow in accordance with CHIPS project eligibility, in the amount of \$42,805.88. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:05 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