

**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**September 9, 2015**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilman Dan Torres. **Absent:** Councilman Kevin Barry.

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

**Agenda:** +Schedule Joint Meeting, +Planning Board Recommendation for Engineering Services  
A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Receipt of DEP Registration of “Design” IGA:**

Supervisor Zimet read aloud the following statement:

NYC is planning to take the Catskill Aqueduct out of service for repairs for an extended period of time on multiple occasions.

Based on recommendations in a September 2014 report funded by DEP, DEP intends to provide funding in two phases—in the first phase for environmental, engineering and design studies and, in the second phase, for construction of whatever the Town, the Village and DEP agree should be built.

DEP funding will address two areas:

(i) in the Village, development of a water demand management program for all customers reliant on the Village system, and improvement of the Village’s existing reservoir system; and

(ii) in the Town, development of certain water wells and related infrastructure that will be used, in part, as an alternate water source during periods of the DEP’s planned shutdowns of the Catskill Aqueduct.

To repeat, the agreements with DEP will be in two phases:

(i) The first phase is funding for environmental, engineering and design studies of the backup water supply system for the Town and Village.

(ii) The second phase, which we have not gotten to yet, will be funding for construction of whatever the Town, the Village and DEP agree should be built.

As part of the first phase, the Town has been notified by letter dated August 31, that it will be receiving \$1,564,700 pursuant to a funding contract with the Town with an Effective Date of August 21, 2015.

This money is to be used for the design and evaluation of the proposed Plains Road and Paradies Lane Wellsite Systems, including the environmental review of the proposed systems. Under the agreement, the environmental review must be completed by December 11, 2015.

The studies are themselves exempt from SEQRA under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(21), which exempts from review concurrent environmental, engineering and feasibility studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes that do not commit the Town or Village to engage in or approve construction.

**Declaration of Intent- Declare Lead Agency for the Construction of a Backup Water Supply:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, DEP operates and maintains the New York City water supply system and is responsible for providing drinking water to the City and to its upstate customers, including users who primarily rely on a water supply from the Delaware Aqueduct and the Catskill Aqueduct;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a 1928 Water Supply Permit issued by DEP to the Village of New Paltz (the “Village”), the Village and portions of the Town, through interconnections with the Village, each rely on a supply of water from the Catskill Aqueduct; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the long-term sustainability of its ability to supply water through the Delaware Aqueduct and Catskill Aqueduct, DEP has committed capital funds to make repairs and conduct rehabilitation work to both aqueducts as part of a project called Water for the Future (“WFF”); and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with WFF and to permit DEP to conduct repairs and perform certain rehabilitation work thereto, the Catskill Aqueduct will need to be taken out of service for an extended period of time on multiple occasions; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the recommendations made in the Final Project Report dated September 2014, resulting from the Backup Water Supply Investigation for the Village funded by DEP (the “Final Report”), DEP intends to provide funding for environmental and engineering studies and design and, subsequently, construction (i) to the Village to develop a water demand management program for all customers reliant on the Village system, and to improve its existing reservoir system; and (ii) to the Town to develop certain water wells and related infrastructure that will exploit such identified water sources (or their equivalent) which are located within the Town and outside of the Village, to be used, in part, as an alternate water source for the Village water treatment and distribution system during periods of the DEP’s planned shutdowns of the Catskill Aqueduct;

**WHEREAS**, as part of the overall funding for environmental, engineering and design studies of a backup water supply system for the Town and Village, the Town and DEP have entered into an agreement, registered on August 21, 2015, to provide funding to the Town, to be used toward the environmental review and design of two potential groundwater systems in the Town outside the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the results of the overall environmental, engineering and design studies work, DEP has indicated it would be prepared to enter into an additional agreement to fund the construction of the backup water supply system to be determined by the Town and the Village to be environmentally, physically and economically desirable (the “Construction IGA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of a backup water supply system for the Town and the Village, including the construction of two potential groundwater systems in the Town outside the Village, and any future agreement of DEP to fund such potential construction (the “Action”) will require environmental assessment under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town Board desires to serve as lead agency in a Type I coordinated review of the Action and to utilize the funding already committed by DEP to the Town to conduct the necessary environmental, engineering and design studies to enable the Town as lead agency to conduct a proper environmental review of the proposed Action;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Town Board of the Town of New Paltz hereby declares its intention to serve as Lead Agency in a Type I coordinated review of the proposed Action; and
2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to circulate the annexed Lead Agency Notice together with all other relevant environmental review documents to all Involved and Interested Agencies and to allow thirty (30) days from the mailing of the Lead Agency Notice to challenge the Town Board’s Lead Agency designation.

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

**Contract of Services for Dave Clouser & Associates:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan that be it resolved that the Town hire Dave Clouser & Associates to do engineering, environmental review and other studies covered by the funding contract that was just received, subject to a more formal contract approved by the general and environmental attorneys for the Town and by the Town Board. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Planning Board Recommendation for Engineering Services:**

Town Engineer Dave Clouser has recused himself from the Mohonk Preserve Project and has recommended the Planning Board use another firm in his place. A motion was made by Councilman

Logan to hire Rohde, Soyka & Andrews to perform engineering services on the Mohonk Preserve Project. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Schedule Joint Meeting:**

A Joint Meeting of the Town and Village Board will be held on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center for the purposes of discussing a Municipal Center. The Building Committee met this morning and Dave Lent discussed demolishing the old Town Hall. Supervisor Zimet, who is unable to make the joint meeting indicated that the Town does not have the money to demolish the building now, nor is it being put into the 2016 budget due to the financial constraints imposed by the Tax Cap. She also indicated that the cost of the demolition will be rolled into the bond to build the new building.

Supervisor Zimet wanted to thank Highway Superintendent Chris Marx and his crew, as well as Recreation Director Chuck Bordino for all their hard work in overseeing and maintaining the Field of Dreams.

**Amendment to Agenda-Add Emergency Generator for Sewer 6:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to amend the agenda to add the purchase of a generator for Sewer 6. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Emergency Purchase of Generator for Sewer 6:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the emergency expenditure of \$19,750 for a generator for Sewer 6 from Peak Power Systems. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:25 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