

TOWN AND VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ RESOLUTION TO REEVALUATE ALL CONTRACTS AND SERVICES BY VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

WHEREAS labor strife caused by Verizon's failure to settle contracts creates uncertainty with respect to communications and services that the Town and Village of New Paltz are expected to carry out; and

WHEREAS Verizon and Verizon Wireless replacement workers and managers do not have the experience, skills or know-how to deliver high quality expertise and service; and

WHEREAS Town and Village of New Paltz officials, staff and the constituents we serve deserve uninterrupted telecommunications services, not a network that cannot be properly maintained, especially in an emergency, by a low-skill, poorly-motivated replacement workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Communications Workers of America has initiated a large-scale strike boycott of products and services sold by Verizon and Verizon Wireless that may adversely impact our ability for efficient and uninterrupted telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of New Paltz, while taking no position on the Verizon contract dispute, are under an obligation to protect our agencies, including providing efficient operations to further our missions;

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town and Village of New Paltz will not enter into any new contracts or obligations to purchase Verizon and Verizon Wireless products or services because of the strike; and

FINALLY BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town and Village of New Paltz will review any current contracts or obligations to purchase Verizon and Verizon Wireless products or services and end any contracts or obligations to purchase Verizon and Verizon Wireless products or services where permissible by the terms of the contract and the parties' obligations.