



**Town Board Meeting
March 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Esi Lewis, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis. **Absent:** Councilwoman Alex Baer.

At 7:01 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:

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

Public Input:

-Edgar Rodriguez spoke about the importance of the Police Commission and about a court case involving the PD.

At 7:04 p.m. Councilwoman Baer arrived.

- Maggie Veve suggested appointing someone who has experience with data analysis.
- Tom Jelliffe feels it is important for the candidates to read and understand the law.

Interviews for Police Commission:

Steve Ford presented his background information and spoke about why he would like to be on the new Police Commission. The Town Board is still looking for more applicants and will continue to interview.

Environmental Conservation Board 2021 Annual Report:

Chair Rich Whitney presented the Board’s activities over the year, which included project reviews, approved permits, research and additional activities.

Resolution-Reconstitute the EnCB membership:

Rich Whitney indicated that it has become difficult to reach a quorum with only 6 members on the Board causing them to cancel 3 meetings in 2021. He is requesting decreasing the membership from 9 to 7.

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

WHEREAS, Subdivision A of Section 12-3, “Membership” of Chapter 12, “Environmental Conservation Board” of the Code of the Town of New Paltz (the “Code”) provides in its pertinent parts that the Environmental Conservation Board (the “EnCB”) shall consist of no fewer than five and no more than nine members, appointed by the Town Board, who shall serve for terms of two years subject to the provision contained at subdivision C of such section that four of the initial nine appointments to the EnCB shall be made for a term of one year only so as to create staggered terms such that approximately one-half of the Board shall be considered for appointment each year; and

WHEREAS, such subdivision further provides that appointments made other than on January 1 shall be for the remaining unexpired term of the member being replaced; and

WHEREAS, there are currently three (3) vacancies on the EnCB; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the town to grant a current request of the EnCB that the Town Board reconstitute the ENCB from nine (9) members to seven (7) members and to simultaneously fill one of the existing three (3) vacancies for a term ending December 31, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the EnCB is hereby reconstituted to have seven (7) members consisting of the following members whose terms and dates of expiration shall be as follows:

<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>TERM ENDING</u>
Chris Beadle	December 31, 2022
Ted Nitza	December 31, 2022
Yoni Schwartz	December 31, 2022
Kenji Tierney	December 31, 2022
Rose Rudnitski	December 31, 2023
Rich Whitney	December 31, 2023

and it is further:

RESOLVED, that the membership and terms set forth in the within resolution shall commence as of the 1st day of March, 2022; and it is further **RESOLVED**, that the membership on the Environmental Conservation Board shall remain as reconstituted pursuant to this resolution until such time as further resolved by the Town Board.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve and/or authorize the following as part of the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of minutes: Police Commission 02/17/22; Town Board 02/17/22
- b. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Vendor Agreement
- c. Authorization for CBIZ to update the Town’s electronic fixed asset record in the amount of \$1,850.00
- d. Authorization to approve the NY Fuel Master Legacy Standard Maintenance Agreement for the Town fuel system
- e. Authorization of the following budget modifications:

TO:				FROM:			
A	7150.458	Recreation-Community Center	57.00	A	7150.460	NP Sports Park-FOD	57.00
TO:				FROM:			
DA	9060.800	Medical Insurance	1,519.00	DA	5010.100	Supt of Highways, PS	1,519.00
TO:				FROM:			
A	2750.000	AIM-Related Payments	41,745.00	A	3001.000	State Aid/Per Capita	41,745.00

Request authorization to increase the adopted **2022** budget for insurance recoveries as follows:

INCREASE:				INCREASE:			
A	510	Anticipated Revenues	4,776.59	A	960	Appropriations	4,776.59
A	980-2680	Insurance Recoveries	4,776.59	A	522-3120-400	Police, CE	4,776.59

Proposed Local Law-Add a new Chapter 10, “Electric Assist Bicycles”:

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

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Code of the Town of New Paltz to add a new Chapter 10, “Electric Assist Bicycles” must be reviewed to determine any potential impact on the surrounding environment as defined by the Environmental Conservation Law in Section 8-0105(6); and

WHEREAS, any project having a potential impact on the environment must have such impact determined by a lead agency pursuant to the State Act and Town Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said State Act and Town Code, a lead agency must be designated to review the proposed project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz designates the Town Board as the Lead Agency to determine all environmental matters and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz has compared the proposed action as described in the Environmental Assessment Form Parts One and Two with the list of criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.12 and determined that the application proposed is a Type II Action and that no further action is required to be taken under the Act.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing for March 17th at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Narcan Station installation request:

Phoenix is requesting to install Narcan kits next to the AED units. This would include the Court, Town Hall, NPPD Dispatch, Community Center and Highway Department. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the request. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Highways/B&G/Community Center Parking:

Highway Superintendent Chris Marx has indicated that he has had difficulty plowing the community center parking lot because residents from the Village Arms apartments have been parking there. Supervisor Bettez indicated that historically the Town and Village Arms have had an understanding that residents can park there during snowstorms in exchange for allowing the Town to run sewer through Village Arms' property. He will work with the Board from Village Arms to get something worked out and in writing before next winter.

Discussion-284 Agreement:

The Board and Chris Marx had a discussion regarding the 284 Agreement.

Executive Session:

At 8:08 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:34 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk