



Town Board Meeting
November 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners/ Via Videoconference

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

At 7:02 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: -item "r" from consent agenda.

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

Public Input:

-Jackie Brownstein, UACT, spoke in support of the PILOT for the affordable senior housing development proposed in the Village.

-Matt Goodnow, NP Rescue Squad, indicated that the Town did not provide an increase to the NPRS's budget. He urged the Board to help make up the \$300,000 deficit otherwise they will have to cut services.

-Alex Wojcik emailed the following statement:

"I'm Alex Wojcik, Village resident and Deputy Mayor. I'm here to make a public comment about the Joint Permit Application for the Village of New Paltz Mountain Rest Road & Moriello Park Water Supply projects. First, thank you so much to Neil for speaking as our local green infrastructure expert at the ribbon cutting for the green infrastructure project at the site of the new parkland at the intersection of Mohonk and Elting Avenues that was added to Hasbrouck Park to provide the offset to the alienation of parkland for the 2 new drinking water wells in Moriello Pool Park. It is so cool that the parkland we created to offset the parkland that was alienated for the new drinking water wells is also home of the green infrastructure project that will help to protect the health of our beloved Wallkill River. As you know, less than 1% of the world's water is potable. Water is life. One of the best things about New Paltz being our home is having an abundance of this vital resource. One of the other best things about calling New Paltz home is knowing that we always elect representatives who put clean water and a clean environment – thus putting people – before ALL else.

So I just wanted to take a second to publicly share how very excited I am that this project that began when I was serving as Assistant to the Village Board years ago is finally coming to fruition. Thank you so much to the Town Board of today, and members of the past, for being the Village's partners in this important endeavor. I sincerely cannot wait to throw a ribbon cutting party for our water, soon enough!!"

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Approval of Minutes: November 3, 2022
- b. Re-appointment of Ed Rogers to the BAR
- c. Approval to purchase an app so that Becky Seward can control the lock on the Town Court door
- d. Approval for the Recreation Committee to pursue a Field of Dreams playground purchase, by using the \$25,000.00 balance of Parkland Funds
- e. Approval to install an electric hot water heater at the Youth Center – this will be installed by the Buildings and Grounds Department to delete the use of the oil burner for the sole purpose of hot water. The cost should not exceed \$900.00. this will include the hot water unit, piping, and electric service
- f. Authorization to pay CDE Electric application #2 in the amount of \$26,064.20 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply
- g. Authorization to pay Merritt Construction Application #8 in the amount of \$35,54.37 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply
- h. Reuse Center flush and boiler replacement
- i. MVP Renewal Rates for 2023
- j. Authorization to establish a Miscellaneous Special Revenue account for Moriello Pool and to move the recent \$5,000.00 Manifest donation for the pool to this fund
- k. Authorization to engage the professional services of Digital E-Media, LLC to custom design and incorporate a POS system for the Recycling Center at a cost of \$5,878.93
- l. Authorization to hire Andrew Heady for the open MEO position at the Highway Department at the contractual rate with a start date of 11/21/2022
- m. Reappoint Steve Ford to the Police Commission after his term expires in December 2022
- n. Authorization to renew Town of New Paltz Insurance – current insurance expires 11/30/22
- o. Establishment of Escrow PB 22-422, Subdivision/Lot Line of 4 Julia Avenue in the amount of \$3,500.00, with a replenishment of \$1,750.00
- p. Establishment of Escrow PB 22-390, Subdivision/Lot Line of 15 Shivertown Road in the amount of \$2,500.00, with a replenishment of \$1,250.00
- q. Establishment of Escrow PB 22-423, Site Plan of Lenape Lane (West of Buttermilk Road) in the amount of \$5,000.00, with a replenishment of \$2,500.00
- r. *Approval of the Federal Funding Action Plan for the Town of New Paltz-REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA*
- s. Approval of Quote #: AMS-08798 for the purchase of Bobcat equipment in the amount of \$95,391.77 for the Recycling Grant to come from the Recycle Reserve subject permissive referendum

- t. Authorization to purchase additional financial software where residents can create their own town accounts and manage memberships and facility use
- u. Approve the use of \$746.00 from the seized asset account to cover accommodation costs for four officers to attend the New York Women in Law Enforcement conference
- v. Approve the appointment of Kendra Garrett as part-time dispatcher effective November 25, 2022 at the rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement

Promotion to Sergeant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to posthumously promote Officer Daniel Carpinelli to the rank of Sergeant at the rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement effective November 4, 2022. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Swearing-in of Sergeant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the swearing-in of Sergeant Channon James. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

PILOT Presentation-Senior Affordable Housing:

Co-developer Keith Libolt presented the plan for Harmony Hall, the 50-unit senior housing development proposed for 52-54 S. Manheim Blvd. Supervisor Bettez indicated that Town Attorney Joe Moriello is reviewing the paperwork and hopes to have a resolution to approve the issuance of a PILOT at the next meeting.

Executive Session:

At 8:09 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:19 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the November Warrant in the amount of \$2,930,907.42. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Rescue Squad:

Members of the NPRS spoke about its financial situation and statistics compared to other agencies in the area. Supervisor Bettez indicated that he would go back and speak with the Comptroller about finding money for the Rescue Squad.

At 8:34 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