



Town Board Meeting
August 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert.

Absent: Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilwoman Esi Lewis.

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: Remove Executive Session

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

Public Comment: None

Interview:

The Town Board interviewed potential Town Board candidate Evan Holland-Shepler.

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 Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Minutes: August 3rd, 2023
- b. Approval of the following "Seasonal Workers" for Moriello Pool Post-Season: Jules Branitz, Campbell Heiz, Will Mergl, Joshua Pappace, Koby Wulfmeyer, and Cole Mumford at \$16.00/hour with a start date of September 10th, 2023 and an end date of December 9th, 2023
- c. Authorization to pay DJ Heating & Air Conditioning pay application #1 in the amount of \$4,989.60 for P3 Backup Water Supply
- d. Authorization to pay DJ Heating & Air Conditioning pay application #2 in the amount of \$6,750.00 for P3 Backup Water Supply
- e. Authorization to pay DJ Heating & Air Conditioning pay application #3 in the amount of \$14,616.00 for P3 Backup Water Supply
- f. Authorization to pay DJ Heating & Air Conditioning pay application #4 in the amount of \$10,440.00 for P3 Backup Water Supply
- g. Authorization to pay fall 2023 tuition reimbursement for New Paltz Youth Program employees: Heaven Torres in the amount of \$4,800.62, John Wilson in the amount of \$3,180.00, and Sophie Gross in the amount of \$6,318.00

Discussion- Contract with Millenium Strategies:

The *Proposal for Grants Research Portal and Project Support Services* provides for the consolidation of grants and assistance with writing them. The Board will discuss this further at a future meeting.

Resolution- Preparation of Report by Joule Assets Inc. ("Joule"):

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, to adopt policies and undertake projects that reduce consumption of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions, develop renewable energy, and that support New York State's Clean Energy Goals and Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act including without limitation opportunities to develop solar energy, and energy storage projects, and to support the Town of New Paltz's low to moderate income population; and

WHEREAS, New York State can support Municipal Solar and Storage Opportunities, including through grants from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA"), tax credits and other incentives to the Municipality and its constituents; and

WHEREAS, the United States government can support Municipal Solar and Storage Opportunities through incentives to develop renewable energy projects and to support its LMI populations including through direct pay incentives, made available through the Inflation Reduction Act; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality and Joule Assets Inc. have entered into an agreement dated _____ pursuant to which Joule Assets Inc. is to provide certain energy-related services to the Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz and Joule each desire that Joule investigate and provide a report to the Municipality on the Municipal Solar and Storage Opportunities without charge or other obligation to the Municipality, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz hereby authorizes Joule to investigate and prepare a report on the Municipal Solar and Storage Opportunities for presentation to the Board of New Paltz without charge or obligation to the Municipality.

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

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Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the August Warrant in the amount of \$395,211.60. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

As this is Councilman Torres' last meeting as a Town Board member, he spoke about his 10 years on the Board.

At 7:34 p.m. a motion was made Councilman Torres by to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk

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