



Town Board Meeting
September 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Esi Lewis, Councilwoman Alex Baer

Absent: Councilwoman Julie Seyfert

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Building Department Hire

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

Public Comment: None

Executive Session:

At 7:08 p.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session with Judge Weires and then Chief Lucchesi and Lt. Butler. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:34 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

MOA with Ulster County Sherrif:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between The Ulster County Sheriff and Local and State Law Enforcement Agencies. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Court Clerk Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the hiring of Jennifer Matera as a full-time Court Clerk, with a start date of September 25, 2023 and to offer the rate of \$21/hr. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Building Department Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire Rachel Mayo as a full-time Clerk in the Building Department at a rate of \$21/hr, effective September 25, 2023. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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: September 7th, 2023
- b. Accept and approve the resignation of Chuck Bordino as Director of Parks and Recreation, effective January 1st, 2024
- c. Approve the use of up to \$4,100.00 from the New Paltz Police Department seized asset account to purchase two (2) 20' Conex containers to release the existing structure at the NPPD firearms range and the bike storage shed
- d. Approve the use of up to \$2,000.00 from the New Paltz Police Department seized asset account to register two (2) members to attend the Daigle Law Group Use of Force training November 28th through the 30th
- e. Authorization to approve payment of \$567.00 for The Saratoga Hilton, plus meals and mileage for Diane Lee while attending the 2023 NYSAA Fall Conference from October 3rd to 6th, 2023
- f. Authorization for the Highway Department to purchase, from the 2023 budget, a Land Pride angle broom at a cost of \$8,190.00
- g. Authorization to add A-1 Portable Toilets to our pre-pay list
- h. Review the 3-month Rescue Squad Contract and discuss extending their contract

Dog Park Presentation:

Cliff Rockmueller, resident, spoke on behalf of the dog owners who use the New Paltz Dog Park. They are requesting that the Town mow and remove the waste. County Waste used to donate their services to remove the waste but have decided to no longer do that.

Supervisor Bettez provided a brief history of the park and indicated that the Town is trying to find an affordable way to sustain it and keep it open. But if costs keep going up, the Town will have to justify keeping it open.

Water/Sewer Bill Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the 28 Cherry Hill water & sewer bill request. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the September Warrant in the amount of \$703,351.18. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made Supervisor Bettez by to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk

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