



**Public Hearing-Tax Cap Override
Joint Town Board & Planning Board Meeting
September 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

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

At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

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

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Public Hearing on a Local Law to "Override the Tax Levy Limit". Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input: None

The public hearing will be left open until later in the meeting.

At 7:03 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Joint meeting with the Town Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:03 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

Planning Board Chair Adele Ruger, along with other members of the Planning Board and its engineer Andy Willingham, spoke to the Town Board about having a liaison from the Town Board as well as some challenges the PB is currently facing. Specifically, Jane Schanberg spoke about enforcing violations relative to the Wetlands Law, closing out applications that have been abandoned, and a strategy for the PB to communicate with the citizens regarding code requirements. Amanda Gotto requested info about the CEA that was adopted by the Town, an update on the Solar Law and an update on mitigations to specific violations of the Wetlands Law. There was also a discussion regarding discrepancies within the Code. Supervisor Bettez will talk to the Building Inspector and other Supervisors regarding enforcement. He also suggested making multiple changes to the code at the same time rather than one at the time.

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: September 1, 2022
- b. Acceptance of Resignation: Amanda Sisenstein, Recycling/ReUse, effective September 29, 2022
- c. Acceptance of Resignation: Kathy Preston, Confidential Secretary, effective September 9, 2022
- d. Authorization to waive 30-day hold on Novella's liquor license renewal
- e. Authorization to waive 30-day hold on VFW's liquor license renewal
- f. Establishment of Escrow PB 22-89, 11 Coffey Road in the amount of \$1,500.00, with a replenishment of \$750.00
- g. Establishment of Escrow PB 22-196, Cragwood Road in the amount of \$1,500.00, with a replenishment of \$750.00
- h. Approval to hire Jamison D. Eisele for MEO Position, replacing Keith Douglas for the Highway Department, starting on 10/3/22 at a rate of \$25.74 per hour, increasing in six months to \$26.24, and at a year \$26.74
- i. Approve the use of up to \$1,600.00 from seized asset amount to send four officers to the 2022 New York Women in Law Enforcement Conference in October. Funds to be used for registration and accommodations
- j. Approve the appointment of Luis Rosado to provisional full-time dispatcher effective October 1, 2022 at the rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement
- k. Approve and accept resignation of Elaina Beauchamp-Luyando as part-time dispatcher effective August 30, 2022
- l. Acceptance of resignation from full time position for Andrew Vlad effective 8/31/22, with a reassignment to part time position of up to 25 hours per week at his already established rate of pay effective 9/1/22

Resolution to engage legal services:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to engage Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP for legal services in Tax Certiorari matters and as counsel to the Town Assessor and to bring in Dan Baker, a licensed Appraiser to assist with SCARs. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of 2022 rate amendments:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the rate amendments for the Community Center and Field of Dreams rentals as provided by the Recreation Director. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Proposal for discussion-Youth Center Renovations:

The proposal from Rick Alfandre came in higher than expected. Supervisor Bettez does not think the Town can afford it right now. He will speak to Jim Tinger and Rick about possibly doing it in phases or getting additional proposals.

Authorization for Supervisor to sign MOA:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the MOA with the PBA for former Officer Carpinelli's health insurance to reflect Dispatcher terms and conditions. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

NYPA Blended Power Program:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to execute any necessary documents to enroll the Town in NYPA's Blended Power Program. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

PCAHV Grant:

A motion was made by Supervisor to authorize the Supervisor to apply for up to \$25,000.00 PCAHV Grant to enhance the Pollinator Program. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to begin construction:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize Paul Colucci to begin construction for the WVRT Restoration Project on September 19th. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of bids:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept bids for the Highway Department auction that closed last night: \$9,400 for the PD. Car \$3,800 for the Highway truck and \$375 for the arm mower attachment. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire Kristine Tabasko for the full-time Planning/Zoning Secretary position starting at \$20/hr, effective the week of October 3rd. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the September Warrant in the amount of \$468,980.30. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Local Law #4 of 2022:

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the local law to "Override the Tax Levy Limit" as Local Law #4 of 2022. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk