



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

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert.

Absent: Councilwoman Esi Lewis.

At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board 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. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Kitty Brown thanked the Town Board, especially Councilwoman Alex Baer for another year of service. Looks forward to joining the Board and hopes 1/4/24 agenda includes interviews for Town Board position.

Executive Session:

At 7:05 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 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

HWD Bike-Ped Infrastructure Bid:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the bid from Whispering Pines Development contingent on DOT final approval, in the amount of \$4,031,839.21. About half of which will be covered by grants. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Recreation Director Position:

Tabled

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, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Minutes: December 7th, 2023
- b. Authorization for the Finance Department to process a Prepay to F&J Complete Home Solution, LLC in the amount of \$20,520 payable for the completion of the new roof on the NPYP building being funded by the Lowes Grant received this year

Tuition reimbursement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to provide tuition reimbursement for New Paltz Youth Program employees, Heaven Torres, in the amount of \$2,675.90, and Sophie Gross in the amount of \$3,122.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2024 Rescue Squad Contract:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the 2024 Rescue Squad Contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Lieutenant's Retirement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept Lieutenant Scott Butler's retirement. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Lieutenant's Contract:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve Lieutenant Matt Sutton's contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Chief's Contract:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve Chief Rob Lucchesi's contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Dispatcher resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept and approve the resignation of New Paltz Dispatcher, Emily Aldrich, effective December 31, 2023. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Appointment of Det. Sgt.:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Calvin Halstead to Detective Sergeant effective January 1, 2024, at the rate outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Dispatcher resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept and approve Kaitlyn Reilly's letter of resignation as full-time dispatcher effective December 30, 2023, and approval to remain as part-time dispatcher effective January 1, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Sewer bill reduction:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the reduction of the sewer portion of the October 2023 bill by \$1,936.56 due to a running toilet at 11 Cherry Hill and hold penalties while it's paid off. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Grant Proposal:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Renewal Proposal for Grant Research Portal and Project Support Services with Millenium Strategies LLC. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Grant application:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez for the Town of New Paltz to commit to the 2023 TAP-CMAQ-CRP Program grant application local match requirements and funding match as required by this New York Department of Transportation administered program. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Vehicle auction:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to allow the Highway Department to resubmit a 2003 Ford Explorer for auction since the winning bidder backed out and the next highest bidder is not interested; and to allow the Highway Department to scrap the 2003 Ford Explorer for market value price if the next bid fails. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the December Warrant in the amount of \$1,441,322.81. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Bettez and Councilwoman Seyfert thanked Councilwoman Baer for her dedicated service as her term on the Board comes to an end.

At 8:03 p.m. a motion was made Supervisor Bettez by to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk