



**Town Board Meeting  
Public Hearing-Grievance Day  
Public Hearing-Solid Waste  
April 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference**

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

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

At 7:03 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing on "A Local Law to Add a New Article XI, 'Grievance Day' to Chapter 137, 'Taxation of the Code of the Town of New Paltz Changing the Date Established for Grievance Day for Real Property Assessment Review'" – enacting the local law pursuant to New York Property Tax Law §512, which enables a Town to enact a local law to change Grievance Day for Real Property Assessment Review from the fourth Tuesday of May to the first Thursday after the fourth Tuesday of May". Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:03 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing on "A Local Law to amend Article I, "Residential Collection" of Chapter 114, "Solid Waste" in order to improve the current residential solid waste collection system within the Town by adding additional regulations governing the collection system presently operated by an independent contractor following a public bidding process". Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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**Agenda:**

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

**Public Input:** None

**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: April 6, 2023
- b. Authorization to pay CDE Electric Company Inc., Pay Application #4, in the amount of \$37,030.05 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply
- c. Authorization to dispose of a Dell Vostro 1014 Laptop, Fixed asset No. 2019000266. This Highway laptop is old technology that cannot be upgraded to the latest operating system
- d. Authorization to pay Butler Construction \$169,290 on Pay Application #6 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply

**Resolution-No Mow May:**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz wishes to expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, encouraging the community to adopt sustainable pollinator-friendly land management practices, and;  
**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz is in a unique position to significantly increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices and by asking its citizens to take direct and meaningful action on their own properties, and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season, is free or nearly free of pesticides, is comprised of undisturbed spaces including leaf and brush piles, un-mown fields or field margins; and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species, and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species which depend upon them, occurs in late spring and early summer when they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat; and these opportunities are dramatically reduced with early spring leaf-litter removal and grass-mowing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Town of New Paltz recognizes No-Mow May to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial

pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the duration of the month of May, the Town of New Paltz shall not issue citations for excessive weed growth in order to encourage homeowners to delay lawn-care practices until June, allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and flowers to establish.

**Warrant:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the April Warrant in the amount of \$937,611.89. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Local Law #2-Grievance Day:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt as Local Law #2 of 2023. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Local Law #3-Solid Waste:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt as Local Law #3 of 2023. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:12 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