



**Public Hearing-Purchase of County Land at Auction  
Town Board Meeting  
June 15, 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 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:** +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

**Website Hosting:**

John Orfitelli, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission spoke about the rebuilding of the HPC page on the Town's website into an interactive map site with the help of a SUNY professor and four students. He is asking for donations for gift cards for the students who have been working on the site.

At 7:10 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Public Hearing to expend up to \$3,600 of funds from the Community Preservation Reserve Fund to pay for the acquisition of parcel 86.14-2-1 in the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, 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 Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Minutes: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- b. Appoint David Gilmour to the Recreation Committee
- c. Authorization to add Ethan Allen Staffing to our pre-pay list for our temporary employee
- d. Authorization to pay Butler Construction pay application #7 in the amount of \$83,321.75 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply Project
- e. Authorization to pay CDE Electric pay application #5 in the amount of \$84,786.55 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply Project
- f. Authorization to close and release the Planning Board escrow account #PB22-422; Matthew Aube 4 Julia Avenue New Paltz, NY. The remaining balance of \$1,406.13 will be returned to Matthew Aube, owner
- g. Authorization to close and release the Planning Board escrow account #PB22-103; Xoli Buna, LLC 64 N. Putt Corners Road New Paltz, NY. The remaining balance of \$3,530.50 will be returned to Xoli Buna, LLC
- h. Authorization for Jennifer Welles, Planning Board member, to participate in 2023 training through The New York Planning Federation (NYPF), four hours of training for \$105.00

**Expenditure of Funds:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Recreation Committee to spend up to \$21,000, with the cost of shipping around \$2,202.00, to purchase a playground for the Field of Dreams from the Willy Goat Company. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Approve Contingent Offer of Employment:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve a contingent offer of employment to a permanent position of full-time police officer with the New Paltz Police Department to Conrad J. Rosales and Yazmine S. Cabrera at the effective rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. The contingent offer effective July 5, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Continue discussion of solar on the landfill:**

Committee members including Ted Nitza, Cara Lee, Marty Irwin and Janelle Peotter briefly discussed some of the changes to the project. The committee is now working with a new company, Sunlight, which is fully committed to the project, which has been scaled down.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign Amendment #1 to the Solar landfill contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Authorization to send letter:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez authorizing the Supervisor to send a letter to the NYS DOT informing them of the estimated cost increase for the Henry W. DuBois Bike Path. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Close Public Hearing:**

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

**Warrant:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the June Warrant in the amount of \$943,978.06 Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

At 7:29 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to pay Stacy Delarede a consulting fee of \$100/hr to train the new Building Department hires on Town procedures. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to pay the EnCB secretary the amount per meeting they approved for the 2 meetings that have been covered and, in the future, to keep the pay at \$18/hr. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:05 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