



Town Board Meeting
May 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference

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

Absent: Councilwoman Esi Lewis.

At 7:02 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:

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

Announcement:

A representative from Joule Assets announced that the Town of New Paltz was receiving an Eco-Action Award.

Executive Session:

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session with Comptroller Gallucci. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:41 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session and to authorize a canvass from UC Civil Service list for an Account Clerk as a replacement for the Clerk in the Building Department. Seconded by Councilman Torres, 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: April 20, 2023
- b. Authorization to pay tuition reimbursement for New Paltz Youth Program employee, John Wilson in the amount of \$3,180.08
- c. Authorization for release of escrow: PB #22-203; Ashley Torre, Esq. (Stepanovich); in the amount of \$1,445.00
- d. Authorization to approve Larry Maher's Conference Authorization Request reimbursement – for the Tri-County Building Inspectors in the amount of \$80.00
- e. Request authorization to reclassify \$500 from Programs to Senior Trips in budget line A 522 6772 400
- f. Request authorization to add new vendor, A-1 Portable Toilets, to the monthly PO list to replace Enviro-Clean
- g. Authorization to approve the updated 2023 Sexual Harassment Policy, 2023 Sexual Harassment Complaint Form, 2023 Workplace Policy, and 2023 Workplace Violence Complaint Form, per the states updates

Court Officer Pay Raise:

Judge Weires asked the Town Board to consider raising the hourly rate for Court Officers from \$18.00 to \$25.00. There will soon be a vacancy and raising the rate will attract more qualified applicants.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to raise the hourly rate for Court Officers to \$25.00 with no 3-hour minimum. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Raymond Miller as a Court Officer at a rate of \$25.00/hr. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Service Contract for Generator:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize a service contract for the generator at Ohioville (WWTP Sewer 6) – an Annual Agreement from May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$543.50. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Proposed Local Law:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution declaring Lead agency and to set a Public Hearing on May 18th, 2023 at 7:00pm to set a local law "To Repeal Section 140-17, 'Accessory Apartments' of Article III of Chapter 140, 'Zoning' of the Code of the Town of New Paltz and to Replace

it with a new Section 140-17, 'Accessory Dwelling Units'" Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept Stacy Delarede's resignation as Building Inspector with the Town of New Paltz, effective March 30th, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept Jasmine Towers' resignation as Building Clerk effective May 4, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:06 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

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