



**Public Hearing- "Electric Assist Bicycles"  
Town Board Meeting  
March 17, 2022, 7:30 p.m.  
Via Videoconference**

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

At 7:33 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing to "Add a New Chapter 10, "Electric Assist Bicycles" to the Code of the Town of New Paltz". Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Input:**

-Janelle Peotter spoke in favor of the proposed law.

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

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**Town Board Meeting:**

At 7:39 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:** +Interviews for Police Commission, +End date of May 21, 2022, to item 10f, +Discussion to amend Accessory Apartment law.

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

**Public Input:**

- Joseph Londa proposed an amendment to a Joint Resolution.
- Edgar Rodriguez requested confirmation that the Board received the recommendations made by the community. He also thanked Highway Supt. Chris Marx for starting to fill potholes.

**Interviews for Police Commission:**

Janice Butcher presented her background information and spoke about why she would like to be on the new Police Commission. The Town Board is still looking for more applicants and will continue to interview.

**EST Pollinator Presentation- Bloom Fine Gardening:**

The presentation made by Liz Elkin, Michael O'Brien and Hunter included:

- Invasive Species Control & Pollinator Garden Care
- Mugwort
- 5-year Plan to Control/Manage Pollinators
- Volunteers and Educational Aspects
- Enhancement of Areas

**Authorization to expend funds:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize \$132.50 from the "Tree Trust Reserve" to satisfy Invoice No. 15213 to purchase trees from the NYS DEC Saratoga Tree Nursery to be planted in the gateway near the NYS Thruway and authorization of additional expenditure not to exceed \$850.00 for Empire State Trail Pollinator Project. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resolution- Urging the New York State Senate and Assembly to Pass the Crash Victims Rights and Safety Act:**

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

**WHEREAS**, on average, three New Yorkers die daily in crashes, and hundreds more are seriously injured with debilitating life-long consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, this epidemic affects hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers year after year, and costs New York State \$15 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crash Victim Rights & Safety Act will redesign our streets with safety as a priority to protect all road users, address the speeding rampant on our streets, educate drivers on bike/pedestrian safety and provide support to those personally impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, the crash statistics provided by the New Paltz Police Department on Town and Village vehicle crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists show an increase in incidents with twenty one in 2019, eleven in 2018, and four in 2017,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Paltz Town Board of Trustees urges the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly to pass the Crash Victims Rights and Safety Act without delay, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to NYS Senate Leader Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, and Transportation Committee Chairs Senator Kennedy and Assembly Member Magnarelli, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Congressman Antonio Delgado, Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senator Mike Martucci, and State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill.

**Authorization to hire:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the hiring of Diann Lee on a temporary basis to fill a part-time vacancy in the Assessor’s Office beginning March 21, 2022, at a rate of \$15.69/hr. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Authorization to pay:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize paying Application #1 Merritt Construction-Phase III backup Water Supply. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Authorization to sign letter:**

The Climate Action Council’s Draft Scoping Plan serves as an initial framework for how NYS will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase renewable energy usage, and ensure climate justice. This letter urges that the NYS Climate Action Council add at least one public hearing for the Mid-Hudson region and provide our communities with an in-person opportunity to be heard.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign on to letter to NYS Climate Action Council/NYSERDA re: Draft Scoping Plan. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Authorization to pay invoice:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate paying the Will Scott invoice #8472941. 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: Town Board Meeting March 3, 2022
- b. Establishment of Escrow PB#22-67, 331 & 350 N. Ohioville Rd., Stefan Bohdanowycz in the amount of \$5,000.00 with a replenishment threshold of \$2,500.00
- c. Approval of Change Order EC-003 for MEHL Electric
- d. Authorization to hire the following Moriello Pool laborers for the 2022 pre-season from March 19 - May 21, 2022, at the rate of \$14/hr.: Emily Benkert, Alexandra Dratch, Max Easton, Sophie Gallo, Campbell Heiz, Alexandra Hekking, Josie LaPolt, Tessa LaPolt, Kendall Lucchesi, Rebecca Lucchesi, Joshua Pappace, Alyssa Puleo, Brady Saunders, Tuari Schenker, John Weber, and Jedediah Weires.
- e. Budget modifications

| <u>TO:</u> |          |                             |                 | <u>FROM:</u> |          |                        |              |
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| A          | 1420.410 | Attorney Exp-DEP Water      | 160.00          | A            | 1420.400 | Attorney, CE           | 160.00       |
| A          | 1620.400 | Buildings & Grounds, CE     | 75.00           | A            | 1620.410 | Bldgs & Grds-Town Hall | 75.00        |
| A          | 7150.458 | Recreation-Community Center | 19.00           | A            | 3120.400 | Police, CE             | 29,406.00    |
| A          | 9789.640 | Other Debt-Principal        | 26,647.00       | A            | 7150.460 | NP Sports/Rec Park, CE | <u>19.00</u> |
| A          | 9789.745 | Other Debt-Interest         | <u>2,759.00</u> |              |          |                        | 29,660.00    |
|            |          |                             | 29,660.00       |              |          |                        |              |

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| B          | 1650.400 | Central Communications | 663.00 | B            | 1650.443 | Public Access TV | 663.00 |

| <u>INCREASE:</u> |          |                      |          | <u>INCREASE:</u> |              |                |          |
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| A                | 510      | Anticipated Revenues | 1,363.37 | A                | 960          | Appropriations | 1,363.37 |
| A                | 980-2680 | Insurance Recoveries | 1,363.37 | A                | 522-3120-400 | Police, CE     | 1,363.37 |

**TO:** **FROM:**

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| B | 8010.100 | Zoning, PS   | 10,836.00        | B | 1990.400 | Contingency  | 6,358.00         |
| B | 8020.100 | Planning, PS | <u>20,124.00</u> | B | 8010.400 | Zoning, CE   | 8,605.00         |
|   |          |              | 30,960.00        | B | 8020.400 | Planning, CE | <u>15,997.00</u> |
|   |          |              |                  |   |          |              | 30,960.00        |

- f. Authorization to hire Ronald Weber as a Moriello Pool laborer effective March 19, 2022 at the rate of \$20.50/hr. as per 2022 budget, with an end date of May 21, 2022.
- g. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign 2021 POD MOAs with Ulster County

**Acceptance of Resignation:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Terance Yant as full-time police officer and approve his remaining as part-time police officer effective end of tour March 20, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Warrant:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the March Warrant in the amount of \$823,801.76. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Discussion-Amend Accessory Apartment law:**

Councilman Torres and Supervisor Bettez spoke about adjusting the Town's law to allow more accessory apartments in an attempt to address the housing crisis.

**"Add a New Chapter 10, "Electric Assist Bicycles" to the Code of the Town of New Paltz":**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution to Add a New Chapter 10, "Electric Assis Bicycles" to the Code of the Town of New Paltz, as Local Law #1 of 2022. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:39 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