



**Public Hearing-Water/Sewer Billing Law
Town Board Meeting
December 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.,
Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave.**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilman David Brownstein.

At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing on the Water/Sewer Billing Law. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The public hearing will remain open until later in the meeting.

At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Solar at the Landfill, Consent Agenda: +Appt of full-time Officer, +Liquor License Waiver
A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Hiring and Swearing-In of Dispatcher and Officer:

Chief Snyder introduced Luis Rosado and Robert McCutcheon as his recommendations for part-time dispatcher and part-time officer, respectively.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Luis Rosado as part-time dispatcher and Robert McCutcheon as part-time officer. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Announcement of Lieutenant Selection:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to promote Detective-Sargent Scott Butler to Lieutenant. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and seconded by Councilman Irwin to approve and/or authorize the following items as part of the consent agenda. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

1. Approval of Minutes: 12/5/19 Town Board/Joint meeting
2. Reappointment of the following people to their respective positions:
 - **Bike-Ped**, 4-year terms to expire 12/31/2023: Dan Lipson, Mark Eis, Janelle Peotter
 - **Recreation Committee**, 5-year term to expire 12/31/2024: Toni Hokanson
 - **Ethics Board**, 5-year term to expire 12/31/2024: Janet Yusko
 - **EnCB**, 2-year term to expire 12/31/2021: Jim Littlefoot, Susan Stessin, Rich Whitney, Janelle Peotter, Rose Rudnitski
 - **Historic Preservation**, 4-year term to expire 12/31/2023: John Orfitelli
 - **Planning Board**, 7-year term to expire 12/31/2026: Lyle Nolan
 - **Zoning Board**, 5-year term to expire 12/31/2024: Joe Douso
3. Authorization for the Supervisor to send a letter of support on behalf of Cornell Cooperative Extension's grant application
4. Authorization for the Comptroller to create a subsequent December Warrant before end-of-year
5. Designation of January 1, 2020 as the first Town holiday of 2020
6. Acceptance of Resignation: Heather Fries, NPPD
7. Acceptance of Resignation: Taylor Daley, Highways
8. Appointment of Marty Irwin to CWOSP
9. Appointment of Eric Bernhardsen as full-time Police Officer effective/retro to May 11, 2016
10. Waiver of 30-day hold on Liquor License Application from Orale Mexico, Inc

Live Scan Grant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize Lt. Lucchesi to apply for a Live Scan (electronic fingerprint system) 50% matching grant. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to dispose of outdated equipment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the disposal of outdated 3G wireless modems and antennas from patrol cars. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Medicaid Funding:

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 Board is deeply concerned to see media reports about the possibility of a steep cut to Medicaid in the 2020 New York State Budget; and

WHEREAS, such a cut would have deep and lasting consequences for the New Paltz community and across New York State; and

WHEREAS, drastic Medicaid cuts would make it extremely difficult for financially struggling safety net hospitals and nursing homes to continue to provide quality care to New York's most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, New York is rightfully proud of its proven commitment to protect and expand healthcare coverage, a commitment that has resulted in 95% of New Yorkers having health insurance. To follow through with cuts to Medicaid would effectively be the Government turning its back on more than six million New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, as elected officials representing the citizens of New Paltz, New York, we have a responsibility to speak up as the budget discussions proceed to ask the State to protect Medicaid and the vulnerable New Yorkers who rely on it; and

WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid would create a need for increased contributions thereby negatively impacting living wage and minimum wage workers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board hereby calls upon the Governor, the Assembly and the Senate of New York State to protect Medicaid funding in the 2020 Budget and take off the table any and all proposed cuts to Medicaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly member Kevin Cahill, and Senator Jen Metzger.

Resolution-Testimonial Gateway Guiderail:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the approval contingent upon Highway Superintendent Chris Marx's final approval. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

December Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the December Warrant in the amount of \$387,615.05. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Local Law: Water/Sewer Billing

At 7:16 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution adopting the law as Local Law #9 of 2019. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Solar at the Landfill:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin that the ad-hoc committee is authorized and directed to negotiate exclusively with HESP Solar in an effort to achieve and Option/Lease Agreement that is consistent with HESP's "Best and Final Offer" submitted in September and HESP Solar's original proposal submitted in August of 2019. If a proposed Agreement offering the Town either of these options is not submitted for the Board's review and approval by April 1, 2020, the Board may elect to end these negotiations with HESP. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to amend the agenda to include a discussion with the Judges and Chief Court Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel with the Judges and Chief Court Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:13 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Recognition of Service-Marty Irwin:

Supervisor Bettez presented a plaque to Councilman Irwin in recognition of his time on the Town Board and thanked him for his dedicated service.

Councilman Irwin read aloud a statement thanking his fellow Board members, the Town's volunteers, the Town's consultants and the Town employees.

At 8:16 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Irwin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk