



**Town Board/Joint Meeting
December 5, 2019, 6:30 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 6:35 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Discussion re: Solar AT the landfill after executive session
A motion as made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 6:36 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and invite Sgt. Sutton. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. At 6:55 p.m. Sgt. Sutton left exec. session and Det. Sgt. Butler was invited in. At 7:05 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.

Joint Meeting

Present (V): Trustee KT Tobin, Trustee William Murray

Absent (V): Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee Alex Wojcik, Trustee Michelle Zipp

Joint Resolution-Day of Reverence:

Trustee Tobin explained that the Village Board has already passed this resolution which is intended to recognize the first Sunday in November as our Community's Day of Reverence to commemorate and celebrate the lives of those who have died with friends, family and neighbors.

At 7:09 p.m. Trustee Wojcik arrived.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres for the Town Board to adopt the joint resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:11 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Tobin to open the Village portion of the Joint meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wojcik, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2020 Joint Meeting Schedule:

Trustee Tobin explained that the Village Board would like our County Legislators to come to the Joint meetings in 2020 in order to discuss important issues relative to New Paltz. The Town Board agreed.

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Murray to adjourn the Joint meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wojcik, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of Minutes: Police Commission 11/21/19; Town Board 11/21/19
2. Kelly Betters resignation, Town Court
3. Authorization pf prepay for NPYP staff member SUNY tuition in the amount of \$3,298.48 from A7310.4

Agenda: +Discussion with Judges, +Prepay for conference attendance

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion with Judges:

Chief Court Clerk Becky Seward explained that two court clerks are leaving, one full-time and one
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part-time, both of which are civil service positions. The problem she is running into is that the civil service list has expired so there is no list to hire from. The County does not know when the next test will be given. In the meantime, the Court can hire someone provisionally until the test is given, however that person will have to pass the test in order to remain in the position. The Town Board indicated that the Court can begin advertising for the open positions.

Executive Session: Court

At 7:29 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Irwin to go into executive session to discuss personnel with the Judges. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:51 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session: Solar at the landfill

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Irwin to go into executive session to discuss the contract for Solar at the landfill with Cara Lee, Janelle Peotter and Ted Nitza. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:27 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Solar at the landfill:

The Town Board would like to review the proposals from the other two respondents to the Solar RFP, HESP and AMP. The Town will be asking for lease proposals that are just on the capped landfill which will not require tree cutting, as well as a proposal that will generate more electrons.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize the ad-hoc committee to include HESP and AMP in proposal reviews. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepay:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize \$225 for Phoenix Kawamoto and two interns to attend the conference on Addressing Adolescent Marijuana Use & Vaping: Clinical and Community Strategies on December 12, 2019. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Water Meter Billing Law:

The draft law changes the quarterly billing to monthly and reduces the penalties.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution declaring the Town Board Lead Agency and declare a Negative Declaration under SEQRA. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to schedule the Public Hearing for December 19, 2019 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:32 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