



**Town Board Meeting  
Public Hearing-Critical Environmental Areas  
Joint Town & Village Meeting  
February 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m.,  
Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave.**

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

At 6:31p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

At 6:32 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel with Chief Snyder and Lt. Luchessi. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:22 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to discipline a police officer based on the recommendation from the labor attorney. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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**Public Hearing-Critical Environmental Areas**

At 7:23 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing for the designation of critical environmental areas within the town, with a presentation by Ingrid Haeckel, Chair of the EnCB. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Input:**

John Gotto, Janelle Peotter (Letter read by Orelle Feher), Rich Whitney, Kitty Brown (Letter read by Rich Whitney), Julia Solomon (Mohonk Preserve), Seth McKee, and Roland Bahret all spoke in support of the Town designating critical environmental areas.

Ray and MaryBeth Lunati spoke in opposition of having their property included in a critical environmental area.

Fawn Tantillo suggested taking a second look at these areas in conjunction with maps of already protected areas for example wetlands.

At 8:08 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to leave the public hearing open. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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**Joint Town and Village Meeting**

**Present:** Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee KT Tobin, Trustee Michelle Zipp, Trustee Alex Wojcik.

**Absent:** Trustee William Murray

At 8:08 pm the Joint Town and Village Meeting was opened with the Pledge.

**Public Input:**

Niles Kulleseid requested support from Town and Village Boards for funding a proposed skate park in either Hasbrouck Park or Moriello Park.

Michelle D'Amour of the Ohioville Coalition presented the Town with a petition from the neighbors of Old Rte 299 expressing concerns regarding danger, noise and reduction of both quality of life and property values as a result of increased speeding and traffic. Their main goal is to help make the neighborhood safer and quieter.

Lou Tierney, Old Rte 299, expressed concerns over a neighbor whose property looks like a junkyard with too many unregistered vehicles.

Ray Lunati spoke about how straight road salt affects the environment.

**Presentation- Recent Water and Sewer Billing:**

Supervisor Bettez gave a brief history of how the issues with water meters and billing began. He explained that the Town is offering multi-year payment plans to customers with exceptionally high bills with no additional penalties or interest added.

**Public Input:**

Fawn Tantillo and Gary Taylor (Sewer 6), David Miller, Matt Friday, and Zelig Kurland (Cherry Hill), Seth McKee (Duzine Road) and Karen Nochisaki-Gavin (N. Oakwood) all spoke about the high water/sewer bills they received as a result of faulty water meters over the years.

Following discussion, the Town Board agreed to send a letter to all the customers affected by exceptionally high water bills. These customers will have the opportunity to set up an appointment to have their account reviewed on an individual basis and will be exempt from water shutoffs.

9:45 pm the Town and Village Boards took a break. Trustee Zipp left the meeting.

**Discussion with Ulster County Legislators:**

Ulster County Legislators Jim Delaune and Eve Walter discussed improvements to municipal parking lot on Huguenot Street to increase the number of parking spaces and a possible budget of \$150,000.00 to improve trails.

Sales tax was discussed with the goal of municipalities receiving a greater share. Next sales tax agreement will be in 2021.

Short term rentals need a mechanism to charge the buyer the tax (Short term rental tax). The importance of registration and inspection of short term rentals/air B and B's was also emphasized.

**Discussion regarding lowering Town and Village street speed limits:**

Lowering Village speed limits below 30 mph east of Joalyn Rd were discussed. Safety is a major concern to both Town and Village Boards.

**Refugee Resettlement Letter:**

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers to adopt the Refugee Resettlement Letter on behalf of the Village. Seconded by Trustee Tobin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The Town Board tabled this item to a future meeting.

**Clean Water Infrastructure Act Funding Letter:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tobin to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the Village. Seconded by Trustee Wojcik, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:39 pm Supervisor Bettez adjourned the joint meeting.

**Executive Session:**

At 10:39 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel with Judge Bacon and Judge Weires, and Litigation. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:13 pm the Town Board returned from Executive Session with no action taken.

**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 1/16/20; Town Board 1/16/20
2. Authorization to add TJE Cleaning Services to the list of monthly prepaids
3. Approval of Priority One add-on of two replacement cordless phones for Highway Department
4. Appointment of Jeff Salt to Recreation Committee
5. Approval of expenditure not to exceed the one-time installation and implementation cost of \$13,100.00 for time clocks as part of the computer upgrade project
6. Approval of lease of a Pitney Bowes DM125 postage meter for the Finance Office at \$29.99 per month after a two month free trial for a total cost of \$270.00 for 2020 to be expended from the Finance training budget.

**Water District #5 (Plains Road):**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution and approval of the Fifth Rider to Purchase Agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez authorizing the Supervisor to sign the necessary associated documents. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the prepay to execute payment for Fifth Rider to Purchase Agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Letter to Planning Board:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez authorizing the Supervisor to sign a letter to the Planning Board requesting sidewalk waiver for Project #19-51, New Paltz Storage LLC, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used expressly for the purposes of the Town's obligations under its matching funds responsibility associated with the Henry W DuBois Road Improvement TAP-CMAQ grant.

**Greenway Grant Resolution:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled Town of New Paltz Community Preservation Plan to be located in the Town of New Paltz

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing board of the Town of New Paltz hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as Town of New Paltz Community Preservation Plan and located within this community.

Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:16 pm, a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse  
Town Clerk