



**Town Board Meeting
Public Hearing-Critical Environmental Areas Continued
March 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m.,
Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave.**

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

Absent: Councilman David Brownstein

At 7:00 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda + Minimum water amounts:

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

Announcements:

- Town and Village are working with the County and State for information regarding the COVID-19 Virus. Task forces within the Town, Village, Schools, Police, Rescue and Fire Departments are being developed and are staying in touch with the County and State for up-to-date information. Up-to-date information will be posted on Town, Village, and County Websites.

Public Hearing-Critical Environmental Areas Continued from 2/20/2020

At 7:03 pm Supervisor Bettez announced the continuation of the Public Hearing on Critical Environmental Areas.

Public Input:

Aidan Cuppett discussed the importance of preserving wetlands and the areas surrounding them. Tom O’Dowd and Dan Schniedewind(Letter read by Dan Schniedewind), Lagusta Yearwood (Letter read by Janelle Peotter), John Gotto and Nava Tabak from Scenic Hudson (Letter read by Kenji Tierney) all spoke in support of the Town designating critical environmental areas.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to end public input. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:20 pm Supervisor Bettez indicated the public hearing would remain open.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session:

At 7:20 a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into Executive Session to interview Steve Ford for position on the Police Citizens Advisory Committee. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:13 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis and Councilwoman Baer commented on the dedication and presentations of the supporters of CEA’s. Supervisor Bettez, Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, and Councilwoman Baer discussed the desire to work with the Planning Board addressing concerns and developing solutions regarding CEA’s

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of Joint Meeting minutes 2/20/20
2. Handi-lift contract renewal

3. Contract renewal with Peak Power Systems for Hampton Inn Pump Station: Kohler 12kW Generator
4. 2020 MS4 proposal from Walden engineering
5. Authorization for Supervisor to sign Letter of Understanding re: HV Greenway installation of Empire State Trail signage on the WVRT

Water and Sewer Payment Plans:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the submitted payment plans. Contracts will be written up and letters will be mailed for customers to sign and return. All ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Residency Requirement for Highway Deputy:

Supervisor Bettez discussed the lack of Board Support to Change the law regarding this requirement.

Request for Ammendment of Local Law 133-5 (Weight Limits):

Highway Superintendent requested that Local Law 133-5 be amended to include a weight limit of 5 tons placed on Old Rte. 299 commencing at Plutarch Rd. and ending at North Ohioville Rd., to be posted in both east and westerly directions, and that the Supervisor request a speed reduction from the County in the R-1 zone only for 35 mph.

Supervisor Bettez announced that the updated law would be presented and the public hearing would be set at next meeting.

Building Department Recommendation for Hire:

Tabled.

Approval of New Position Duties Statement: (Building Department)

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez for the board to authorize the signing of the Building Department New Position Duties Statement. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Review of Recreation Committee 5 Year Plan:

Supervisor Bettez discussed the importance of the Recreation Committee projecting anticipated expenses. However, the plan needs to be restructured to become more realistic with needed future discussion.

Minimum Usage Water Charges:

Supervisor Bettez discussed the need to change minimum usage charge from a quarterly rate to a monthly rate. Monthly minimums will be evaluated based on usage for a few month period. Board members voted in favor.

At 8:46pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie Mazzaccari
Deputy Town Clerk