



**Public Hearing-Tax Cap Override Local Law, 7 p.m.
Town Board Meeting
October 15, 2020
Video Conference**

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

At 7:01 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Public Hearing on the Tax Cap Override Law. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input: None

At 7:03 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Town Board Meeting

At 7:03 Supervisor Bettez opened the Town Board meeting with the pledge.

Agenda: +Personnel

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

Public Input:

The Planning Board has recommended the approval of two waivers requested by Trans-Hudson relating to the 2-Story requirement and allowing for a drive-thru window.

-Ingrid Haeckel (EnCB), Susan Stessin-Cohn (on behalf of Susan Blickstein), Daniel Schneidewind, Kitty Brown, Janelle Peotter (Coordinator of NP Climate Smart Task Force) and Rose Rudnitski (on behalf of Lee Ann Bell), spoke and/or submitted statements in opposition of the waivers requested by Trans-Hudson.

-Juna Keehn spoke about the 2021 Budget. She feels there is an over allotment of money for the Police Department and would like to see more money go towards education and the environment.

-Edgar Rodriguez requests the Town Board give a description of the budget process.

Trans-Hudson Presentation:

Kathy Zalantis of Zalantis Silverberg, LLC, representing Trans-Hudson, and Justin Dates of Mazur Consulting provided background on this application dating back to 2013 and explained the request for the two waivers. Mr. Dates reviewed and explained the proposed plans for the site. The Town Board asked questions and expressed concerns about the waivers and certain aspects of the proposed plans. The Town Board will discuss this with the Town Attorney.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve and/or authorize the following items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of minutes: Joint Meeting October 1, 2020
- b. Authorization of Water/Sewer payment plan, 52 N. Manheim, Account # 68-0, in the amount of \$70.83 a month for 24 months
- c. Waiver of Building Department stop work order fee for 28 Dug Rd (fence permit)
- d. Escrow release: MCB-Eagle New Paltz LLC for Shop Rite Plaza Exterior Site in the amount of \$4,167.50
- e. Authorization of the following requisitions: R0000366 Crafc0, Inc. DBB-522-5110-400 General Repairs Contractual \$4,011.00; R0000374 Campbell Freighliner DBB-522-5130-400 Machinery Contractual \$1,898.75; R0000375 Chemung Supply Corp DBB-522-5142-400 Snow Removal Contractual \$1,927.75; R0000378 Eastern Materials DBB-522-5110-400 General Repairs Contractual \$35,573.28; R0000393 Ben Funk, Inc. DBB-522-5130-400 Machinery Contractual \$2,527.81; R0000397 Quill Corporation AAA-522-1620-400 Buildings Contractual Expenses \$2,000.00; R0000405 D&D Doors, Inc. AAA-522-1620-400 Buildings Contractual Expenses \$2,700.00

- f. Authorization to add Arlene Weber as an authorized signer to the town's NYCLASS invested reserve funds and authorization to add dual authorization to the town's investment accounts with NYCLASS in order to transfer funds electronically.

Acceptance of Additional Services Proposal:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Additional Services Proposal from Alfandre Architecture for 59 N. Putt Corners Road. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund:

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

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO FINANCE A PLAYGROUND
AT POLICE AND COURT BUILDING**

WHEREAS, The Town of New Paltz has begun construction on a new Town Court and Police Station, anticipating completion in July 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Police Station is used as a safe place for custody exchanges where there is concern for children's well-being and safety, particularly in situations where the terms of custody are not amicable, and

WHEREAS, in addition to disruption, stress, and uncertainty, children in these situations also are faced with the added unfamiliarity and formality of the police station environment, and

WHEREAS, the addition of a playground to this project to provide for the health and well-being of families in the community is a priority for the Town Board,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Police and Court Building Playground Reserve Fund" (hereinafter "Reserve Fund"). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of equipment. The type of equipment to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the construction of a small playground.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Supervisor may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of New Paltz. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from the Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law or any other law.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the October 2020 warrant in the amount of \$1,521,814.63. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast motion carried.

Discussion- Off-street parking on Springtown and surrounding roads:

There have been some no-parking areas implemented already. The law can be updated by adding specific streets and locations to it. Parking on Springtown and Gatehouse has become a major issue and very dangerous. The Board will speak with neighbors and continue working on this.

Local Law #4/2020-Tax Cap Override:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the Tax Cap Override Law. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2021 Budget Discussion:

Councilman Brownstein and Councilman Torres met with Comptroller Gallucci who indicated that revenues are short \$475,000 and will not be collected. Of that, \$165,000 is from Court Fees, \$200,000 is from the delayed Solar Lease, \$15,000 from the Community Center and \$84,000 from Moriello Pool. The Board is asking that Departments not spend their budgets except in cases of an emergency, to help prevent layoffs. Supervisor Bettez and the Comptroller will work with the Department Heads.

The Town Board will hold a special meeting for the budget on October 29th at 7 p.m.

Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing on the 2021 Budget for November 5th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

New Paltz Youth Hire:

Tabled until 10/29 meeting.

Budget Modification Request-Highway Department:

Tabled until 10/29 meeting.

Discussion-Personnel:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Stipulation of Settlement with the PBA and Officer Sisco on behalf of the Town Board. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:29 pm a motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk