



**Joint Town & Village Board Meeting
October 1, 2020, 7:00 pm
Video Conference**

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

Present (V): Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee Alex Wojcik, Trustee Michelle Zipp, Trustee William Murray. **Absent:** Deputy Mayor KT Tobin.

At 7:05 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and Mayor Rogers to open the Joint Town & Village Board Meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein and Trustee Wojcik, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

Agenda: + 2g Approval of 30-day notification waiver, +Alex Demis to list of Pool laborers
A motion was made Supervisor Bettez to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

At 7:09 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative:

Esi Lewis, Spokesperson for the steering committee announced that is has been preparing for a Town Hall meeting at the end of October to begin the process of engaging the community. During this meeting, the community will be given the opportunity to express concerns and offer suggestions for improving the department. The Public Access Committee will help disseminate information regarding the Town Hall meetings and other activities. The next step will be to coordinate individual meetings with representatives from each of the stakeholder groups. The Committee members will be observing and participating in the Police Department's Firearms training. In September, the steering committee sat in on the Department's monthly informational conversation. The Committee will be requesting a budget for a graduate research assistant who will formulate some statistical data to inform and assist the committee with its recommendations. The committee has been meeting with Chief weekly to review policies and procedures.

County Legislators:

Eve Walter, Legislator, indicated the Sales Tax Resolution with a small increase from 2019 is being considered by the Legislature. The 2021 County Budget is focused on County level items such as infrastructure, Mobile Mental Health, Green Education at Ulster Community College.

Henry W. DuBois Rd. Improvement Plan:

Supervisor Bettez indicated there will be a public meeting regarding the project on Wednesday, October 7th from 6-7:30 p.m. You must register in order to attend this meeting. There is also a survey for participants to fill out in advance of the meeting.

Zoom Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/HWDzoom>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar Attendees are encouraged to complete the online survey, found here:

Online Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SurveyHWD>

Announcements:

Mayor Rogers announced that the Village will be conducting a flow test on 2 wells in the orchard south of the Cherry Hill tanks in October. He also indicated that the Village is purchasing the house at 5 Broadhead. An RFP will be prepared looking for developers to restore the property which has historical significance dating back to the 1800's.

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Rogers to adjourn the Joint meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wojcik, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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Executive Session:

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel and litigation. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to settle the settlement agreement with UPSEU on behalf of the Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve and/or authorize the following items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

- a. Approval of minutes: Police Commission 9/17/20; Town Board 9/17/20
- b. Approval of Water/Sewer payment plan for Account #343-13, 246 Main St., at \$500/monthly for 17 months
- c. Approval for NPPD to apply for a DCJS grant to purchase replacement equipment with funding assistance up to \$15,000.00
- d. Authorization to reappropriate 2021 New Paltz Youth Football funding in the amount of \$1,215 to New Paltz Youth Lacrosse
- e. Reconfirmation of the Board's prior action retroactive to August 15, 2020, appointing Rhett Weires to the office of Town Justice through December 31, 2020
- f. Approval of the following requisitions:
 1. R0000353 09/24/20 H.A.Schreck Service And Sales Parts For Main Pool Motor AAA-522-7150-430 Recreation - Moriello Pool CE \$3,950.00
 2. R0000357 09/29/20 Atlantic Tactical 2020 Vest Order AAA-522-3120-400 Police & Constables Contractual Exp. \$3,400.00
- g. Approve 30-day waiver for Novella's Liquor License Renewal

Addition to Pool Laborer List:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to add Alex Demis to the list of pool laborers at the standard rate to help close the pool. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

Budget Discussion:

Supervisor Bettez indicated the 2021 Tentative Budget reflects an increase of 4.3% (about \$450,000) in the amount to be raised by taxes. Revenues are down 29%, or about \$744,000. There is \$0 available to be appropriated to the Fund Balance. In order to meet the Tax Cap, the Town will have to cut \$300,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to adopt the resolution to Designate the Town Board Lead Agency to Review Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Changes to the Code of the Town of New Paltz regarding the Tax Cap Override Local Law. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing on the proposed Tax Cap Override Local Law for October 15, 2020 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There was no vote cast by Councilman Torres.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk