



NEW PALTZ VILLAGE BOARD & TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Joint Meeting of Wednesday, January 13, 20201

Remotely Held and Recorded -- 7:00 PM

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MINUTES

Present: Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor Tobin, Trustee Wheeler Murray, Trustee Wojcik, Trustee Zipp; Supervisor Bettez, Deputy Supervisor Torres, Councilperson Brownstein, Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis

Also Present: Ariana Basco, Assistant to the Mayor; Jennifer Berry, Police Reform Committee

Absent: Councilperson Baer

Call to Order: Mayor Rogers called the regular joint meeting of the Village of Board of Trustees and Town Council to order at 7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Land Acknowledgment

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Agenda

- a. The following items were added to the Village Consent Agenda:
 - i. VNP-201 Change Order #2 dated 12-15-2020
- b. The following items were added to the Village Business Agenda:
 - i. Estimate from Peak Engineering for Mill Brook Preserve bridges
 - ii. Easement language for 85 N Chestnut
 - iii. Set a public hearing on Village Code 198-3 (D.) "One-way roadways."
 - iv. Request for water/ sewer bill relief from 22 Tricor Ave
 - v. 2018 Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement dated 1-4-2021
 - vi. 2021-01-13 Resolution # of 2020 Tax Lien
 - vii. Vaccinations for covid
 - viii. Short term rental law

Mayor Rogers moves to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Wojcik seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

2. Announcements

- a. Honor Bill Schnitzer who passed this week
 - i. He was a historian and was a founding member of the Historic Preservation Commission
 - ii. He also was very instrumental in bringing the circus to our community last March
- b. Next Wed Jan 20th at 6pm will be a virtual Public Utility know your rights training

PUBLIC HEARING

1. [Short term rental law](#)
 - a. [Kingston Tenants Union input on short term rentals law](#)

The public hearing is held open.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jennifer Berry
 - a. Regarding the resolution Condemning the Attack on Capitol, it included a statement about this not being the way that we do things, but as a person of color, this is an example of how we do things, but on steroids
 - b. Concerned about the conflation of insurrection and white nationalism
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JOINT BUSINESS AGENDA

1. **Climate, Equity, and Justice Related Items and Updates**
 - a. **Police Reform Update (Jennifer Berry)**
 - i. Meetings with constituents are underway
 - ii. Recommendations must be finalized by April 1st per Gov. Cuomo and the penalty would be to withhold state aid to local municipalities
 - iii. The report is in its beginning stages being outlined and will need to be voted on a approved by the Police Reform Committee as well as the Town Board
2. **County Discussion Items (Eve Walter & Jim Deluane)**
 - a. **Kingstonian**
3. [Joint Resolution #1 of 2021 Condemning Attack on Capitol](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Joint Resolution #1 of 2021 Condemning Attack on Capitol. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Councilperson Brownstein moves to adopt Joint Resolution #1 of 2021 Condemning Attack on Capitol. Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**
4. [Pandemic Operations Plan](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to approve the Joint Village & Town Pandemic Operations Plan. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to Joint Village & Town Pandemic Operations Plan. Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**
5. **Easement language: property owner at 85 N Chestnut St to grant access to the Village to receive Empire State Trail funding to connect trail from the intersection at HWD & Rte. 32 with the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail along the southside of the property at 85 N Chestnut St**

Mayor Rogers moves to authorize the Mayor to pursue an easement with the property owner at 85 N Chestnut St to grant access to the Village to receive Empire State Trail funding to

connect trail from the intersection at HWD & Rte. 32 with the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail along the southside of the property at 85 N Chestnut St. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

6. [Joint Resolution #2 of 2021 SUNY Impact Aid](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Joint Resolution #2 of 2021 SUNY Impact Aid. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to adopt Joint Resolution #2 of 2021 SUNY Impact Aid. Councilperson Brownstein seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

7. **Estimate from Peak Engineering for two proposed stream crossings within the Mill Brook Preserve**

- a. \$130,000 to \$150,000 -- funded by grant award from NYS Parks.
- b. One open bottom culvert: span +/- 8 ft.
- c. One steel bridge: span +/- 45'

TOWN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Bettez moves to go into executive session at 7:48pm to discuss a personnel issue with Chief Lucchesi. Councilperson Brownstein seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to come out of executive session at 9:00pm. Councilperson Brownstein seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to proceed with legal matters. Councilperson Brownstein seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Adjournment -- Councilperson Brownstein moves to adjourn the Town portion of the Joint Meeting at 9:02 PM; Supervisor Bettez seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

VILLAGE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the [12-16-2020 Meeting Minutes](#)
2. [Approve Vacation/Sick time buyout for Fiscal Year 2020-2021](#)
3. Approve Payments
 - a. [VNP-201 Payment Application No. 1 Final Secondary Clarifier](#)
4. Approve Change Orders
 - a. [Change Order No. 7 VNP-142](#)
 - b. [Change Order No. 8 VNP-142](#)
 - c. [VNP-201 Change Order #2 dated 12-15-2020](#)
5. [Approve sale of 2011 Chevy Tahoe Command Vehicle for end auction price](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

VILLAGE BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Set a public hearing to consider [updating Village Code 198-3 \(D.\) “One-way roadways.”](#)
 - a. Change existing code that says Huguenot Street is one-way in a northerly direction between Broadhead and Mulberry Street on Sundays from 8:00AM to 12:15PM so it becomes one-way 24/7.
 - b. Mulberry and Broadhead between N. Chestnut and Huguenot would remain 2-way streets.

Mayor Rogers moves to set a public hearing on Village Code 198-3 (D.) One-way roadways for January 27th at 7pm. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

2. Firehouse third party inspection and testing agency
 - a. [Atlantic Testing Laboratories - VNP proposal - signed](#)
 - b. [Tectonic Quote PN 20-0004 - VoNP Emergency Operations Center](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to select Atlantic Testing Laboratories as the Firehouse third party inspection and testing agency. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

3. [Resolution #3 of 2021 Proposition to move village elections to November](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution #3 of 2021 Proposition to move village elections to November. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

4. Update Revolving Loan Fund guidelines

- a. [Revolving Loan Fund Packet](#)
- b. Create an addendum with a special condition to allow this money to be used for covid relief

Mayor Rogers moves to authorize the Mayor to create an addendum to the Revolving Loan Fund guidelines with a special condition to allow this money to be used for covid relief. Trustee Wojcik seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Mayor Rogers lost internet connection.

5. [Proposal to purchase two laptops](#)

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to purchase two laptops in the amount of \$1,351.78. Trustee Zipp seconds. **(Passes 4-0)**

6. [Resolution #4 of 2021 Bills & Claims](#)

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to adopt Resolution #4 of 2021 Bills & Claims. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 4-0)**

7. [2018 Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement dated 1-4-2021 - signed](#)

- a. [Resolution #5 of 2021 Tax Lien](#)

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2018 Tax Lien Foreclosure Agreement and adopt Resolution #5 of 2021 Tax Lien. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 4-0)**

8. Vaccinations for covid

- a. SIGN-UP FOR UPDATES ON THE VACCINE:
<https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/vaccine-resource-center/>

Mayor Rogers returns to the meeting.

9. [Request for water/sewer bill relief from 22 Tricor Ave](#)

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to deny the request for water/sewer bill relief from 22 Tricor Ave. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

10. [Short term rental law](#)

- a. The board will continue to keep the public hearing open
- b. STR will be allowed in commercial zones regardless of residency and will only be allowed in residential zones if the property is a primary residence

11. Planning Board report from VB Liaison

- a. The Planning Board did not have a meeting last week so there is nothing to report

12. Zoning Board of Appeals report from VB Liaison

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals met to vote on the 66 S. Chestnut resolution to deny their change of use request

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rogers moves to adjourn the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 8:36pm. Trustee Wojcik seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**