



**Town Board Meeting
July 15, 2021, 7 p.m.
Community Center**

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

At 7:23 p.m. 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:

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

Public Comment:

Edgar Rodriguez, resident, suggested having a Village resident on the independent Police Commission.

Referral from Police Commission- Expenditure of Funds:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the expenditure of \$6,000.00 to purchase back-up storage for in-car and BWC camera video using seized asset funds. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Approval of minutes: July 1, 2021
- b. Authorization to expend up to \$1,175.00 for a CR-56 report to inspect for asbestos and other harmful materials in preparation for demolition of the NPCCC structure
- c. Authorization to add the following monthly purchase order for the dedicated Hampton Inn pump station:

Central Hudson	SSA-522-8120-400	\$120.00
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- d. Authorization for Finance to process all bills on behalf of other departments for the following vendors: Central Hudson, Ready Refresh, Spectrum, and Toshiba
- e. Release of Escrow: PB 21-40, 525 Albany Post Rd., in the amount of \$1,187.10
- f. Authorization of Escrow, PB 21-230, 53 N. Ohioville Rd., in the amount of \$10,000.00 with a replenishment threshold of \$5,000.00

Ulster County Housing Action Plan-Evelyn Wright, Deputy County Executive & Dennis Doyle, Head Planner:

Ms. Wright & Mr. Doyle presented the Plan's Goals, Key insights from the data, household income changes from 2010 and 2018, rent changes, salaries in top employment sectors, affordability challenges across the County, effects COVID had on home prices, drivers of housing unaffordability, strategies to increase housing supply and what municipalities can do moving forward.

Discussion-reinstatement of independent Police Commission:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the previous Police Commission law fit a lot of the criteria that was recommended by the NPPRRC. He proposed revisiting the old law, the Board was in agreement.

Water cooler proposal & contract

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the proposal and contract as outlined in the memo by Highway Supt. Chris Marx. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Moriello Bridge Replacement Project:

The Town still needs about \$35,000 to pay for the bridge replacement. Supervisor Bettez suggested adding that money to the bonding for the HWD project.

Awarding Bids for Moriello Bridge Replacement Project:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to work with the Town Attorney to execute any and all paperwork necessary to accept the low bid for the Moriello Bridge Replacement Project. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Review of guidelines for public comment:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following public comment policy for 2021. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Neither the Open Meetings Law nor any other statute provides the public with the right to speak during meetings. However, since the Town Board encourages public participation, rules and procedures must be developed that are reasonable and that treat members of the public equally. To this end, the Board has adopted the following guidelines to ensure consistency and fairness.

- Each individual wishing to make public comment shall have a total of three minutes to present their comments. At that time, the meeting Chair will ask that comment be concluded. If more time is needed, the Board requests that written comments be sent to the Town Board to be read at their convenience.
- Individuals may speak extemporaneously or read prepared comments, however, individuals reading comments on behalf of another are still limited to one three-minute comment. For example: an individual may read comments from several different people, providing the combined length does not exceed the three-minute limit.
- Letters submitted as public comment for Public Hearings will be entered into the minutes.
- Public comment is an opportunity for the Board to hear public opinion, however, the Board shall not engage in dialogue during the public comment period. The Board may, at its discretion, choose to have a Board conversation regarding issues raised during the public comment period.

July Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the July Warrant in the amount of \$1,484,956.27. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution Advertising for Bids for Construction-Town of New Paltz Phase III Backup Water Supply Contracts:

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

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz (the "Town") seeks to advertise for bids for the furnishing of all labor and materials necessary for the Town of New Paltz Phase III Backup Water Supply, Contract No. 2, Plains Road Well House Construction and Contract No. 3 Water Distribution Main Improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz, in cooperation with its advisors and consultants involved with such projects and improvements, undertake and complete such bid and bidding documents and proceedings in accordance with law, so as to give notice to bidders in conformance with the attached "Advertisements For Bids," prepared by the engineers for the town, Barton & Loguidice with respect to such project and improvements, such bids to be opened at the Town Hall, 52 Clearwater Road, New Paltz, New York at a date and time set forth in the attached "Advertisement For Bids;" and it is further

RESOLVED that such bid documents and proposed contract documents shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, 52 Clearwater Road, New Paltz, New York during normal business hours prior to the bid date; and it is further

RESOLVED that among other things, the bids shall contain a non-collusion certificate required by General Municipal Law, Section 103-d, and that the Town Board reserves the right in its discretion to waive technical non-compliance, or irregularities that are not material or substantial and to reject all bids and to re-bid the project; and it is further

RESOLVED that Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz is hereby authorized to execute and acknowledge on behalf of the Town such documents as are reasonable and necessary to give full force and effect to the intents and purposes of this resolution regarding the preparation of bid specifications and the advertising of bids.

Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:31 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk