



NEW PALTZ VILLAGE BOARD & TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Joint Meeting of Wednesday, March 10th 2021

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, Councilperson Baer, Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis

Also Present: Ariana Basco, Assistant to the Mayor; Jennifer Berry, New Paltz Police Reform Committee; Eve Walter, County Legislator; Terence Ward, Hudson Valley One;

Drinking Water Source Protection Program: Peter Fairweather, Chana Friedenber, Russell Urban-Mead, Ted Nitza, Kristin Martinez, Brandon Bera, Patricia Pomeroy;

NP Apartments: Mike Moriello, Tom George, Attorney Rick Golden; Attorney Will Frank; Attorney Stephanie Tunic, Jess Sudol;

Pollinator garden: Amanda Gotto, Emily Puthoff, Liz Elkin, Mary Jane Nusbaum, Rose Rudnitski,; Zina Lagonegro; Claporta; Joanna, Nikola Salvestrini, Angela Sisson, Alex Passas

Absent: Deputy Supervisor Torres, Councilperson Brownstein, County Legislator Jim Deluane

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 Joint Business Agenda:
 - i. Resolution # of 2021 Requesting additional SUNY Impact Aid
- b. The following items were added to the Village Business Agenda:
 - i. Response to the DEP re Open Invoice
 - ii. Resolution # of 2021 Appointing Election Inspectors

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

2. Announcements

- a. [Ulster County Annual Application Period for Agricultural District](#)
 - i. Applications are due by March 30th
- b. Firehouse Update

- i. An area that was identified as wet is being mitigated
- c. **Bee City Soil Building**
 - i. March 27th at 12pm noon in front of Village Hall
 - ii. Project of the Environmental Policy Board and Future Fruits
 - iii. Bring your own shovel and wear a mask!

PUBLIC HEARING

1. [Short term rental law](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to open the public hearing on the Short term rental law. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

2. [Village Code 198-3 \(D.\) One-way roadways](#)

- a. [Judith Gueron](#)
- b. [Stephen Cook](#)
- c. [Christine Marmo](#)

Both public hearings remain open.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

JOINT BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Climate, Equity, and Justice Related Items and Updates

- a. Police Reform Update (7:10pm Jennifer Berry)
 - i. [NPPRRC Report](#)
 - ii. Report is complete! There are a few sections that were intentionally left blank and there will be community feedback on what else could be included
 - iii. It would be helpful to know that the Town and Village boards have reviewed the report prior to the town hall that will be held with the public
 - iv. New Paltz could be a model community for implementing these changes county wide and potentially state wide

2. County Discussion Items (7:20pm Eve Walter & Jim Deluane)

- a. County is looking at implementing a pilot program for Universal Basic Income
 - i. This has been problematic from the start and is being reworked
- b. Tech City has received many applications for use
- c. What kinds of expectations should we have for programs that are receiving funding from the County Legislature?
 - i. Serving underserved or disadvantaged communities
- d. Donaldson's proposed tax appears to be dead in the water

3. **Drinking Water Source Protection Program Presentation (7:30pm Chana Friedenber)**
 - a. Stakeholder group has been meeting monthly since fall of 2020
 - b. Process has been to identify watershed areas
 - c. Once the areas were identified, potential contaminants were then identified
 - d. The next step will be to create protection methods to mitigate potential contaminants and implement those methods

4. **Discussion on the proposed [New Paltz Apartments](#) & possible annexation (8:05pm Will Frank, Rick Golden, Mike Moriello, John Litton)**
 - a. SEQRA process needs to happen prior to any possible annexation
 - b. NP Apts Overview
 - i. There is no PILOT requested or any reduction in taxes
 - ii. Meeting with residents of Hawk Hill to get feedback on the potential project
 1. They did not want a through road and requested a fence between the apartment complex and the subdivision
 - iii. Connectivity is important - bike and pedestrian paths
 1. Includes a proposed public trail system as well as a path to SUNY
 - iv. Stormwater management would be on the west side along with buffering
 1. Wooded areas would remain on the west side
 - v. Main traffic circle with club house, common areas, mail room, would sit 25 to 30 feet below Rt 32
 - vi. Cottage style project - 2 story structures, 250 units
 - c. Contribution to municipal sewer system
 - i. Expansion tank or equalization basin
 - ii. Potential for this addition to be on the NP Apts property rather than the Village wastewater treatment plant property
 - d. Green building elements are important and will be incorporated
 - e. Village board and Town board would like the Planning Board to be the lead agency for the SEQRA process
 - f. Public hearing for annexation should take place after SEQRA is completed
 - g. Environmental Policy Board would be an interested agency, not an involved agency, and will have opportunity to weigh in on the scoping process
 - h. Regarding publication of documents and on websites
 - i. The village and town websites can have a link to a website that contains all the documents
 - ii. The village has the capacity to house these documents in our google drive and on our website
 - i. Next steps
 - i. March 16th Village Planning Board meeting will have a presentation
 - ii. The project will be declared a Type I
 - iii. The PB will circulate their intent to be the lead agency
 - iv. After a 30 day period, they will assume the role of lead agency

5. **Pollinator garden at the Town Community Center with murals/signage (8:45pm Amanda Gotto)**
 - a. High school's Climate Club is participating in the planning

- b. Name of the garden will be Pollinator Paradise
 - c. Community Foundation will manage the fundraising efforts
 - i. Budget is around \$3,000
 - d. Request for village and town to post about this on their websites
 - e. This is phase 1 of the pollinator project
 - f. Native plants will be planted
 - g. Maintenance of the garden will be handled by the volunteers who are establishing the garden and will also be managing the compost bins - not asking for maintenance from the town or village staff
6. **[Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for New Paltz](#)**
- a. Still waiting on one of the town's unions to respond
 - b. Need to find out whether or not we need union approval or we just union input prior to adoption
7. **[Resolution #17 of 2021 Support Opportunity Zone Tax Break Elimination Act](#)**
Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to adopt Resolution #17 of 2021 Support Opportunity Zone Tax Break Elimination Act. Mayor Rogers seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**
8. **[Resolution # of 2021 Ashokan Reservoir #stopthemud](#)**
- a. Postponed to a future meeting once the Mayor has further conversation with DEC
9. **[New Paltz Youth Council](#)**
- a. [Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet](#)
 - b. Create an ongoing community resource for families and children
 - c. Contribute to opioid prevention
 - d. Jim Tinger and the NP Youth Program is interested in participating
10. **[New Paltz Baseball Softball Parade](#)**
Mayor Rogers moves to approve with the caveat that the organizers create a disbursement plan for the end of the parade and not gather in Hasbrouck Park. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**
11. **[Resolution #18 of 2021 Requesting additional SUNY Impact Aid to support Village municipal water fund](#)**
Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution # of 2021 Requesting additional SUNY Impact Aid to support Village municipal water fund. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

VILLAGE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the [2-24-2021 Meeting Minutes](#)
2. Reappoint Nadia Mulvihill to the Landlord Tenant Relations Council
3. [Monteverde Restaurant Liquor License request to waive the 30 day waiting period](#)

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

VILLAGE BUSINESS AGENDA

1. [Tentative Budget 21-22 Presentation](#)

a. [Set public hearing](#)

Trustee Wheeler-Murray moves to set a public hearing on the Tentative Budget on March 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Rogers seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

2. [Proposed Schedule B](#)

a. [Schedule B from code](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to correct zoning code 212 Schedule B in the Village Code. Trustee Wojcik seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

3. **Contract VNP-212 remediation at Reservoir #4 advertise on March 18th and open bids on April 1st at 1 PM.**

Mayor Rogers moves to advertise Contract VNP-212 remediation at Reservoir #4 on March 18th and open bids on April 1st at 1 PM. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

4. [Unsafe Building at 34 Church Street](#)

- a. The board would like to know how many people (tenants) would be impacted by this determination
- b. The board needs more information before making this determination

5. [Response to the DEP re Open Invoice](#)

- a. Village received a notice for not paying ~\$40k to the DEP
- b. We are facing a major cash flow problem due to covid and due to waiting for overdue reimbursements from the DEP in an amount over \$400k

Mayor Rogers moves to authorize the mayor to send this letter. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

6. **Affordable Housing incentives**

- a. Postponed to the next board meeting

7. [Resolution #19 of 2021 Appointing Election Inspectors](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution #19 of 2021 Appointing Election Inspectors. Trustee Wojcik seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

8. [Resolution #20 of 2021 Renewal of Community Choice Aggregation Program](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution #20 of 2021 Renewal of Community Choice

Aggregation Program. Trustee Wojcik seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

9. [Resolution # of 2021 Cancel student loan debt](#)

- a. This will be on the next agenda

10. [Resolution #21 of 2021 Bills & Claims](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution #21 of 2021 Bills & Claims. Trustee Wojcik seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

11. **Planning Board report from VB Liaison**

- a. Did not meet

12. **Zoning Board of Appeals report from VB Liaison**

- a. Variance request for the Oliver House
 - b. Public Hearing set for March 30th at 7pm
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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rogers moves to adjourn the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 10:21pm. Trustee Wheeler Murray seconds. **(Passes 5-0)**

Submitted by Ariana Basco