

Town Board Meeting March 18, 2021 Via Videoconference

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

At 8:18 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Announcements:

Councilman Torres indicated that the NPPRRC's draft report is on the website and the Town Board is now waiting for the final version at which point it will vote on it and send it to the State. He believes that the action that happens from that report is on the Town Board and as the Police Commission. This process is more of the beginning of a conversation and creating a community review and about starting a dialogue.

Public Comment:

Maggie Veve had questions about how things will go once the Town Board will get the final report. Tanya Marquette questioned what the extended date is for submitting the final report to the State. Carol Nolan was looking for an update on Water District #5.

Edgar Rodriguez questioned the role of the Village Board in process of EO203 and how questions from the public will be handled.

Water Bill Dispute-11 Old Rte. 299:

Attorney Peter Matera, representing the property owner, explained that the previous tenant of the commercial property had been billed incorrectly for years due to faulty equipment. Now that new meters have been installed, the difference in consumption, dating back many years, is being charged to the tax bill of the property owner. They feel that this is unfair to the property owner and that the prior tenant should have to pay this outstanding bill. Supervisor Bettez explained that as per Town Code, the property owner is ultimately responsible and the Town cannot give services away. He agreed to further discuss this with Attorney Matera on Monday.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez 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: Town Board March 4, 2021; Joint Town & Village March 10, 2021
- **b.** Affirmation of support for HRVG and OSI to perform trail rehabilitation on the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail between Cragswood Rd. and Sojourner Truth Park and authorization for the Supervisor to sign any related documents
- c. Authorization to add monthly purchase order: Ready Refresh; A 522 1110 400, \$20.00
- **d.** Authorization to close escrow account PB 11-03, Pyramid Service Corp
- **e.** Authorization to close escrow account PB 10-02, K&E Site Plan
- **f.** Authorization of tub grinder repair/maintenance in the amount of \$11,244.10
- ${\bf g.}\quad Authorization for Supervisor to sign pool laborer contract for 2021$

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the March Warrant in the amount of \$929,536.99. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:43 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse Town Clerk