



Public Hearing- "Override the Tax Levy Limit"
Town Board Meeting
October 21, 2021, 7:30 p.m.
Via Videoconference

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

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input: None

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Public Hearing will be left open until later in the meeting.

Town Board Meeting:

At 7:31 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the 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 as written. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

-Edgar Rodriguez, Tom Jelliffe and Maggie Veve had questions and comments regarding the 2022 budget and/or agenda.

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: October 7, 2021
b. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the 10/1/21 Final Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz Police Association
c. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the B&L proposal for construction phase services for the Plains Road Water Supply Projects for Contracts 2 and 3
d. Approval of payment for replacement memorial bench plaque in the amount of \$270.00 to be paid from A-522-7110-400
e. Authorization of Payment to Petersen Furniture international in the amount of \$1,042.00 for purchase of jury room table for 59 N. Putt
f. Authorization to modify the adopted 2021 budget for cost overruns as follows:

Table with columns TO: and FROM: showing budget adjustments between various departments like Purchasing-Recycle, Buildings, Police, Youth, etc.

Increase					Increase				
SSA	510	Anticipated Revenues	4,036.61		SSA	960	Appropriations	4,036.61	
SSA	980-3989	State Aid-EFC		4,036.61	SSA	522-1440.400	Engineer, C.E.		4,036.61
Increase					Increase				
SSE	510	Anticipated Revenues	2,716.44		SSE	960	Appropriations	2,716.44	
SSE	980-3989	State Aid-EFC		2,716.44	SSE	522-1440.400	Engineer, C.E.		2,716.44
Increase					Increase				
SSF	510	Anticipated Revenues	5,283.22		SSF	960	Appropriations	5,283.22	
SSF	980-3989	State Aid-EFC		5,283.22	SSF	522-1440.400	Engineer, C.E.		5,283.22
Increase					Increase				
DB	510	Anticipated Revenues	91,081.00		DB	960	Appropriations	91,081.00	
DB	980-3501	CHIPS		91,081.00	DB	522-5112.200	Perm Improvements, CHIPS		91,081.00

At 7:46 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Adoption of Local Law#2 of 2021- "Override the Tax Levy Limit":

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution adopting this law as Local Law #2 of 2021. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to approve the hiring of Michael Vespe and Tyler white as full-time police officers effective November 1, 2021, at the rate outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Amanda Snyder as a part-time police officer effective November 11, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to use funds:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bettez to approve the use of up to \$18,000.00 from the seized asset account to purchase a new voice recorder system. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to deposit donation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the deposit of a \$2,000.00 donation to the Police Department's Computer Reserve Fund. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Adrienne Asencio as a part-time Court Officer beginning 10/22/21 at the rate of \$18/hr. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire temporary help:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize hiring temporary help for the Courts move to 59 N. Putt at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to waive penalty fees:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize waiving penalty fees for Acct #113-1, 258-268 Main St., MCB Eagle, LLC, in the amount of \$1,294.00. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to purchase and install new phone system:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the purchase and installation of a new phone system from PCM Communications, LLC at 59 N. Putt Corners Rd for a total of \$16,187.50; 50%

down payment of \$8093.75 due immediately for equipment; balance due at completion. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize Buildings and Grounds to hire Kris Klixner as a Municipal Worker II beginning November 1, 2021, at the rate of \$25.14/hr, increasing to \$25.70/hr on January 1, 2022, and to \$26.80/hr on October 25, 2022, according to union contract. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Proposed Law on "Rental & Vacant Residential Properties Law:

Councilman Brownstein read the following statement:

"This proposed new chapter of our Town Code, titled "Rental and Vacant Residential Properties" accomplishes the following:

-It requires that all rental and vacant properties in the town submit a registration statement with the building department and obtain an annual registration permit to operate. Obtaining a permit will require a statement that is in compliance with local zoning, state and national fire, health and safety regulations, and is deemed safe and in good maintenance for the protection and benefit of renters and neighbors. With this new chapter, we expect to:

Prevent unauthorized rental units that create public health and safety violation. For example, preventing occurrences where a landlord might rent 5 rooms in a 3-bedroom residence

- Ensure vacant properties are maintained in good condition and meet health, fire and safety codes
- Be informed and updated with contact information of the owner and local property manager or rental and vacant properties so we can easily contact owners and property managers with questions and concerns
- Help maintain housing affordability by requiring adherence to local zoning, safety and maintenance requirements for non-owner occupied long and short-term rentals
- Establish fees for annual registration and inspection and penalties for violations.

This chapter specifically excludes registration for properties used for agricultural purposes as well as owner-occupied dwellings, multiple dwellings, accessory dwellings or bed and breakfasts establishments because they are already regulated in other parts of the code."

The Board will have a Special Workshop meeting on Tuesday, October 26th to discuss the proposed law.

Resolution-Lead Agency/Neg Dec-Rental Law:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution declaring the Town Board Lead Agency and declaring this a Type II Action. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Set public hearing-Rental Law:

At 8:19 p.m. motion was made by Supervisor Bettez schedule the public hearing on the proposed Rental Law for November 4, 2021, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion/Set public hearing-2022 Budget:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the cuts made by the Comptroller resulting in a 4.92% increase. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to schedule the public hearing on the 2022 Budget for November 4, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the October warrant in the amount of \$1,217,194.41. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:15 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