



Town Board Meeting
September 2, 2021, 7 p.m.
In-person at the Community Center, 3 Veteran’s Dr.
Also via Zoom

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman David Brownstein

Absent: Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilwoman Alex Baer.

At 7:01 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: None

Interview-Planning Board Alternate, Adrian Capulli:

Following a brief interview with the candidate, a motion was made by Councilman Torres, to appoint Adrian Capulli as the second Planning Board Alternate. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:06 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived via teleconference. It was discussed that she can only vote while on video, not by phone. However, she can still participate in discussions.

At 7:12 p.m. Councilwoman Baer arrived via videoconference.

Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Approval of minutes: Police Commission 8/19/21; Town Board 8/19/21
- b. Appointment of Avram Segall to the Board of Ethics
- c. Authorization for Supervisor to sign letters of recommendation required by the State Liquor Authority for vendor permits at the Ulster County Fairgrounds

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| A | 510 | Anticipated Revenues | 2,100.00 | | A | 960 | Appropriations | 2,100.00 | |
| A | 980 | 2705.000 CHIPS | | 2,100.00 | A | 522 | 4050.400 Public Health, Other, C.E. | | 2,100.00 |

Request authorization to *increase* the 2021 adopted budget for additional CHIPS funds:

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| DB | 510 | Anticipated Revenues | 84,931.00 | | DB | 960 | Appropriations | 84,931.00 | |
| DB | 980 | 3501.000 CHIPS | | 84,931.00 | DB | 522 | 5112.200 Perm Improve, CHIPS | | 84,931.00 |

- d. Authorization of the following budget modifications:
- e. Authorization to close escrow for account # PB 21-120; Tesla, 271 Main Street with a balance of \$0.00
- f. Authorization to establish escrow for account # PB21-285; Wine Lot Line Revision, 9 Gatehouse Road
- g. Authorization to add dog park to Town’s liability at no additional cost
- h. Approval to change observance of Yom Kippur to September 16, 2021 on the Town Holiday calendar
- i. Approval to reschedule September 16, 2021 Police Commission/Town Board meeting for September 23, 2021
- j. Authorization for Supervisor to sign the ATP with NYPA for Smart Street Lighting NY: Maintenance Service
- k. Authorization for Bookkeeper to prepay invoice #54074 for Leprechaun Lines in the amount of \$1,400 to provide transportation to NJ Six Flags for the Youth Center on 9/25/21
- l. Authorization of refund for unused pool membership: Dubnicka/Gautier

Authorization to issue credit:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that a refund has been requested due to a water tank leak that did not go into the sewer. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize a credit in the amount of \$336.27 for account #149-0, 7 N. Ohioville Rd. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Town Board Consent to Planning Board:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the consent form for the Town Planning Board to serve as Lead Agency for the review of a Site Plan and Subdivision (PB21-264, 500 Main St.) Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-DRI:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for \$10 million under the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) is a product of the Governor's office and his effort to transform downtowns into vibrant communities where tomorrow's workforce will want to live, work, and raise families; and

WHEREAS, the Village of New Paltz, the Town of New Paltz, and State University of New York at New Paltz are working in partnership to address the opportunity presented by this revitalization initiative; and

WHEREAS, downtown New Paltz presents an important opportunity to work together to strengthen the connections between the village, the town and the university and the many enterprises, institutions and people who are engaged in downtown in many different ways, and;

WHEREAS, downtown New Paltz is recognized as a special place that is central to the unique character of this community, and;

WHEREAS, New Paltz is eligible to submit a competitive grant application for \$10 million toward the revitalization of downtown New Paltz, and;

WHEREAS, this grant would fund the preparation of a revitalization plan that will include extensive public involvement in framing a transformative investment strategy for downtown New Paltz, now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the New Paltz downtown meets all DRI criteria, and there is great potential to capitalize on prior and planned future public and private sector investment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that awarding of \$10 million as part of the DRI will leverage tens of millions more in private funds, as well as human capital by tapping into the people, creativity, and growing entrepreneurialism taking place in the region, helping create new jobs, housing opportunities, and public infrastructure and streetscape improvements and other potential public benefits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board supports the filing of said application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board authorizes the Mayor to act in connection with the application and execute all necessary documents.

Discussion of proposed local law:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that a draft law for the reinstatement of a citizen Police Commission has been prepared and reviewed. A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to schedule the public hearing for September 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried. The Town is currently advertising for applicants.

Discussion of a proposed local law:

Councilman Brownstein read a statement regarding requiring the registration of all vacant and residential rental properties and regulation of short-term rental properties in the Town. The Board expects to have a draft law at an upcoming meeting.

Review of Anti-Racism Statement:

Councilman Torres read aloud the current draft as follows:

New Paltz is a town that is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in all of our work, and we value dignity and respect for all. The Town Board recognizes its responsibility to uphold these commitments and values and makes the following declarations:

The Board opposes unequivocally any expression or practice of hate, prejudice, intolerance or discrimination toward any individual or group.

The Board is committed to engaging the Town on race, equity and inclusion through broad and collaborative public engagement. As elected representatives, we will endeavor to uphold these values and standards:

- Evaluate the policies and ordinances we implement to ensure they guard against racial bias and systemic racism of any kind;

- Look for opportunities to provide education to our community and the municipal government on the negative impact racism has on our town;
- Adhere to principles of equity, equality, inclusion and diversity while conducting town business and in town employment;
- Purposefully identify, discuss, and challenge issues of racism and the impact they have on our community.

The Board denounces any form of racism, discrimination or intolerance as a threat to the safety, health, and well-being of the public. We encourage the respectful exchange of ideas from all members of our community with the goal that all residents feel a sense of belonging to a welcoming community that values each individual and rejects racism, bigotry, and discrimination in all forms.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the statement as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Summary Bond Resolution-HWD Improvements, \$560,000:

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

Bond Resolution-Moriello Park/Bridge, \$100,000:

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

Update-59 N. Putt:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that hold-ups have been caused by Spectrum, Verizon and Central Hudson. The Police are planning to move in 2 weeks. The Town expects to come in a little under budget. Once completed, Boards, Commissions and Committees will begin meeting in the new building. It is expected that meetings will either be held in hybrid form or all remote.

At 7:51 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk