



**Town Board Meeting
August 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilwoman Esi Lewis.

Absent: Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

At 7:04 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as written. Executive Session will be moved to later in the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input: None

Review of 2nd revision to draft franchise agreement with Charter/Spectrum:

Anton Stewart, Chair of the Public Access Committee, discussed the changes being made to the franchise agreement in an effort to make it identical to the agreement between Charter/Spectrum and the Village of New Paltz. The Town Board will review the agreement and send any changes or revisions to Mr. Stewart before it is submitted to Charter/Spectrum.

At 7:13 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

Resolution-Speed Limit Reduction on Elliot’s Lane:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Requesting the Ulster County Public Works Department establish a 30-mph speed limit on Elliot’s Lane, a road in the Town of New Paltz

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has the authority to establish speed limits on state highways, county, and town roads, and
WHEREAS, Elliot’s Lane is a popular route for bicyclists, walkers, runners and other non-motorized users, and
WHEREAS, excessive speed in the area poses a danger to these users, and
WHEREAS, there is no current posted speed on Elliot’s Lane, defaulting to a 55 mph speed limit,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to transmit this resolution to the County Commissioner of Public Works of the County of Ulster, asking the Department of Transportation to establish a maximum speed of 30 mph on Elliot’s Lane, a Town road pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and 2) complete a TE9(a) form with the NYSDOT.

Resolution-Speed Reduction on Horsenden Road:

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

Requesting the Ulster County Public Works Department establish a 35-mph speed limit on Horsenden Road, a road in the Town of New Paltz

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has the authority to establish speed limits on state highways, county, and town roads, and
WHEREAS, Horsenden Road is owned by Ulster County from its intersection with State Route 32 east to its intersection with N. Putt Corners Rd., and
WHEREAS, Horsenden Road is owned by the Town of New Paltz from its intersection with N. Putt Corners Rd. east to its intersection with N. Ohioville Rd., and
WHEREAS, the speed limit set by Ulster County for the County portion of Horsenden Road is 35 mph, and
WHEREAS, the Town wishes to bring the Town-owned portion of Horsenden Road into alignment with the County speed limit
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to transmit this resolution to the County Commissioner of Public Works of the County of Ulster, asking the Department of Transportation to establish a maximum speed of 35 mph on Horsenden Road, a Town road pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and 2) complete a TE9(a) form with the NYSDOT.

Authorization to sign joint permit applications for water supply project at Mountain Rest Rd. and Moriello Park:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the joint permit applications if the Village provides written confirmation that there is dedicated storage space for the Town in the new shed being constructed on Mountain Rest; and to either move the path at Moriello or have a mural painted on a structure surrounding the well. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to sell surplus equipment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the sale of surplus equipment as follows: 1996 International 4800 Truck, 5th Wheel Truck and Arm mower attachment, with the funds from auctioned equipment to be placed into the Highway Reserve Fund; as long as the equipment is no longer needed. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye vote cast, motion carried.

Authorization to install split unit:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the installation of a split unit in the server room at the Police Department under emergency status in an amount up to \$25,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire Chuck Bordino as a part-time Recreation Director not to exceed 29 hours per week, for the period of August 30, 2022 through December 30, 2022 at the rate of \$20.11 per hour. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire Marie Girard and Sharon Roth as temporary part-time Recreation Aides not to exceed 6 hours per week each, at the rate of \$16.00 per hour for the period of August 30, 2022 through December 30, 2022. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire Max Cottet as a per diem Municipal Worker I for Recycling/ReUse at the rate of \$20.80 per hour. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to advertise:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize advertising for a Recording Secretary to serve the Police Commission, Environmental Conservation Board and Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board on a contract basis at the rate of \$17-20/per hour. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to sign Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign Legal Fee Agreement with Joule Assets Inc. for legal action against Columbia Utilities Power, LLC and Columbia Utilities, LLC in Ulster Supreme Court Index EF2022-1113. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to pay stipend:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to renegotiate the revised side letter from UPSEU dated 9/21/21 for 2022 regarding the stipend of \$2,250.00 for Stasha Dietz. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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 as Police Commission 7/21/22; Town Board 7/21/22
- b. Authorization to add Youth Flag Football to the Town's insurance policy
- c. Authorization of tuition reimbursement for Heaven Torres, NPYP, in the amount of \$6,450.75
- d. Authorization to Approve Payment #6 to Merritt Construction in the amount of \$382,129.27 for the Backup Water Supply
- e. Authorization to Approve Payment #2 to Butler Construction in the amount of \$51,414.00 for the Backup Water Supply
- f. Authorization to Approve Payment #3 to Butler Construction in the amount of \$144,637.50 for the Backup Water Supply
- g. Establishment of Escrow: PB 22-203, Stepanovich Subdivision, in the amount of \$2,000.00 with a replenishment threshold of \$1,000.00
- h. Establishment of Escrow: PB 22-197, New Paltz Storage Site Plan Amendment, in the amount of \$1,500.00 with a replenishment threshold of \$750.00

i. Authorization and approval of the following budget modifications:

Request authorization to *increase* the adopted 2022 budget for the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of field mower as follows:

<u>INCREASE:</u>				<u>INCREASE:</u>			
AAA	510	Anticipated Revenues	54,000.00	AAA	960	Appropriations	54,000.00
AAA	980-4089-000	ARPA Funds	54,000.00	AAA	522-1620-200	Buildings & Grounds, Equip	54,000.00

Request authorization to *increase* the 2022 adopted budget for the use of Parkland Funds for additional water fountain components as follows:

<u>INCREASE:</u>				<u>INCREASE:</u>			
AAA	510	Anticipated Revenues	2,559.92	AAA	960	Appropriations	2,559.92
AAA	980-2089-000	Other Culture & Recreation Income	2,559.92	AAA	522-7150-460	Recreation, Field of Dreams/NPSP	2,559.92

Request authorization to *increase* the 2022 adopted budget for increased CHIPS funding as follows:

<u>INCREASE:</u>				<u>INCREASE:</u>			
DBB	510	Anticipated Revenues	118,580.00	DBB	960	Appropriations	118,580.00
DBB	980-3501-000	CHIPS	118,580.00	DBB	522-5112-200	Perm Improvements, CHIPS	118,580.00

Request authorization to *increase* the adopted 2022 budget for the receipt of an insurance recovery as follows:

<u>INCREASE:</u>				<u>INCREASE:</u>			
AAA	510	Anticipated Revenues	5,552.27	AAA	960	Appropriations	5,552.27
AAA	980-2680-000	Insurance Recovery	5,552.27	AAA	522-3120-400	Police, C.E.	5,552.27

Request authorization to *modify* the 2022 adopted budget for installation of a generator as follows:

<u>TO:</u>				<u>FROM:</u>			
DBB	522-5132-400	Garage, C.E.	1,000.00	DBB	522-5132-200	Garage, Equipment	1,000.00

- j. Authorization for Supervisor to sign USIA PATV contract
- k. Authorization to renew Leightronix subscription for PATV

Tax Cap Override:

Following a discussion by the Board, it was decided to table this until September.

At 8:34 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis left the meeting.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the August Warrant in the amount of \$1,202,528.32 Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 8:38 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:08 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:08 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk