



**Town Board Meeting
February 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

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

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: + #9 Authorization to hire for Building Department and Planning/Zoning. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

- Edgar Rodriguez spoke about the Defensive Action report included in the Chief’s January 2022 Monthly Report.
- Maggie Veve was pleased to have guest speakers present information on NYS Police Academies.

Interviews for Police Commission:

Johnny Coxum, Karrie Rahaman-Bunce, David Brownstein and Cindy Sanchez presented their background information and spoke about why they would like to be on the new Police Commission.

Discussion:

Supervisor Bettez announced that Town Hall will be opening back up to the public, but the mask mandates will remain in place. The Town Board will discuss possibly returning to a hybrid meeting format at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to spend up to \$1,200 to purchase A/V equipment for the Courthouse. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

E-Bike Legislation:

Supervisor Bettez will ask the Attorney to review the paperwork and move forward.

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 Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Minutes: Town Board 02/03/22
- b. Acceptance of Resignation: Kitty Brown, Planning Board Alternate
- c. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the Stipulation of Agreement between the Town of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz Police Association regarding retroactive pay
- d. Authorization for Supervisor to sign Second Amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement Regarding the Sale of Water between the Village and Town of New Paltz
- e. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the 2022 Contract for Ambulance Services with the New Paltz Rescue Squad
- f. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the 2022 Contract for Services with Family of New Paltz
- g. Establishment of escrow: PB-21-547; 95 DuBois Rd. Subdivision, Anthony DeMaria, in the amount of \$2,500.00 with a replenishment threshold of \$1,250.00
- h. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign Engagement for Legal Services agreement with Harris Beach, PLLC

Authorization to Hire:

A motion was made b Supervisor Bettez to authorize the hiring of Antonio Fazio and Jeremiah Childs as full-time police officers effective February 21, 2022, at the rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to use funds:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the use of \$6,500.00 earmarked in the 2022 budget for new in-car computer systems as well as another \$2,500.00 from the computer reserve

fund to upgrade the existing in-car computer systems to operate the county records management system in patrol vehicles. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the February Warrant in the amount of \$2,342,507.51. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel with Chris Marx. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:17 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session and authorize the Supervisor to sign the stipulation agreement with Theresa Hart. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire for Building Department & Planning/Zoning:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Brianna Tetro for the position of Planning & Zoning Board Secretary and Building Department Clerk effective March 7, 2022, at a rate of \$18.00/hr. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:18 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