



Town Board Meeting
June 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Town Courthouse, 59 N. Putt Corners Rd.

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

At 7:12 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: Remove Executive Session, Add #19-Advertise for B&G

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:

- Tom Jelliffe is in favor of continuing the Zoom option for all meetings.
- Edgar Rodriguez spoke about the audit report made at the last meeting.

Approval to Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Adrienne Asencio as a part-time dispatcher effective July 1, 2022, at the part-time dispatcher rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to Hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Hiring of Derek Olinsky as a part-time dispatcher effective July 1, 2022, at the part-time dispatcher rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Appointment of Police Officer:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the appointment of part-time officer Caelan Marsh to 90-day temporary full-time officer at the rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Appointment of Police Officer:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the appointment of part-time officer Tiffany Claud to 90-day temporary full-time officer at the rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of Municipal Lease:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign all associated documents for the Municipal Lease Purchase Proposal for a 2022 Ford SUV Hybrid marked police unit through ROC Leasing LLC dba Real Lease. The lease term is as follows: One (1) payment of \$7,000.00 due at document signing, followed by Four (4) annual payments of \$15,078.23 each, beginning one year from closing. Current municipal rate is 5.95%. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of auction:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the auction of a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle through the auction services utilized by the Town Highway Department. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Adoption of Guidelines-Videoconferencing:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the Guidelines for Videoconference Meetings Local Law. 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 Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of minutes: Town Board meeting June 2, 2022
- b. Authorization for Supervisor to sign the revised Consultant Agreement with Pace University for Community Greenhouse Action Plan
- c. Authorization for Supervisor to sign the COVID-19 Testing Site Agreement with Curative, Inc.

- d. Authorization to hire Lawrence Maher for the full-time (40 hrs. p/w) position of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer I in the amount of \$24.038/hr.
- e. Acceptance of resignation: Kris Klixner, Buildings & Grounds
- f. Authorization to hire Jessie Sylvester as a per-diem employee at Recycling/ReUse at the rate of \$20.80/hr.
- g. Approval of Merritt Construction Payment Application #4 in the amount of \$754,261.05
- h. Authorization to sell tub grinder on consignment through US Used Equipment for the amount of \$216,000.00
- i. Authorization for Supervisor to sign Stipulation of Settlement PERB No.: A2020-298

Resolution-Ohioville DRI Grant:

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

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION UNDER THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

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

WHEREAS, the DRI serves as a cornerstone of the State's economic development policy by transforming downtown neighborhoods into vibrant centers of activity that offer a high quality of life and attract businesses, jobs, and economic and housing diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz is working to address the opportunity presented by this revitalization initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Ohioville Hamlet is an increasingly important gateway to the Town of New Paltz that has been overlooked since the Thruway was established in 1954; and

WHEREAS, the Town has passed Gateway Zoning that reflects the neighborhood character of the Ohioville Hamlet, laying the groundwork for community revitalization, and;

WHEREAS, the Ohioville Hamlet presents an important opportunity to strengthen the connections between the Hamlet and the many enterprises, institutions and people who are engaged in the Hamlet in many different ways, and;

WHEREAS, the Ohioville Hamlet is recognized as a special place that is central to the unique historic, residential, agricultural, and business character of this community, and;

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ohioville Hamlet 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 to 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; and

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

Resolution Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for Recycling:

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO FINANCE A TYPE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OR EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Recycle Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of equipment. The type of equipment to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the acquisition of equipment for the New Paltz Transfer Station.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Supervisor may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of New Paltz. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund

and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from the Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law or any other law.

This resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to subdivision 4 of Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law.

IMA between Town & Village:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the IMA between the Town and Village for plant watering. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Chuck Bordino, Recreation Director for retirement. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to reduce Recreation Director's schedule:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to reduce the Recreation Director's schedule to 32 hours/week at the current rate of pay. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire a part-time Recreation Aide at a rate of \$15/hour for an eight-hour week. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Set Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing for the purchase of County land at auction, SBL #87.5-2-16 for July 7th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the June Warrant in the amount of \$1,322,678.45. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution Establishing Water and Sewer Rates:

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

WHEREAS, it is of critical importance to the Town of New Paltz to protect its drinking water infrastructure and provide safe and adequate water supply to its users; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 137-10 of the New Paltz Town Code, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz ("Town Board") is authorized to establish metered water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Village of New Paltz, which supplies water and sewer services to the Town, has raised water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, the water rate shall increase between 22.65%-29.49% dependent upon consumption; and **WHEREAS**, the residential sewer rate shall increase between 25.71%-32.69% dependent upon consumption;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the water and sewer rents of the Town of New Paltz shall be set according to the attached Schedule A and shall be implemented and effective on July 1, 2022.

Advertise for Buildings & Grounds:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to advertise for a full-time temporary person for B&G. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:41 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