



**Town Board Meeting
October 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners
Via Videoconference**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Alex Baer

Absent: Councilwoman Esi Lewis, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

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

At 7:03 p.m. Councilwoman Lewis arrived.

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: October 6, 2022
- b. The Town Board of New Paltz to approve the EnCB nomination of Rob Ferri serving as a representative on the County Environmental Management Council (EMC)
- c. Authorization to Pay Merritt Construction Inc Payment Application #7 in the amount of \$280,274.99 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply
- d. Authorization to Pay Butler Construction Group, Inc, Pay Application # 4 in the amount of \$117,325.00 for the Phase II Backup Water Supply
- e. Authorization to pay CBIZ Proposal for Annual Fixed Assets Maintenance in the amount of \$1,950.00
- f. Approve the appointment of part-time Officers Caelan Marsh and Tiffany Claud to 90-day temporary full-time officers at the rate outlined in the collective bargaining agreement retroactive to October 1, 2022
- g. Budget Modifications
- h. Resolution establishing a capital reserve fund to finance a type of capital improvement or equipment – SSA Fund Sewer
- i. Resolution establishing a capital reserve fund to finance a type of capital improvement or equipment – SWA Fund Water
- j. Authorization to purchase a “gently used” radio for Town Supervisor in the amount of \$262.80
- k. Resolution establishing a capital reserve fund to finance a type of capital improvement or equipment – A Fund PD Vehicles
- l. Approve the permanent appointment of Calvin Halstead and Channon James to the rank of Sergeant as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. Calvin Halstead’s appointment effective October 13, 2022 and Channon James’ appointment effective October 18, 2022

Discussion-2023 Budget

The current tentative budget reflects a 7.9% increase. Supervisor Bettez reviewed a list of proposed changes and cuts.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to schedule the public hearing on the budget for November 3, 2022, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the proposed changes to bring the increase down to 5.63%. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the October Warrant in the amount of \$2,851,823.81. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to advertise:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize Chris Marx to advertise for a full-time Buildings & Grounds Worker. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion with Judge regarding budget:

Judge Weires joined the Board for a discussion regarding the Court's difficulties getting Court Officers mostly due to the rate of pay, and its need for another Court Clerk. Supervisor Bettez explained that the Town has had a lot of turnover recently and that the Board plans to address wages during the upcoming Union negotiations in an attempt to prevent further turnover.

At 7:49 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