



**Town Board Meeting**  
**August 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**  
**59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference**

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

At 7:01 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:** Move item #9 up to item #3.

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

**Public Comment:**

None

**Swearing-In:**

Conrad Rosales and Yazmine Cabrera were sworn in as full-time police officers with the New Paltz Police Department.

**Executive Session:**

At 7:09 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 7:18 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**ADU Local Law-#4 of 2023:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the May 18<sup>th</sup> public hearing on a Local Law "To Repeal Section 140-17, 'Accessory Apartments' of Article III of Chapter 140, 'Zoning' of the Code of the Town of New Paltz and to Replace it with a new Section 140-17, 'Accessory Dwelling Units'". Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the enactment of a local law to Repeal Section 140-17, "Accessory Apartments" of Article III of Chapter 140, "Zoning" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz to replace it with a new section 140-17, "Accessory Dwelling Units as follows:

- a. Section 1. Repealer
  - i. Section 140-17, "Accessory apartments" of Article III of Chapter 140, "Zoning" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz is hereby repealed.
- b. Section 2. Amendment
  - i. The Code of the Town of New Paltz is hereby amended to add a new §140-17, "Accessory Dwelling Units" to Article III, "Area and Bulk Regulations" of Chapter 140, "Zoning" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz.
- c. Section 3. Purposes and Intent
  - i. The purpose of this local law is to increase housing affordability and create a wider range of housing opportunities in residential neighborhoods in allowing more efficient use of existing housing and infrastructure. By providing the opportunity to create a mix of housing that responds to changing family needs, it is intended to provide a broader range of accessible and more affordable housing for seniors, single parents, families with grown children and all residents to remain in their homes without changing the character of residential neighborhoods.

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: July 20, 2023

**Moriello Park Playground Slide:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the purchase of a Moriello Park Playground Slide from Raymond Michael, LTD in the amount of \$1,956.55 without 3 bids and to bill the Village of

New Paltz for half of the purchase at \$978.28, plus shipping fees if applicable. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resignation:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept and approve the resignation of Cesar Alejandro Valle as a Building Inspector for the Town of New Paltz Building Department, effective July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Amend adopted authorization:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to amend the adopted authorization made at the meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – to utilize a portion of unused funds within the department’s personnel line to hire local youth artists to assist with creating numerous components for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Hoopla and Winter Carnival, with a rate of compensation of \$20.00 per hour. The amendment sought needs to reflect the following:

- a. That the Community Wellness Department will be hiring local youth artists as consultants, not employees
- b. To expand the consultants to more than 2, to include other artistic teens to assist with the project due to time constraints caused by the summer season (i.e., vacations, etc.).

Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Inquire to Ulster County Personnel:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize to inquire to Ulster County Personnel regarding the creation of new positions:

- a. Community Education – due to the increased workload resulting from increased programming
- b. Building Department – due to the increased workload resulting from the adoption of the Rental and Vacant Properties Registration requirements

Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:23 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