



Town Board Meeting
April 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilwoman Esi Lewis.

Absent: Councilwoman Julie Seyfert, Councilwoman Amanda Gotto.

At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:02 p.m. Councilwoman Gotto arrived.

Public Comment:

Mark Miller and Bob Donovan, Brookside Rd residents, spoke about the possible bridge replacement. They have seen fewer speeding cars and more people walking on the road. They are in favor of not replacing the bridge, but if it does get replaced, they would like to see the Town upgrade and reengineer the road to eliminate the blind curve and add lines.

Executive Session:

At 7:09 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel and the Town of New Paltz Resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:27 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gotto that after reviewing the determination of the Hearing Officer and the record in the matter of the Notice of Discipline for Toby Kollbeck, the Board accepts the findings and recommendations of the Hearing Officer and impose termination of employment effective immediately. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast. Supervisor Bettez abstained due to his presence at the hearings. Motion carried.

Interview:

The Town Board interviewed Ivan Echenique for the Housing Smart Communities Initiative.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Ivan to the Housing Smart Communities Initiative. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, 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 Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of minutes: Town Board, April 4, 2024

Resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept Kendra Garrett's resignation as part-time dispatcher from the Police Department, effective April 24, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Engineering Services Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Walden Environmental Engineering services agreement for MS4 Compliance Services, Project #TONP2401 for the estimated cost of \$11,000.00.

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

Tuition Reimbursement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to waive the current personnel policy requirements because Sophie Torres was already an employee and grandfathered in the previous personnel policy. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the tuition reimbursement for the New Paltz Youth Program employee, Sophie Torres in the amount of \$6,480.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Engineering Proposal:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Walden Environmental Engineering proposal for them to assist with the Compost Facility improvements, in the amount of \$45,000.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to issue credit:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve issuing a credit to Cathy Koshak's account in the amount of \$1.72 for a late fee on a water bill, due to a change in ownership of her home. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the MOA with the United Public Service Employees Union-allowing employees to of the Public Works Department, including Buildings and Grounds and Recycling, to donate sick time to those employees that are incapacitated from an illness or injury. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the April Warrant in the amount of \$981,406.76. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:46 p.m. a motion was made Supervisor Bettez by to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk