



**Public Hearing- Accessory Apartments (ADU)
Public Hearing-Building Construction & Fire Prevention
Town Board Meeting
February 1, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference**

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

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Rory Domitrovits and Ray Rattray, two New Paltz young men killed by hit and run drivers.

Public Comment-Public Hearings:

-Mark Eis-Spoke in opposition of the 900 s.f. requirements in the ADU Law.

-David Toder-Spoke in favor of keeping the old code and incorporating the 900 s.f. requirement in the ADU Law.

Supervisor Bettez explained the revised ADU law contained the changes requested by Mr. Eis and Mr. Toder.

7:13p.m.-Pledge

Agenda: +Setting new public hearings

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

Public Comment:

-Amanda Gotto-the pdfs of warrants on the website are not searchable.

-Wren Kingsley Statement about Traffic Violence and Pedestrian Safety-"In light of the recent death of SUNY New Paltz Student, Ray Rattray, age 22, along the side of state rt. 208 close to campus while walking on the (very thin) shoulder of the road. I wish to make a public comment stating the need for the Town Board to prioritize funding the development of sidewalks, bike lanes and crosswalks in and around New Paltz. I, myself have lived in New Paltz since 2020 and have been commuting on foot or via bicycle between the university and various locations in the village. I always wear a helmet and use hand signals. Through rain and snow I would bike because not only is it a faster commute but I deal with a chronic ankle injury and walking a 20 minute commute once or twice a day was not sustainable for my well being. The largest issues with the roads is the inconsistency of shoulder conditions and poor visibility at crosswalks. On Main st, rt 208 and rt 32 the shoulders range from wide to narrow and are, at times, full of debris forcing the non-automotive commuter into the road, subject to traffic conditions, or at times onto sidewalks, putting pedestrians in harm's way. The parking that runs up and down main street is also a major hazard. Two years ago, I was biking from my apartment on Grove st, down Main st. to the River to Ridge trail. The traffic was backed up, the sidewalks full of pedestrians enjoying a beautiful fall day, and I was biking between the traffic and the row of parked cars on the right side of the st when a car door opened into me, flinging me into traffic. My head struck the stopped car on my left and I scraped and bruised my left elbow and hip. I am so lucky that I had decided to wear my helmet and that the traffic had backed up and was not moving at the time of my accident. The woman in the car was so distraught that I ended up giving her a hug and comforting her. I am sympathetic to the predicament of the Town of New Paltz and I understand the major roadways are operated by the state. But it is the lives of my fellow students and New Paltz residents that are put at risk daily to benefit the flow of passing traffic. Our culture, economy and spirit of New Paltz relies on these pedestrians and bikers, and yet our infrastructure caters to car traffic rather than those who live, work and play in our beautiful town. I speak for the more than 5,000 people who signed a petition requesting that sidewalks be built along Rt208 when I say that we need the Town Board to allocate more funds in the budget to support development of sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes in and around the town of New Paltz, because New Paltz is for PEOPLE not automobiles. Specifically: Main St and Oakwood should have a floating island and a light up crosswalk sign to slow down traffic, allow for safer crossing during rush hours, and in the dark. Main St and Church St should have a crosswalk with a light up pedestrian sign, people cross there out from behind parked cars. There should be NO ON THE ST PARKING On Main st. between the Sunoco Gas Station and the bridge over the Wallkill. Plattekill needs bike lanes Manheim needs bike lane"

-Sophia Root, SUNY New Paltz class of 2024-"In light of the recent death of fellow SUNY New Paltz Student, Ray Rattray, age 22, along the side of state rt. 208 close to campus while walking on the (very thin) shoulder of the road. I wish to make a public comment stating the need for the Town Board to prioritize funding the development of sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and STREET LIGHTS in and around New Paltz.

I am a third year senior living in the New Paltz Gardens who often walks home from class to a dark four way stop. The intersection of John st and Harrington st. is much too dark, as there are NO streetlights There are a few on

Harrington st, but more need to be placed along the intersection and John street. When driving, I have to use my high beams. There have been 4 deaths under the age of 30 in Ulster county in January, it is time that the Town prioritizes developing infrastructure to protect the lives of those who live, work and play in our community. I would like these specific changes to be made:

Main St and Oakwood should have a floating island and a light up crosswalk sign to slow down traffic, allow for safer crossing during rush hours, and in the dark.

Main St and Church St should have a crosswalk with a light up pedestrian sign, (people cross there out from behind parked cars.) There should be NO ON THE ST PARKING On Main st. between the Sunoco Gas Station and the bridge over the Wallkill. Plattekill needs marked bike lanes. S.Manheim needs marked bike lanes. John St. and Harrington St. need street lights.”

Interview-Housing Smart Communities Initiative:

The Town Board interviewed Evan Holland-Shepler.

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 Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2024

Revised Emergency Closing Policy:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following revised emergency closing policy:

- (A) **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS:** During snow days, the routine functions of Town activities should continue. Therefore, the Town Supervisor, or in their absence, the Deputy Town Supervisor, will notify all Department Heads via text/email, to report town closings or delays. This decision will be made after consultation with the Highway Superintendent and/or the Police Chief.

- (B) The decision of any employee to report to work on these days should be their decision, based on their own personal situation. Employees may choose not to report for work and use vacation, compensatory, sick, or personal time for that day. On days when the Town's two-hour delay is in effect, an employee who reports for work shall be paid for a regular eight hours. However, if an employee decides not to come in, eight hours will be deducted from their accrued vacation, compensatory, or personal time.

An office employee who reports to work will be expected to remain on the job, unless the Supervisor, or in their absence, the Deputy Town Supervisor, decides to close early. An employee may decide that because of their personal situation they may wish to leave early and use the appropriate compensatory, vacation, personal or sick time.

If conditions are so severe that the Town Supervisor or in their absence, the Deputy Town Supervisor, in consultation with the Highway Superintendent and/or the Chief of Police, determines that the Town offices will be closed, they will notify all employees affected prior to 7:00 AM, through a chain list. Employees should also listen to the radio for announcements of emergency closings.

All other emergency closings will be decided by the Town Supervisor, or in their absence, the Deputy Town Supervisor, and employees will be notified by telephone (in the morning) and in person (if at work). Again, employees should listen to the radio for emergency closings.

All employees, both full and part time regular employees (not seasonal and/or temps) will be paid their normal workday, if they arrive at work at the specified special time and leave when their regular workday ends or they are dismissed.

Closing of the Youth Program will be at the discretion of the Director.

NOTE: under certain circumstances, due to emergency closings snow day closings, etc., paychecks may not be ready and therefore not distributed on the usual day (example: if closed one (1) day, checks distributed on Fridays; if closed two (2) days, checks may not be ready until the following Monday.)

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

Resignation:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Marie Girard as Recreation Aide at the Community Center, effective January 24, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Disbursement of report electronically:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Finance Department disbursing the monthly report to the Town Board electronically. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Interview-Housing Smart Communities Initiative Cont.:

The Town Board interviewed Mischa Cohn.

Poll Site Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to sign the 2024 Poll Site Agreement and 2024 Poll Site Agreement for Early Voting with the Ulster County Board of Elections, allowing them to use the Community Center as a polling site. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Grant Services:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to use Millenium Strategies services to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant due 3/31/24 for \$50,000.00-the grant is to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that foster local connections, covering the cost of building bathrooms at the Field of Dreams. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Set Public Hearings:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution setting the public hearing for the Battery Energy Storage System Law for February 15th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution setting the public hearing for the revised ADU Law for February 15th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution setting the public hearing for the Building Construction and Fire Prevention Law for February 15th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Retirement Date Amendment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve an amendment to Lt. Scott Butler's retirement date by moving his retirement date to December 31, 2023m with his last day of work being December 30, 2023. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Update Non-Union Personnel Policy:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the updated Non-Union Personnel Policy to reflect what was adopted at the January 4th Re-Org. and to remove the Justice Court from the list. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Update the Non-Union Personnel Policy to reflect what was adopted under the Jan 4th Re-Org

SECTION III: EMPLOYEE WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees are to conform to the work hours set by the Supervisor and Town Board to ensure that all Town offices are open and available to the public. The following hours are based upon location:

Offices at Town Hall: 52 Clearwater Rd: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Highway Department: 50 Clearwater Rd: 7:00 am to 3:30 pm: Check back for Summer Season Hrs.

Recycle/Reuse Center: 3 Clearwater Rd: 8:45 am to 5:15 pm: (last load at 4:45 pm)

Community Center: Veteran's Drive: TBD

Youth Center: 220 Main Street: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm: with additional hours held at the CAFÉ program at NPHS

Justice Court: 53 North Putt Corners Rd: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm: Court is held Tuesday & Wednesday nights.
Friday closure at 12:00 pm

Appointment to HPC:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Vinny Sickles to fill an open position on the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Police Vehicles:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the resolution authorizing the use of \$9,200.00 of funds from the police department vehicle reserve fund to pay for the cost of a new marked patrol vehicle for the police department, subject to remissive referendum. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bond Resolution- Vehicles:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Bond Resolution of the Town of New Paltz authorizing the issuance of up to \$106,655.00 in serial bonds of the Town to finance the acquisition of

motor vehicles for use by the Town. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bond Resolution-Highway Machinery:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Bond Resolution for the Town of New Paltz authorizing the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for use by the Town, stating the maximum estimated cost thereof is \$325,000.00; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of up to \$325,000.00 in serial bonds for the Town to finance said appropriation. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2023 Budget Modifications for Cost Overruns:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following 2023 budget modifications for cost overruns. Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Date of Meeting February 1, 2024							
Request authorization to modify the 2023 adopted budget for cost overruns as follows:							
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
A	1110.400	Justice, CE	2,858.00	A	1110.420	Justice, Special Prosecutor	2,858.00
A	1355.100	Assessor, PS	1,811.00	A	1410.400	Town Clerk, CE	1,865.00
A	1355.400	Assessor, CE	12,192.00	A	1620.100	Buildings & Grounds, PS	11,195.00
A	1410.100	Town Clerk, PS	5,058.00	A	1620.410	Buildings & Grounds, CE Town Hall	13,000.00
A	1420.400	Attorney, CE	4,730.00	A	1650.440	Public Access, CE	5,916.00
A	1620.400	Buildings & Grounds, CE	11,860.00	A	1670.440	Print/Mail, Bookkeeper	1,950.00
A	1670.450	Print/Mail, Town Clerk	180.00	A	1670.510	Print/Mail, Supervisor	2,900.00
A	1670.460	Print/Mail, Recreation	19.00	A	1990.400	Contingency	31,892.00
A	1670.472	Print/Mail, Assessor	356.00	A	3120.400	Police, CE	46,161.00
A	1670.480	Print/Mail, Community Health	61.00	A	4050.100	Public Health-Other, PS	13,900.00
A	1680.400	Central Data Processing, CE	5,292.00	A	5182.400	Street Lighting, CE	19,000.00
A	1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	14,711.00	A	5630.400	UCAT Loop Bus, CE	26,000.00
A	3120.100	Police, PS	131,748.00	A	7310.100	Youth, PS	2,272.00
A	3120.200	Police, Equip	25,100.00	A	8160.400	Refuse & Garbage, CE	25,000.00
A	3510.100	Control of Dogs, PS	1.00	A	8189.100	Recycling, PS	53,000.00
A	7150.130	Recreation-Moriello Pool, PS	31,260.00	A	9015.800	Fire & Police Retirement	30.00
A	7150.430	Recreation-Moriello Pool, CE	192.00				256,939.00
A	7310.400	Youth, CE	9,510.00				
			256,939.00				
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
B	1670.400	Central Printing & Mailing, CE	1,859.00	B	1650.443	Public Access, CE	2,031.00
B	1670.430	Print/Mail-Bldg Insp, CE	172.00	B	8010.400	Zoning, CE	3,969.00
B	8010.100	Zoning, PS	3,969.00	B	3620.100	Safety Inspections, PS	3,246.00
B	8090.400	ENCC, CE	12.00				9,246.00
B	9010.800	State Retirement	2,915.00				
B	9061.800	Dental Insurance	319.00				
			9,246.00				
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
DA	5010.100	Supt of Highways, PS	145.00	DA	5010.400	Supt of Highways, CE	2,410.00
DA	9010.800	State Retirement	653				
DA	9060.800	Medical Insurance	1612				
			2,410.00				
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
DB	5142.400	Snow Removal, CE	6,792.00	DB	5142.100	Snow Removal, PS	6,792.00
DB	9060.800	Medical Insurance	15,115.00	DB	9010.800	State Retirement	11,500.00
DB	9062.800	Vision Insurance	26.00	DB	9050.800	Unemployment Insurance	3,641.00
			21,933.00				21,933.00
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
SSE	8110.100	Administration, PS	109.00	SSE	8110.400	Administration, CE	109.00
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
SSF	1420.400	Attorney, CE	800.00	SSF	8130.400	Sewage Treat & Disp, CE	883.00
SSF	9010.800	State Retirement	83.00				
			883.00				
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
SWC	8320.400	Source of Supply/Pwr/Pump	410.00	SWC	9730.600	BANS-Principal	410.00
TO:				FROM:			
Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount	Fund	Line Item	Department	Amount
SWD	8340.400	Sewage Treat & Disp, CE	3,909.00	SWD	8310.4	Administration, CE	1,000.00
				SWD	8320.4	Sewage Treat & Disp, CE	2,900.00
				SWD	9030.8	Social Security	9.00
							3,909.00

Authorization to approve 2023 Budget Modifications:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the 2023 budget modifications. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Date of Meeting: February 1, 2024							

Request authorization to **increase** the adopted 2023 budget for additional grant funding and unanticipated revenue as follows:

INCREASE:							
SSA	960	Appropriations	7,711.00				
SSA	8130.400	Sewage Treat & Disp, CE		7,711.00			
INCREASE:							
SSA	510	Estimated Revenues	7,711.00				
SSA	2120	Sewer Rents		7,711.00			
INCREASE:							
SSF	960	Appropriations	25,341.00				
SSF	1440.400	Engineering		25,341.00			
INCREASE:							
SSF	510	Estimated Revenues	25,341.00				
SSF	3989	State Aid-DEC		25,341.00			
INCREASE:							
SWA	960	Appropriations	41,048.00				
SWA	8320.400	Source Supply/Pwr/Pump, CE		38,440.00			
SWA	8340.400	Transm & Distr, CE		2,608.00			
INCREASE:							
SWA	510	Estimated Revenues	41,048.00				
SWA	2140	Water Rents		41,048.00			
INCREASE:							
SWB	960	Appropriations	10,808.00				
SWB	8320.400	Source Supply/Pwr/Pump, CE		10,806.00			
SWB	9010.800	State Retirement		2.00			
INCREASE:							
SWB	510	Estimated Revenues	10,808.00				
SWB	2140	Water Rents		10,808.00			

Appointment to Ulster County Planning Board:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Lauren McPadden to the Ulster County Planning Board as 2nd alternate. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:34 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made Supervisor Bettez by to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk