



Town Board Meeting
January 18, 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 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 Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Jon Raskin, resident, urged the Town Board to request that the Thruway Authority rebuild the Brookside overpass bridge.
 -Rich Meyer, Gardiner, asked if the Town Board will be discussing the proposed mega warehouse in Modena. (The Board will discuss this later in the meeting)
 -Stana Weisburd submitted the following written comments: "I'm writing today to ask that you appoint Amanda Gotto to serve what is left of Dan Torres' term on the town board. I have had the pleasure of working with Amanda as a member of the town planning board and have nothing but good things to tell you. Amanda always showed up well prepared with important questions that we needed to consider. She worked hard to ensure that we thought through many of the projects that were in front of us particularly in relation to their environmental impacts. I always found Amanda to be organized & knowledgeable. It was clear she took a lot of time to ensure she was familiar with the projects and the possible impacts that we needed to address. She was also a pleasure to work with. She took the time to help bring me up to speed when I joined the planning board & was a great resource for me when I had questions. I think our town is fortunate to have such a capable and thoughtful person coming forward to serve".

Interviews for potential Town Board member:

The Town Board interviewed Amanda Gotto and Alex Baer.

Interview for Recreation Director:

The Town Board interviewed Justin Hilborne.

Executive Session:

At 7:47 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session to discuss the appointment and employment of personnel. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:27 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session with no action taken on either the Town Board member position or the Recreation Director position. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, 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 Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 4, 2024
- b. Update the name of the wetland inspector firm for the Planning Board from Milone and MacBroom, Inc to SLR International Corporation

Authorization to increase hours:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize increasing Marie Girard and Sharon Roth's hours at the community center from 6 hours each to 10 hours each per week, with a start date of January 22, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Housing Smart Committee:

The Town Board will start interviews in February.

Schedule Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to schedule a public hearing on February 1st at 7:00 p.m. to repeal Chapter 78, "Building Construction and Fire Prevention" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz and To Enact a New Chapter 78 "Building Construction and Fire Prevention" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Schedule Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to schedule a public hearing for February 1st at 7:00 p.m. 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 Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Battery Energy Storage System Law (BESS):

Tabled until all documents are ready.

Re-Appointment to BAR:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to re-appoint Adele Ruger to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5-year term to expire 9/2028. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Scott Butler as a part-time police officer effective February 1, 2024, at the rate outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, 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.

Approval to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Anthony Silverio as a part-time dispatcher effective January 22, 2024, at the rate outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to pay Application #8:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize paying CDE Electric Application #8 in the amount of \$4,450.75 for the Phase III Back-up Water Supply Project. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to pay Application #1:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize paying AquaLogics Systems Application #1 in the amount of \$33,888.40 for the Phase III Back-up Water Supply Project. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Conference Approval:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve John Orfitelli, Joe Marianek, Susan DeMark, and Matt Maley attending the ABC's of Historic Preservation Part 2: Local Designation Conference on January 11, 2024 (or at own date/time after broadcast) at a cost of \$15.00 each. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Christian Kitchen as a part-time Municipal Code Officer at a rate of \$25.00 per hour/20 hours per week, with a start date of January 22, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to approve ZBA fees:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following 2024 Zoning Board of Appeals Fee Schedule. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.



TOWN OF NEW PALTZ ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FEE SCHEDULE

Adopted January 4, 2024

	INITIAL APPLICATION	VIOLATION	ADDITIONAL MEETINGS
Area Variance Not requiring UCPB referral (includes two ZBA meetings)	\$300.00	\$500.00	+\$150.00 ea.
Area Variance With UCPB referral (includes three ZBA meetings)	<u>Residential</u> \$400.00	<u>Residential</u> \$600.00	<u>Residential</u> +\$150.00 ea.
	<u>Non-Residential</u> \$600.00	<u>Non-Residential</u> \$1,100.00	<u>Non-Residential</u> +\$300.00 ea.
Use Variance (includes two ZBA meetings)	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	+\$300.00 ea.
Special Use Permit	\$500.00		
Appeal Decision of Building Inspector		\$250.00	Escrow account will be established to cover consultant fees.

NOTE: Additional consultant fees will be the responsibility of the Applicant.

Authorization to approve Planning Board fees:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following 2024 Planning Board Application Review and Administrative Fees. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.



Town of New Paltz Planning Board
Application Review and Administrative Fees
 Effective January 2024 (adopted January __, 2024)
 Per Article IX – Planning and Zoning Fees of Town of New Paltz Code
 Planning Board fees are non-refundable and subject to other requirements per
 §140-59 to §140-62; §140-63; §140-66 to §140-69
Planning Board escrow deposits are subject to §140-60.1

FEE TYPE	DETAILS
Conceptual Review (not requiring consultants)	One conceptual review with the Planning Board will be granted at no charge.
Conceptual Review with Consultants*	At the discretion of the Planning Board Chair, a conceptual review requiring consultants may be granted. The fee of \$500.00 per consultant will be collected prior to the review. The conceptual review will not exceed ONE (1) hour.
Clearing and Grading	\$250.00 base fee, PLUS \$125.00 for each additional meeting after the first two (2) meetings, PLUS \$150.00 for each site visit required by the Planning Board Engineer.
Sign-related application review (separate from Building Department Permit fees)	A) <u>Individual sign application review</u> : \$150.00 B) <u>Master Sign Plan application review</u> : \$150.00 base fee PLUS \$50.00 per sign. C) <u>Simplified Sign Plan</u> (request for waiver of Sign Plan review by Planning Board: \$50.00)
Site Plan Review	A) <u>Residential</u> : \$500.00 base fee, PLUS \$150 per dwelling unit. B) <u>Non-residential</u> : \$150.00 base fee PLUS, fee per square foot Up to 1,000 SF: \$250.00 1,001-10,000 SF: \$2,500.00 10,001-20,000 SF: \$5,000.00 20,001+ SF: \$7,500.00 C) <u>Non-residential site changes only</u> : \$500.00 D) <u>Farm/Agriculture Site Plan</u> : \$450.00
Simplified Site Plan Review (waiver of site plan review)	\$550.00 Application must be in accordance with §140-51.3 and §140-51.4 of the Zoning Code.
Wetland Permit Short Form	No Charge
Wetland Permit Long Form	\$250.00
Steep Slope/Clearing Fee	\$250.00
Special Use Permit Applications	As determined by the Building Inspector.
Subdivision Review	A) <u>Subdivision</u> application with <u>no net gain of lots</u> : \$600.00 B) <u>Subdivision</u> application creating <u>one (1) or more lots</u> : \$750.00 PLUS \$200.00 for each additional lot.
Wireless Communications Facility	A) <u>Minor Facility</u> : \$575.00 base fee for the first three meetings and \$185.00 for each additional meeting. B) <u>Major Facility</u> : \$1400.00 for the first three (3) meetings and \$300.00 for each additional meeting.
Other Fees	Dormant Application Fee required after 12 months of no activity by the applicant, an application will be considered dormant. In order for the review process to begin again, a reinstatement fee of one-half of the initial application fee will be charged. 90 Day Extension Fee: \$75.00
Escrow Deposits	Escrow deposits will be determined upon initial application review. (As defined in Town Code Section §140-60.1)
Recreation Trust Fund Fees (in lieu of parkland set-aside)	\$5,500.00 for each additional lot created by subdivision or each dwelling unit created by site plan, with the exception of Accessory Apartments which shall be \$1,000.00, unless otherwise determined by the Town Board.

*Additional Consultant fees will be the responsibility of the applicant

Authorization to approve applications:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the designated Planning Board Wetland and Watercourse Referral Long and Short Form Referral Applications. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to approve revised voucher and audit schedule:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following revised Voucher and Audit Schedule, as discussed at the Re-Org meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

VOUCHER AUDIT SCHEDULE 2024		
DATE VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR AUDIT AT 4:30 PM		TOWN BOARD MEMBERS SCHEDULED TO AUDIT
JANUARY	12	ESI & KITTY
FEBRUARY	9	JULIE & TBA
MARCH	15	ESI & KITTY
APRIL	12	JULIE & TBA
MAY	10	ESI & KITTY
JUNE	14	JULIE & TBA
JULY	12	ESI & KITTY
AUGUST	9	JULIE & TBA
SEPTEMBER	13	ESI & KITTY
OCTOBER	11	JULIE & TBA
NOVEMBER	15	ESI & KITTY
DECEMBER	13	JULIE & TBA

Discussion-Letter to NYS Thruway:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez authorizing the Supervisor to send the letter requesting that the Thruway Authority rebuild the Brookside bridge overpass. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Mega warehouse:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to write a letter on behalf of the Town to the Plattekill Planning Board explaining our concerns about the increase in traffic that New Paltz will see as a result of the warehouse. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion-Consolidation meeting:

The Town Board will try to attend the meeting on January 24, 2024, Town-Village Consolidation meeting.

Petition to expand Water/Sewer Districts:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the plan and petition for Bimbo Bakeries to expand Water District 1 and Sewer District 1 and authorize sending it to the Town Engineer for review. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

MHET Resolution:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to commit to partnering with Mid-Hudson Energy Transition to administer the New Paltz Community Solar Initiative. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the January Warrant in the amount of \$1,304,798.48. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:04 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