



Town Board Meeting
March 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference

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

At 7 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, 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:

Jay Nelson spoke about the property of the proposed Government Operations Center by Paradies Lane, requesting that part of the land be put in a Conservation Land Trust.

Marie Warchol, Irwin Cantor, Claudia Battaglia and Judy Mage all asked the Town Board to reconsider the \$30 hourly fee to use the Community Center, specifically on behalf of their Ping-Pong group.

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the new Recreation Director will address this issue.

Volunteer Sign-Up Committee:

Fawn Tantillo proposed creating this committee to help clean up the abundance of abandoned signs in the Town. She will contact CIT to possibly work together on this.

Interview: The Town Board interviewed Fawn Tantillo for the vacant position on the ZBA.

EnCB Annual Report Presentation: Tabled.

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 Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of minutes: Town Board, March 7, 2024
- b. Authorization to establish a Planning Board Escrow in the amount of \$8,000.00 with \$2,000.00 replenishment for the subdivision application of Sharad Deedwaniya, 203 S. Ohioville Road, PB24-038
- c. Authorization to wave 30-day hold on Pasquale's liquor license application renewal
- d. Authorization to refund the remaining escrow balance of \$370.00 due to Jeffrey Arliss, 44 Rocky Hill Road, for PB22-206 Subdivision Application, which was withdrawn by the applicant on May 9, 2023
- e. Authorization to close Public Hearing 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", Local Law #1 of 2024
- f. Authorization to close Hearing 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, Local Law #2 of 2024

Town Board Committee Liaisons:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Councilwoman Gotto as the liaison to BAR, Planning and Zoning. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert who offered to share them if needed. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Updated 2024 Voucher Audit Schedule:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the updated 2024 Voucher Audit Schedule as follows. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, 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 & AMANDA
MARCH	15	ESI & KITTY
APRIL	12	JULIE & AMANDA
MAY	10	ESI & KITTY
JUNE	14	JULIE & AMANDA
JULY	12	ESI & KITTY
AUGUST	9	JULIE & AMANDA
SEPTEMBER	13	ESI & KITTY
OCTOBER	11	JULIE & AMANDA
NOVEMBER	15	ESI & KITTY
DECEMBER	13	JULIE & AMANDA

No Parking Resolution:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the No Parking Zones in the area around Gatehouse Road for the 2024 Rock the Ridge Fundraiser, on May 4, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to Pay Application #2:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to pay Application #2 to AquaLogics in the amount of \$77,692.90 for the Phase III Backup Water Supply Project. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to approve purchase of vehicle:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Buildings & Grounds Department's purchase of a 2012 Ford F250 with a plow, sander, and a new utility body (\$14,000 which was bought and installed in 2023 by the Highway Department). The old body from the F250 was auctioned off for \$900.00 and the funds placed in the Highway Equipment reserve. The purchase of \$30,000 will be funded by \$26,400 B&G Truck Reserve and \$3,600 by the B&G equipment line (1620.200) Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to purchase vehicle:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Highway Department's purchase of a 2024 Chevy Crew Cab with a plow for a contract price of \$74,302.78. The purchase will be funded with the \$30,000 Building and Grounds sale money and a withdrawal from Highway Reserve of \$44,32.78. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to move funds:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to move \$7,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund reserve to Miscellaneous Special Revenue. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to hire:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve Avery Herring at the rate of \$23.00 an hour as a Seasonal Laborer to replace Ron Weber with a start date of March 25, 2024, through June 30, 2024, up to no more than 220 hours. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to dispose of electronics:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to dispose of old cell phones, printers, non-working PCs, and other related outdated equipment. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to destroy electronics:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Highway Department to destroy old, outdated backup hard drives and dispose of them properly. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Conference authorization:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Building Department paying (as a pre-pay) \$750.00 for Tom Tryon and Christian Kitchen to attend an upcoming Code Conference. The conference will be held at Novella's of New Paltz on April 16, 17, 18, 2024 – the conference will provide the required twenty-four hours of continued education required by New York State for Code Enforcement Officials. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval of Agreement:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the execution of an agreement between the Town of New Paltz and Normann Staffing to allow the Building Department to retain a temporary employee via Normann Staffing until such time that a full-time Building Department Clerk can be hired from the Ulster County Civil Service list. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modifications:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to modify the adopted 2023 budget for cost overruns. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Date of Meeting: March 21, 2024									
Request authorization to <i>modify</i> the adopted 2023 budget for cost overruns as follows:									
TO:					FROM:				
B	7110.210	Parks-Moriello Pool	500.00		B	7110.410	Parks-Rail Trail	500.00	
Request authorization to <i>reduce</i> the adopted 2023 budget for duplicate entry of playground as follows:									
REDUCE:									
A	510	Estimated Revenues	21,000.00						
A	980-2089	Other Culture & Recreation Income		21,000.00					
A	960	Appropriations	21,000.00						
A	522-7150.260	NP Sports Park-Equipment		21,000.00					
Request authorization to <i>reclass</i> the adopted 2023 budget for budgetary correction of spreadsheet as follows:									
TO:					FROM:				
A	980-2750	AIM Related State Aid	41,745.00		A	980-3001	State Aid/Per Capita	41,745.00	

Sewer 6 Loan:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Sewer 6 Capital Fund Loan. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Recycling Drive:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to collaborate with New Yorkers for Cool Refrigerant Management and Sustainable Hudson Valley on the Coolest Recycling Drive in May. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Sale of Vehicles:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the sale of 2 used police vehicles to SUNY Ulster Community College – selling 7F343 (2018 Ford Explorer SUV) for \$11,000.00 and 7F342 (2017 Ford Taurus Sedan) for \$8,500.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the March Warrant in the amount of \$1,447,329.04. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Grant Program:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez for the Town of New Paltz to commit to participating in the Hudson Valley Regional Council for the Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program proposal. Seconded by Councilwoman Gotto, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Gotto indicated that the recent work done at the Community Center has disrupted the pollinator garden. She is asking the community for help buying new plants.

Executive Session:

At 8:11 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 8:27 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 Supervisor Bettez to terminate Code Officer Larry Maher. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:27 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