



**Joint Town & Village Board Meeting  
October 3, 2019, 7 p.m.,  
Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave.**

**Present (T):** Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman David Brownstein and Councilman Marty Irwin. **Absent:** Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

**Present (V):** Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee William Murray, Trustee Michelle Zipp, Trustee KT Tobin. **Absent:** Trustee Alex Wojcik.

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

**Agenda:** +Village increase Alana Sawchuk's hours, + Village approve IGA with DEP  
A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:03 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

At 7:04 p.m. Trustee Wojcik arrived.

**Public Input:** None

**Set new date for Climate Smart Vulnerability Workshop:**

Janelle Peotter and Amanda Gotto from the Climate Smart Committee indicated that they did not receive as much participation in the Climate Smart Vulnerability survey as they had hoped. They would like to try it again and proposed a new date to review the results with the Town and Village Boards. The Boards agreed on a tentative date of December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

**Water Meter IMA:**

Supervisor Bettez requested modifying the approved IMA between the Town and Village to reflect that the Town will bill *and* collect from the Town customers. Following a discussion by the Boards, this item was tabled.

**Joule Community Energy (CCA) IMA:**

The Village Attorney has reviewed the IMA and made revisions.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the IMA if Attorney Joe Moriello is comfortable with only the Village Attorney reviewing it, otherwise the Town will allow Attorney Moriello to review it and advise the Town. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers for the Village to sign the agreement with Joule. Seconded by Trustee Murray, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Joint Forestry Grant Resolution:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and Trustee Wojcik to authorize the Town and Village to reapply for the grant. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein and Trustee Zipp, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Street Light Purchase:**

A motion was made Councilman Brownstein to allow the Supervisor to sign the agreement when. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers to allow the Mayor to sign the agreement when ready. Seconded by Trustee Zipp, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:41 p.m. Trustee Murray left the meeting.

**NYPA Contract:**

A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract at an amount not to exceed \$130,000. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes motion carried.

**NYSDEC Spill #19-04824:**

The initial proposal has been revised to include an additional \$1,250 for a Remedial Investigative Work Plan/Remedial Action Plan required by DEC.

A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Tobin to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal. Seconded by Mayor Rogers, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**T-Mobile (Village only):**

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers to use T-Mobile for Mifi Mobile hotspot at the Water Plant at a special rate of \$28.70 that is only available to municipalities. Seconded by Trustee Tobin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Increase Alana Sawchuk's hours (Village only):**

A motion was made by Trustee Wojcik to hire Alana Sawchuk for 32.5 hrs/wk at \$19/hr. Seconded by Trustee Zipp. An amendment was made by Mayor Rogers to split those hours as the Planning/Zoning Secretary, Assistant to the Building Department and Assistant to the Mayor and Village Board. Seconded by Trustee Wojcik, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**IGA with DEP (Village only):**

A motion was made by Mayor Rogers to authorize the Mayor to sign the updated IGA. Seconded by Trustee Zipp, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Approval of Joint Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Tobin to approve the Joint Minutes from 9/11/19. Seconded by Trustee Wojcik, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to approve the Joint Minutes from 9/11/19. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast. Councilman Irwin abstained due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried.

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of executive session. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Rogers to adjourn the Village Board. Seconded by Trustee Zipp, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Appointment of new Chief of Police:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to appoint Lt. Robert Lucchesi as the new Police Chief for the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The Town Board will conduct interviews for the Lt.'s position.

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to amend the agenda to include Public Input. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Input:**

Alyssa Sullivan of Hoag Place supports the idea of the Solar Array but does not support the amount of land that will be cut. This would impact her property and her family. She hopes the Town will slow down the process.

A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein that the Town Attorney does not negotiate the lease until the Board further considers it. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Route 299 Gateway Rezoning:**

Attorney Victoria Polidoro indicated that the Board has received all the revised documents since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution to adopt a SEQRA Negative Declaration. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution authorizing the adoption of Amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution authorizing the adoption of Local Law #7 of 2019. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Coordinator Michael Zierler discussed the next steps.

**Consultant for Henry W. DuBois Road Improvement Project:**

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the committee has recommended Alta Planning be engaged as the Design Firm. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the committee's recommendation and negotiate the contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and seconded by Councilman Irwin to approve and/or authorize the following items as part of the consent agenda. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

1. Approval of minutes: Police Commission 9/19/19
2. Authorization for the Supervisor to sign the 3<sup>rd</sup> Contract Amendment: DEP
3. Budget Modifications

Request Authorization to increase the 2019 adopted budget for Soccer League donation and Parkland Funds transfer to build (2) new soccer fields at the New Paltz Sports Park as follows:

D-AAA510	Estimated Revenues	\$30,000.00
AAA-980-2089-000	Other Culture & Recreation	\$10,000.00
AAA-980-2705-000	Donations	\$20,000.00
C-AAA960	Appropriations	\$30,000.00
AAA-522-7150-460	New Paltz Sports Park, C.E.	\$30,000.00

Request authorization to increase the adopted 2019 budget for insurance recoveries for Police car damages as follows:

D-AAA510	Estimated Revenues	\$41,584.00
AAA-980-2680-000	Insurance Recoveries	\$41,584.00
C-AAA960	Appropriations	\$41,584.00
AAA-522-3120-200	Police, Equipment	\$41,584.00

Request authorization to earmark \$12,500 received in filming fees from Springtown Bridge for the Bridge Project in the Capital Project Fund (for the Moriello Pool Bridge)

4. Community Center sprinkler contract
5. *Appointment of Katherine Fuller to the ZBA-Removed from Consent Agenda*
6. Escrow release: PB 19-128; Lunati Subdivision (lot line revision) in the amount of \$1,174.25
7. Helen Christie retirement: Building Department

**Authorization to Canvass: Building Department:**

Supervisor Bettez indicated that with Helen Christie's retirement, the Building Department is requesting to canvass for her position. Supervisor Bettez only budgeted for 20 hours a week which reflects Mrs. Christie's original classified position. Building Inspector Stacy Delarede indicated that the department needs a clerk for 30 hours a week to prevent having to close the office and ensure coverage during inspections. This item was tabled and will be revisited during budget discussions.

**Approval of Minutes-Public Hearing/Town Board 9/19/19:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Public Hearing/Town Board minutes of 9/19/19. Seconded by Councilman Torres. Councilman Irwin offered an amendment to the item "Engagement of project management engineering firm" to read as follows:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to engage Walden Engineering to serve as project manager for the Solar on Landfill project. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, Councilman Torres was absent for the vote. Motion carried." Councilman Brownstein seconded the amendment. All aye votes cast. Councilman Torres abstained due to his absence during that portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

**Wildflower planting proposal-Empire State Trail:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to spend \$500 on seeds and allow volunteers from SUNY to seed the areas along the trail. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Acceptance of Bid:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the bid for the Terex backhoe at auction in the amount of \$14,200. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**2020 Budget Presentation:**

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Town Board has received a copy of the 2020 Tentative Budget, which reflects an increase of 5.3%. The Board would have to cut \$313,404 in order to stay below the tax cap. The Department heads will have the opportunity to discuss their budgets at upcoming budget meetings.

**Proposed Tax Cap Local Law:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution designating the Town Board Lead Agency to review environmental impacts of the proposed changes to the Code of the Town of New Paltz regarding the Tax Cap Override Local Law. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to declare this a Type 2 Action. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing date for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:39 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse  
Town Clerk