



**Town Board Meeting
Public Hearing-Critical Environmental Areas cont.
May 21, 2020, 6:55 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilman David Brownstein, and Chief Rob Lucchesi

At 6:55pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

At 6:57pm a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the agenda and add the acceptance of guard rails. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Announcements:

Town hall will be closed on Monday May 25, 2020 and Reuse Center will be closed Tuesday May 26th.

Public Input: None

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approval of minutes: Town Board Meeting 5/7/20: Joint Meeting 5/13/20
- B. Authorization for \$6,727.00 in parkland funding for FOD soccer fields.

CIT Main St. banner proposal:

New Paltz Community Foundation will be collecting donations on behalf of the Town and Village of New Paltz for the purpose of providing funding for the 2020 Piglets Main St. Banner Project. Donations will enable our local students to contribute to the beautification of Main St. and complete important community service commitments as they graduate from New Paltz High School.

The goal is to receive public acknowledgment for collection of money from the Town and Village. The Town has approved this as a public acknowledgment of money.

For more information a press release will be written by Councilwoman Baer and Sue Stegen to inform the public of the fund-raising campaign. Total project is estimated to cost approximately \$1750.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the installation of the banners and the ability to work with New Paltz Community Foundation for fund-raising. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion: Working with Joule Community Power for Covid-19 relief efforts:

Joule Community Power is working with local solar farms and will get payments from everyone that signs up from our CCA. They are interested in partnering with a local non-profit and will donate money for everyone that signs up. Family of New Paltz was mentioned to be a good fit

for this effort. A letter will be sent out informing the public of this effort and for every person who signs up \$50.00 will be donated to Family of New Paltz.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to work with Joule for Covid-19 relief efforts and to get money to Family of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to hire: Police Department:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to hire two part time police officers (Kaelyn Marsh and Jonah Town) Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

May Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the May Warrant in the amount of \$530,118.59. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Guard Rails from Mohonk Preserve:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the gift of guard rails from the Mohonk Preserve. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie Mazzaccari
Deputy Town Clerk