

**Town Board Meeting-Town of New Paltz
February 19, 2009**

Present: Jeff Logan, David Lewis, Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was opened by the Supervisor with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Councilwoman Brown old business – update on RS; Woodland Pond donation in Parkland fee; revolving loans @UCDC: our ICIB. New business: Master Plan survey; full page NPX – standing is for ZBA and Attorney. Councilwoman Brown moved to adopt agenda as amended, seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast.

Public Comment:

Ira – was asked to stay at last senior task force – asked for his help – not an official committee – he suggested the Town make it an official committee – PSA – Shoprite bulletin board

Fred Van Nostrand – bus stops

Community Announcements:

Child Care Center – Cookbook to raise money for new playground - \$12. each

Councilwoman Brown suggested naming the Community Center after Bob and Marjorie Lasher.

Agenda Items:

Farmland Protection: 2008 awarded grant for farmland protection – two other communities hired same planner. 3 supervisor interviewed Phillip Gotwals and Kathryn Daniels – Agric. & community Dev Svcs. Approval to hire Gotwald. Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize the supervisor to enter into an agreement for \$19,400. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Solar panel payment: 4% of KW hours casting Village to provide electric. \$742.50 appropriate amount – no meter reading for first 2 1/2 years – estimates incorrect and exceeded allowances. Town could offer to buy electricity for Police Department. Councilman Logan moved to pay Village \$742.50, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast. Authorized as pre pay.

Update Rescue Squad – history created regarding formula (Bob Friedman) took amount of rescue and call volume, 60/40 Town / Village; figured cash total; figured revenue from Village tax payers if this were in A fund. 2% of total – subtracted difference – contribution of Village's Budget, Rescue Squad kept increasing by 2% of each government which was not questioned. Language is incorrect in contract "outside the A fund." Formulas should be redone every 2 years.

Woodland Pond

Councilwoman Brown would like contribution of \$12,000 for liner of kiddy pool @Moriello Park. Supervisor Hokanson need to table.

Councilwoman Brown does not want to pay more legal fees and ask Woodland Pond to donate the money. Councilman Logan asked Joe Moriello to define KRSL corp. is doing – would rather to have a check Councilman Logan made a motion to request KRS to give cash value of 6 trees, bench, and install cases, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, vote as follows 2 aye votes, 3 nay

Councilwoman Brown moved to formally request an accounting of recreation fees paid to the Village as part of their approval process, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast.

Revolving Loan: Ulster County receives \$200,000 from Ulster County Legislature. Last ZBA hearing – Susan Zimet said Hampton Inn getting 2 exemptions. (2005 minutes – final report of committee – voted on as Board – adopting ICIB Committee – step missing we discovered 2 years ago. Town Clerk check abatement.

PATV Recommendation: Don Kerr –moving forward with proposal would be a reduction. Thanks to Ron Turner for the services he provided. Supervisor Hokanson added the Board would give Ron advance notice of the change in camera coverage. Councilman Logan made a motion the Town Board accept the recommendation of the PATV Committee and sign the contract, and separately contract if the Village is not paying their portion. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Ron Turner stated it should be a Civil Service Job – that makes it a level playing field. Supervisor Hokanson suggested spending up to \$200 for hard drive. Councilman Lewis made a motion to spend up to \$200 for a hard drive. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bus Stop Schedule boxes: to be built by Bicycle-Pedestrian committee members – the cost is \$90 for materials for six boxes; and Thanks offered to Doug Havner. A motion was made by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Radio Grant: Councilman Lewis made a motion to approve applying for the Grant. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Disposition of DARE Van: estimates of worth provided – Chief Synder would like to purchase it – discussion ensued on just one person having the opportunity to purchase it. Press Release

Set Public Hearing for Grievance Day: tabled -- no paperwork available.

Master Plan – full page ad – Survey done last time. Councilwoman Brown moved the Town of New Paltz spend \$700 to print the Master Plan Survey in New Paltz Times. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion - he can not support the motion. Need more information from Peter J Smith.

Councilwoman Brown explained \$75,000 being spent on Master Plan. Proposed 1000 letters first class mail expects 80 pieces back. Vote as follow: 1 aye; 4 nays – failed.

ZBA: Section 140-55 of the Town Code – variance granted by ZBA if strict...hardship...but in no other case. Hampton Inn is example – definition of “standing” not relaxed. Councilwoman Brown suggested getting second opinion from Dave Gordon. Supervisor Hokanson suggested getting opinion from Dennis Doyle, which would cost nothing to the Town. (10:21 listen to tape) Councilwoman Brown thought David Gordon would take no more than 2 pages. MC reacts

Councilwoman Brown moved to refer questions – State Superseding and refer to Dave Gordon, seconded by Councilman Logan. Vote is as follow: 2 ayes; 3 nays (Council members Lewis and Williams and Supervisor Hokanson)

Appointments:

Bike Pedestrian: Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint Bill Weinstein chair. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to appoint Judy Reichler to the Bicycle–Pedestrian committee. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried

Police Commission: Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to re-appoint chair Rick Remsnyder to a 3-year term. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to re-appoint George Campbell and Diana Francis for a one-year term each. Seconded by Councilman Lewis. Supervisor Hokanson suggested term limits on Police Commission, Councilwoman Williams suggested changing policy on future agenda. Vote as follows: 1 nay; 4 ayes, motion carried.

Warrants:

Councilman Lewis made a motion to pay February warrants in the amount of \$980,607.52. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Committee Reports next week

Councilman Logan – Planning Board – trailer at Medical Center – not approved for the site plan; amendment – future discussion due

Councilman Lewis – Senior Citizens Task Force – seniors take part re: programs – State and County. Questioned what does board want to see in Community Center when it is opened. Arts Community sent rep.

At 10:35 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk