

June 17, 2010

## Town of New Paltz Town Board meeting

**Present:** David Lewis, Jeff Logan, Kitty Brown, Jane Ann Williams, Toni Hokanson.

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

**Agenda:** Supervisor Hokanson added request to use for Moriello Park to the agenda. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Ann Guenther, town resident, naturalist – climate smart communities – Climate Action Coalition born of interested people. Other towns active with a plan. Group very active reduced by 10% with activities – Oct (1010event) in the works. They hope time is right for this Town to take step; have been meeting every Thursday 5 to 7 at Village Hall. Margaret Human, also a member – urges the Town to make a commitment. New Paltz is ready for it. Lot of active groups in New Paltz – Town Committees – shape zoning laws to avoid sprawl and be more energy efficient.

Jim O’Dowd – another member – Warwick is an example as per a recent Times Herald Record article. They acclimate conscious step in that direction for us.

Shari Osborn –works with the group – encouraging Town to pass. She would welcome it at the Village level. ICELI is no longer essential. She raised questions on sharing \$600 fee.

**Old Business:**

**Update on draft Wetlands Law:**

Attorney and engineer working to complete EAF; issues with completion of Comprehensive Plan and 2 SEQRS. No Public Hearing in summer. If it is ready in July, we can set the Public Hearing in early fall.

**Update on Traffic improvements:**

Of \$7 million in reserve by DOT improvement plan – prioritization list submitted to DOT (state roads only); sidewalk crossing improvements planned with Village.

**Set Public Hearing for Floyd Kniffen Annexation:**

Need to set Public Hearing date within 20 days of receipt. Councilwoman Brown reminded of PUD regulation to exclude non taxable property, Law is strict about getting Public Hearing date set. We are late. Supervisor Hokanson moved to set Public Hearing date for July 1st at 7:30 p.m. seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Local Law – Outdoor Burning Stoves:**

A little more comprehensive than we had. Councilwoman Brown in favor of one size fits all; sole source of heat included? Maybe in first version. Additional Supervisors suggestions – prohibit on fuel sources and Section C, approved fuel section, need to set Public Hearing.

**Climate Smart Communities:**

Joe Bergstein, Town of New Paltz represents ENCB, said Town’s Comprehensive Plan and environmental policy – they voted to use Climate Smart for environmental policy for the Town.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion for Town of New Paltz to resolve to reduce green house emissions. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast. A question came up to include the Village in the fee.

Mayor Dungan added that Greenworks is already chartered. Moved to next week’s agenda.

**Recommendations from Ethics Board:**

Improvements needed in municipal ethics law. Recommendations made by state (they critiqued – in a state council for local environment to hand to Attorney Moriello. Supervisor said attorney should look at the recommendation and advise us - needs work from attorney. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to refer to the Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Event Safety Review fees:**

Talked about charges for profit vs. nonprofit, Town affiliated or not, 501C3 vs. not.

Non 501-C3 not based in New Paltz -\$500 should be double depending on # of participants, time limit and length of miles. Proposed fees up to 3 hours NY road runner might be helpful. Event sponsors’ address organizing entity.

Councilwoman Brown moved that we try with these fees, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast.

**Shared services for snow plowing:**

Study done to save money in County. Benefit to everyone according to Dave Boles Co. DPW. Dave went on to say there were a lot of meetings between County and Highway Superintendents. Long term vision is to shrink County’s work force on highways. Long term goal be 1 of 38 counties would have town plowing roads. This was done 30 years and more in some counties; he defined County Road as a feeder road which crosses town lines. For plowing only and maybe maintenance down the road; not taking over roads just plowing them. \$4700 per mile for snow plowing of 7.7 mile stretch in Town; equaling \$36,190 for 1 year which is \$4700 less than County spends. The County wants to take on more responsibility with bridges if towns take snow plowing responsibility. Councilwoman Brown questioned on how that

Councilwoman Brown questioned budget into excel. Youth Center is becoming a non-profit. Supervisor sent letter nothing – not pursuing at this point. Councilwoman Brown on Youth Center they need to understand budget is exceeding what we can spend. Comprises 106530 in personal services total 140,000 Equipment down to \$1000 from \$12,000. Supervisor suggested putting it on future agenda.

**Police OT Budget:** get numbers for the Board and have recreation director come before this board as well. Didn't get a letter to school board in time for their budget – can Councilman Lewis as liaison to the Police Commission bring up school paying for resource officer. Should shared services wait?

**Fire district** – how many tax bills.

**ENCB** – Rachel Lagodka consolidate EEB Boards – not yet

Councilman Lewis:

Norman progress on wetlands law.

**HPC** – digitizing on historic properties in Town and Village. Want to do test run for 2 boards before public presentation.

**EnCB:** presentation at Village – new tech for reed bids – grant writer told Village Board not to be tempted into consolidation.

Councilwoman Williams reported the street lighting committee met.

Councilman Lewis reported on the Police Commission stating everything has been brought up publicly.

**Appointments:**

Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint Lynn Bowdery to one year alternate position on Planning Board to 12/31/2010. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint Rich Caragene to Planning Board for term ending 12/31/2017. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown moved to appoint Lagusta Yearwood to Planning Board vacant term. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, 3 no votes, 1 abstaining 1 aye vote. Motion failed.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to appoint 1 year alternate position through 12/31/2010 to Lagusta Yearwood. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams no votes cast by Council members Brown and Logan; Councilman Lewis abstained due to not being present. Motion failed.

Councilwoman Brown suggested no interviews before 6:30 p.m. , Supervisor agreed but warned it may take a long time.

**Prepayments:**

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to authorize the board to approve the prepayment of PO #91508 from A & B 167040,Central Printing Office Equipment Finance Services, in the amount of \$519.44. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. This is the lease payment for copy machines in the supervisor's office and building dept.

Councilman Logan made a motion for the Town Board to pass a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to modify the 2010 budget as follows; to increase the budget due to contracted expenses not spent in 2009 for renovation for the police building due to delay in start of construction. In amount of \$32,850, motion seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Minute approval of 4/22/2010 - next time.

10:55 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk