



VILLAGE & TOWN OF NEW PALTZ
Regular Joint Meeting of Wednesday, January 9th, 2019
Village Hall -- 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Present: Mayor Tim Rogers, Deputy Mayor KT Tobin, Trustee Don Kerr, Trustee Dennis Young, Trustee William Wheeler Murray; Supervisor Neil Bettez, Deputy Supervisor Dan Torres, Councilperson Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilperson David Brownstein

Also Present: Ariana Basco, Assistant to the Mayor; Terence P. Ward, Member of the Press

Absent: Councilperson Marty Irwin

Call to Order: Deputy Mayor KT Tobin called the regular joint meeting of the Village of Board of Trustees and Town Council to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

1. [Public Hearing on Local Law # of 2019 Amending Chapter 175, Article III: Streets and Public Places, Snow and Ice Removal](#)

No comments from the public.

The public hearing was left open.

Administrative Business

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The following items were added to the Joint Business Agenda:
 - i. Discussion of fire sprinklers with Fire Chief Cory Wirthmann
 - ii. Public Access TV Channel coordinator
 - b. The following items were added to the Town Business Agenda:
 - i. Release up to \$20,000 from seized asset fund account for purchase of unmarked Police vehicle
 - ii. Authorize Highway Superintendent Chris Marx to go onto Office of General Services (OGS) Procurement Services and put out bids for mechanics truck and compressor
 - iii. Authorize Supervisor to accept winning bids of two surplus vehicles (2013 Ford Taurus for \$4,300 and 1990 Chevy Pickup for \$700) and sign all required paperwork
 - c. The following items were added to the Village Consent Agenda:
 - i. Reappoint Rachel Lagodka and Greg Van Pukeston to the Environmental Policy Board with terms that ends in December of 2020
 - d. The following items were added to the Village Business Agenda:

- i. Memo from DPW - require monthly permits issued by the Village for (10) on-street parking spots between Tricor and Fairview on the northside of Mohonk Ave
- ii. Renewal of contract with Fischer Security
- iii. Apply to the DEC and NYS Department of Health for help to develop a protection plan for our drinking water sources. The new Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) will include 30 communities who will receive assistance from NYS to update drinking water assessments and develop plans to protect public water supply areas. Applications are due February 15, 2019

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to approve the agenda as amended; Trustee Young seconds; all in favor **(Passed 4-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to approve the agenda as amended; Deputy Supervisor Torres seconds; all in favor **(Passed 3-0)**

2. Announcements

- a. Village Fire Dept and DPW will be collecting Christmas Trees through Jan 12th - they can be brought to Hasbrouck Park or left curbside to be mulched, which will be free to the public

Public Comment

None.

Joint Business Agenda

1. [2018-12-06 Joint Meeting Minutes](#)

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to approve the 2018-12-06 Joint Meeting Minutes. Trustee Kerr seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 4-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to approve the 2018-12-06 Joint Meeting Minutes. Deputy Supervisor Torres seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 3-0)**

2. **Discussion of fire sprinklers with Fire Chief Cory Wirthmann**

Councilperson Julie Seyfert-Lillis joined the meeting at 7:08pm.

Mayor Rogers joined the meeting at 7:23pm.

The Village and Town Boards were both in favor of moving forward with fire sprinkler requirements for new residential construction. The boards discussed using thresholds that would trigger the requirement for renovations that could potentially house tenants. Thresholds could be based on number of bedrooms or percentages of renovations. A renovation of 50% or more of the

property coupled with four bedrooms or more. There's concern that property owners will find ways around the code such as renovating 25% of a property multiple years in a row. Trustee Wheeler Murray will pursue the writing of a proposed law.

Fire Dept Update

- Total 2018 incidents: 778 (100 calls more than 2017)
- Five Districts:
 - SUNY New Paltz:
 - Other Depts: 25 calls
 - Town outside Village: 335 calls
 - Village: 253 calls
 - NYS Thruway: 17 calls
- Valuation of Total Estimated Loss: \$221,820
- Volunteer Hours on Fire Calls: 7,373 hours (does not include trainings, meetings, maintenances, etc - with all those hours it would be closer to 16,000 hours)

3. [Resolution #1 of 2019 SUNY Impact Aid](#)

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to adopt Resolution #1 of 2019 SUNY Impact Aid. Mayor Rogers seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to adopt Resolution #1 of 2019 SUNY Impact Aid. Deputy Supervisor Torres seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 4-0)**

4. Mass gathering permitting

There is a cost involved with gatherings and many events in public spaces have been approved on the honor system based on things like projected number of attendees and promises to stay on the sidewalk and not block traffic. There is not always accuracy in these projections and the boards would like to revise the collective policy on mass gatherings with better thresholds for numbers of attendees and more recourse for charging groups that create costs to the Village or Town.

5. [Resolution # of 2019: Rent Stabilization](#)

The boards discussed support for this resolution and made some suggestions for edits. We will invite the Kingston organization working on this issue to the next Joint Meeting.

6. Racial Equity Initiatives

Deputy Mayor Tobin and Assistant to the Supervisor, Kathy Preston are putting together a book club to read "So You Want To Talk About Race" as one of many initiatives to shine a light on racism in our community. Trustee Young suggested the Village implement a racial equity action plan and promised to share his research on the topic with the rest of the board

7. Public Access TV Channel Coordinator

The Village Board is coming up on budget season and would like to discuss the financial breakdown with the Town as this is a joint committee.

Town Business Agenda

1. Release up to \$20,000 from seized asset fund account for purchase of unmarked Police vehicle.

Supervisor Bettez moves to release up to \$20,000 from seized asset fund account for purchase of unmarked Police vehicle. Deputy Supervisor Torres seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 4-0)**

2. Authorize Highway Superintendent Chris Marx to go onto Office of General Services (OGS) Procurement Services and put out bids for mechanics truck and compressor.

Supervisor Bettez moves to authorize the Highway Superintendent Chris Marx to go onto Office of General Services (OGS) Procurement Services and put out bids for mechanics truck and compressor. Councilperson Brownstein seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 4-0)**

3. Authorize Supervisor to accept winning bids of two surplus vehicles (2013 Ford Taurus for \$4,300 and 1990 Chevy Pickup for \$700) and sign all required paperwork.

Supervisor Bettez moves to authorize the Supervisor to accept winning bids of two surplus vehicles (2013 Ford Taurus for \$4,300 and 1990 Chevy Pickup for \$700) and sign all required paperwork. Councilperson Brownstein seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 4-0)**

Adjournment

Supervisor Bettez moves to adjourn the Town portion of the, January 9th, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Village and Town Boards of New Paltz at 8:33 PM; Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 4-0)**

Village Consent Agenda

1. Approve [12-12-19 VB Meeting Minutes](#)
2. [Approve Contract No. VNP-142 Payment to OCS Industries in the amount of \\$29,803.34 for Modifications to the VoNP Water Treatment Facility](#)
3. [Approve Contract No. VNP-142 Payment to Hudson Valley EC&M, Inc in the amount of \\$90,456.01 for Electrical Contract](#)
4. [Approve Contract No. VNP-142 Payment to Koester Associates in the amount of \\$63,232 for Cross Linked Polyethylene Tanks and Appurtenances](#)
5. Reappoint Kaitlin Gallucci and Cody Schatzle to the Ethics Board with terms that end in December of 2020

6. Reappoint Rachel Lagodka and Greg Van Pukeston to the Environmental Policy Board with terms that ends in December of 2020

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor.
(Passed 5-0)

Village Business Agenda

1. **Memo from DPW - require monthly permits issued by the Village for (10) on-street parking spots between Tricor and Fairview on the northside of Mohonk Ave**

Mayor Rogers moves to approve requiring monthly permits issued by the Village for (10) on-street parking spots between Tricor and Fairview on the northside of Mohonk Ave. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

2. [Bacchus Liquor License Renewal](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to waive the 30 day waiting period. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor.
(Passed 5-0)

3. [Resolution #2 of 2019 Tax Lien](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution #2 of 2019 Tax Lien. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

4. [Proposal to pump test well #5 and #7 for 72 hours simultaneously](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to accept the proposal from Jim Wild to conduct a simultaneous pump test of well #5 and well #7 with an amendment to the proposal to change the year from 2018 to 2019. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

5. [Resolution #3 of 2019 Bills & Claims](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to approve Resolution #3 of 2019 Bills & Claims. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

6. [Renewal of contract with Fischer Security](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to approve the renewal of our contract with Fischer Security in the amount of \$105 as the Total Monthly Monitoring Charge. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

7. **Apply to the DEC and NYS Department of Health for help to develop a protection plan for our drinking water sources**

- a. The new Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) will include 30 communities who will receive assistance from NYS to update drinking water assessments and develop plans to protect public water supply areas. Applications are due February 15, 2019.

Mayor Rogers moves to apply to the DEC and NYS Department of Health for help to develop a protection plan for our drinking water sources in accordance with DEC guidelines for participating municipalities. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Adjournment

Trustee Young moves to adjourn the meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 8:38pm. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**