

Joint Minutes

New Paltz Village and Town Boards

7:00 p.m., 10/19/2016, Village Hall

Present: Mayor Tim Rogers; Deputy Mayor Rebecca Rotzler; Village Trustee Dennis Young; Village Trustee Tom Rocco; Village Trustee Don Kerr; Town Supervisor Neil Bettez; Town Councilman Dan Torres; Town Councilman Marty Irwin; Town Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

Absent: Jeff Logan

Also Present: 17 New Paltz High School Participation in Government students; Members of the press; Additional community members; Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk.

Call to Order: Mayor Rogers called the Village part of the regular 10/19/2016 Joint Town and Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM; Councilman Torres called the Town part of the regular 10/19/2016 Joint Town and Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative Business

- Approval of the Agenda
- Announcements
 - Mayor Rogers announced that Election Day, November 8, is an official Village holiday. He added that the Village Code protects individual rights of municipal officers & staff so they may participate in political activities in their free time.
 - Mayor Rogers welcomed all the Participation in Government students and encouraged they ask questions after the meeting
- Public Comment -- None

Business Agenda

1. **Sign-on letter to NYS Comptroller DiNapoli to urge him to divest the Common Retirement Fund from all fossil fuel companies within five years --**

Mayor Rogers presented the letter and motioned for the Village Board to sign-on in support; Trustee Rocco seconded; all Village Trustees voted Aye. **Passed 5-0**

Supervisor Torres presented the letter to the Town. Councilman Torres motioned to sign-on in support; Councilman Irwin seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye. **Passed 4-0.**

2. Governor's Office of Storm Recovery projects (NY Rising) Brief updates

3. Agreement to purchase streetlights from Central Hudson

Mayor Rogers provided some background information regarding the Streetlight Inventory Audit via the Streetlight Consortium: the Village previously agreed to go ahead with the audit.

Town Councilman Irwin motioned that the Town allocate up to \$1000 from funds to be determined by the Supervisor for the purposes of conducting an audit and moving towards LED streetlights; Supervisor Bettez seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye. **Passed 4-0.**

4. DEP backup water supply project (TABLED)

5. Proposed Joint Municipal Center

The Boards discussed various possibilities/concepts regarding the creation of a Joint Municipal Center. Discussion included matters of tax impacts of such a project, whether or not rehabilitating Village Hall could work, and the difficult timeline the Town currently faces. No action was taken.

6. Mill Brook Preserve

a. Authorization for Greenway Trails Grant Amendment

Mayor Rogers motioned to move forward with the Village Planner's suggested modifications to the Greenway Trails Grant as presented; Trustee Young seconded; All Village Trustees present voted Aye. **Passed 5-0.**

7:57 PM Town Councilwoman Lillis recused herself.

Supervisor Bettez motioned to move forward with the above authorization for the Greenway Trails Grant Amendment; Councilman Torres seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye. **Passed 3-0, 1 absent, 1 recused.**

b. Conservation Easement

Town Councilman Irwin motioned that the Town adopt the Conservation Easement as has been most recently circulated; Supervisor Bettez seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye. **Passed 3-0, 1 absent, 1 recused.**

Town Councilman Irwin presented a second resolution approving the notice of adoption of the Conservation Easement; Councilman Torres seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye. **Passed 3-0, 1 absent, 1 recused.**

In the interest of time, the Boards switched the order of the remaining agenda items

7. Smart Meters: consideration of opt-out legislation

Michelle Hurts from Stop Smart Meters NY gave a brief presentation on the proposed resolution advocating individual ratepayers' abilities to opt-out of smart meters at zero cost. Discussion among the Boards continued; they will consider the updated language at a future Joint meeting.

8. MicroGrid/Solar -- Update

- a. Microgrid: submitted to NYSEDA the New Paltz Community Energy Project NY Prize Stage 2 application There will be an update around December.
- b. Community Solar Garden project at former Town Landfill property -- Brief discussion

9. Executive Session

Mayor Rogers motioned for the Village Board to go into Executive Session at 8:46 PM for the purpose of interviewing an applicant to a Village Board and for discussing litigation; Trustee Young seconded; all Village Trustees present voted Aye.

Supervisor Bettez motioned for the Town Board to go into Executive Session at 8:46 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation; Councilman Torres seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye.

Village Trustee Kerr motioned to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 PM; Trustee Young seconded; all Village Trustees voted Aye.

Town Councilman Torres motioned to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 PM; Supervisor Bettez seconded; all Town Councilmembers present voted Aye.

Village Trustee Young motioned to appoint Jennifer Welles to the Village's Affordable Housing Board; Deputy Mayor Rotzler seconded; all present voted Aye.

Adjournment -- Town Councilman Torres motioned to adjourn the Joint Meeting at 9:22 PM; Supervisor Bettez seconded; all present voted Aye.

Respectfully submitted by: Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk