

**Town Board Meeting
September 27, 2012
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci, Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry.

At 7:33 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Backhoe bid, +Request to film at courthouse, +Court Officer, +Support Letter for Senior Living, +Recreation equipment request, +Middle School Consolidation discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Barry to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Bill Weinstein, Bike-Ped chair- Announced the launch of a survey from Oct.21st -Oct. 27th. It is a survey of residents to learn as much as we can about local attitudes toward community facilities for bicycling and walking. Survey boxes will be placed in various locations around New Paltz. Requested the Board's support of the survey effort.

Seth McKee, Al Wegener, Fred Birdie, Lynn Bowdery, Mike Smith and Richard Gottlieb all spoke in support of the Mohonk Preserve's application for a Greenway Grant.

Announcements:

- Shawangunk Scenic Byways received a \$1 million grant for 3 overlooks.
- The audit response letter to the Comptroller was filed with the Town Clerk.
- Turkey Trot needs volunteers.
- COTA, Hasbrouck Park, October 6th.

Historic Preservation Commission Presentation:

Promotional video of the online interactive historic map of New Paltz, created with a grant.

Mohonk Preserve Letter of Support for Greenway Grant:

Glenn Hoagland, Executive Director, Mohonk Preserve- Asked for the Board's support in the Preserve's application for a Greenway Grant for the Foothills project. They won't hear about the rewarding of the grant until November but are still continuing with the process of engaging the public. Supervisor Zimet read the letter aloud.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize Supervisor Zimet to sign the letter of support for the Mohonk Preserve for the Greenway Grant. Councilwoman Brown disclosed that she is a trustee of the Greenway Conservancy and will be recusing herself from the votes made by the conservancy, but not from the Town Board's vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Solar Initiative RFP:

A draft proposal was sent to the Board by Randall Horner.

Councilwoman Gallucci stated that she expected to see more details in the RFP.

Councilman Barry indicated that this is the earliest/preliminary part of the process, with no commitments at this point. Part of the RFP will be dictated after the site visit by the bidders, at which point the Board will know more about the structure that will be built.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize Randolph Horner on behalf of the Town Board to solicit a Photovoltaic (PV) Electricity System provider to install up to a 2-megawatt solar farm on property owned by the Town of New Paltz located on Route 32 North. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Tax Foreclosure Properties:

As previously discussed, these lands can be used a potential water source for the Town.

Councilman Barry has been working on the title searches, which have been completed. The Town will have to pay the back taxes owed. A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Town to acquire SBL #87.9-2-13, located in the Town of New Paltz, and to pay \$6,158.94 owed in back taxes, and SBL #87.9-2-14, located in the Town of New Paltz, and to pay \$6,145.17 owed in back taxes, to come out of line AAA5228020400- Planning Infrastructure.

Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Highway Department- Backhoe Bid:

There was only 1 bid submitted and it did not meet the \$7,000 reserve that was required.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to decline the bid. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Superintendent Chris Marx indicated that the Highway Department will keep it and possibly use it as a trade-in for newer equipment next year.

Request to film at the Courthouse:

Michael Cohen requested permission to film at the courthouse for an hour at 9 a.m. on October 2nd. The Town needs a certificate of insurance, waiver of liability and indemnity agreement. The Town Board would also like the request in writing on letterhead.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Supervisor to vet out the request to give permission. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Court Officer:

An ad was placed to find a candidate for the position. There was one application, however he does not have a pistol permit to carry a gun. The Town Board previously authorized the hiring of a person to fill in temporarily. The Board suggested asking the new applicant to apply for a pistol permit, although it is not a requirement of the position.

This action was tabled until Councilwoman Brown speaks to Judge Katz and Judge Bacon.

Recreation equipment request:

The recreation director requested money for a side-by-side off road utility vehicle to help maintain the Field of Dreams, in the 2013 budget. Superintendent Chris Marx found a similar and better vehicle at a lesser cost. He encouraged the approval because it would save time, help with transporting lawnmowers, and other equipment, garbage collection and various tasks associated with maintaining the large area at the site. It would also leave a smaller footprint on the trails and fields due to its small size. Recreation fees cannot be used to purchase it.

Councilwoman Gallucci wants to see 2 more comparables before proceeding with the request.

Support Letter for Senior Living:

Mountain View Nursing Home needs to expand its facility but cannot at its current location. They would like to move to property at the end of S. Putt Corners Road, however they need a Certificate of Need from the State. The Board is being asked to send a letter of support to the State on behalf of the nursing home.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Supervisor to send the letter of support. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Middle School Consolidation:

Councilwoman Brown feels that if the School District is not interested in working with the Town on this, then we need to step back and explore other options. The Town buildings are dangerous, something needs to be done. The feeling that she is getting from the public is that people are not in favor of a government center at the Middle School.

The Board discussed other potential sites, eminent domain and moving forward with putting Town Hall up for sale. The Board will continue to explore other facilities.

Water/Sewer Rate Increase by Village:

The Village will hold a public hearing on the rate increase on October 10th. It was suggested that the Town include the Public Hearing notice, or a letter with the upcoming water & sewer bills, to notify Town customers of the hearing.

Personnel-Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz currently has the positions of Custodial Worker/Custodian and Municipal Worker II in the Department of Buildings and Grounds; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of economy and to aid in meeting budget requirements for the current year and in future years, the Town Board has determined that the positions of Custodial Worker/Custodian, currently occupied by Kim Kostelnik, and Municipal Worker II, currently occupied by Michael Frantum, be abolished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ, AS FOLLOWS:

1. **SECTION 1.**

The Town Board hereby abolishes, in the Department of Buildings and Grounds, the positions of Custodial Worker/Custodian, currently occupied by Kim Kostelnik, and

Municipal Worker II, currently occupied by Michael Frantum, and that said employees are hereby laid off.

2. **SECTION 2.**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast with regret, motion carried.

Court Security Doors/System:

The court got 2 estimates.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize the Justice Court to move forward with the estimate of \$2,295 with Liberty Security Services for a security system for the court, to come out of the Justice Court line. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepays:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize the prepayment of voucher #12-01961 to Stryker electric in the amount of \$1,700 for the deposit of work done at the Recycling Center, of which the balance will be paid in October. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:20 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk