

Town Board Meeting
March 22, 2012
7:30 p.m.

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

At 7:36 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Barry to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

-Remove Community Partnership and Accessory Apartments and B-2 Zoning

+Add Patrick Rausch discussion relative to school land purchase

+Add Field of Dreams Fitness Trail & Dog Park

+Add Community Center revised schedule of fees for 2012 and Moriello Pool Fees

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. He would like to see the school land purchase removed from the agenda because it does not give the public the opportunity to express an opposing view. Supervisor Zimet indicated this could very informative for anyone with questions and concerns. Councilwoman Brown suggested having Pat speak before Public Input so that anyone from the audience can address the topic.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to amend the agenda to have Pat Rausch speak before Public Input. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, 4 aye votes cast, 1 nay vote cast by Councilman Logan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Barry, 4 aye votes cast, 1 nay vote cast by Councilman Logan. Motion carried.

Announcements:

April 4th- Joint Town & Village Meeting at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. to discuss consolidation.

April 25th- Rabies Clinic, Town Highway Garage from 4-6 p.m.

April 28th- Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the UCRRA, 8-2 p.m.

April 28th- Clean Sweep, sponsored by CIT. Breakfast at St. Joseph's at 8:30 a.m.

April 28th- Pharmaceutical Disposal Collection at the New Paltz Police Department.

May 4th & 5th Recycling Center accepting electronics to recycle.

Patrick Rausch, New Paltz School Board:

Solely here to address questions or concerns. On April 10th, the New Paltz Board of Education will hold a special vote regarding the purchase of land at 301 Route 32 South, next to Lenape School. The two propositions that are up for consideration are:

1. For the School District to change its Capital Reserve Fund to include using such capital reserve funds for the purchase of real property for school district purposes and to change the name of such fund to the "District-wide Construction, Reconstruction and Real Property Purchase Reserve Fund."
2. Authorizing the School Board to purchase the land at a cost not to exceed \$798,000, whether it is from the Capital Reserve Fund if Proposition #1 passes, or from a tax levy not to exceed the amount requested.

The School Board also intends to put up a \$12 Million bond in May to improve the health and safety requirements at some of the schools.

The Town Board and Pat Rausch discussed questions and concerns relative to cost and long term plans for the property. The Town Board was in agreement that there is not enough time for the community to learn more about this project before it goes up for a vote.

Public Input:

Some residents spoke in opposition of the school land purchase. One resident stated that he felt it was a good deal.

Ethics Law:

The Ethics Committee will meet on April 2nd. Supervisor Zimet suggested the Board send their questions and comments to Councilman Barry who is the liaison to the Ethics Committee. They will be discussed at the meeting so that a proposed law can be brought to the Town Board for consideration. This will be put on the agenda for the 2nd meeting in April.

Field of Dreams Pavilion:

There were questions regarding the bidding process. Supervisor Zimet informed the Board that the consultants suggested tabling this item until more information is gathered. There are issues regarding prevailing wages, the concrete slab, and the costs that are to be paid by the Town and the Recreation Committee.

Councilman Barry stated that the Town wants to give proper direction to the bidders.

Field of Dreams-Fitness Trail & Dog Park:

The Recreation Committee asked the Town for a fitness trail. Inspections revealed that there are a lot of wetlands in the Phase 2 area. Highway Superintendent Chris Marx informed the Town Board that the Highway Department is not equipped to create the trail, and that it would be very costly. However it is possible with the right equipment and if possibly done in segments.

The group of volunteers working on the dog park project have received their 501-C3. The proposed dog park has been laid out near the fitness trail, fits nicely. The group will fund raise to build the fence. Supervisor Zimet spoke with Bob Stubs and informed the Board that the park would come under the umbrella policy of the Town's insurance. The fence would be 5 feet tall and aggressive dogs are not allowed in the park.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown for the Town to allow the New Paltz Dog Park to take place on the designated area at the New Paltz Sports & Recreation Park and authorize the Recreation fund to release \$500 towards a fence or some construction items. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet. An amendment was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to include benches. Accepted by Councilwoman Brown. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Loop Bus Contract:

Based on the agreement between the Town and the Ulster County Area Transit Department for expanded shuttle service, the College will provide 600 gallons of fuel per month. Any overages will be billed to the Town. The contract will expire December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the contract for the Loop Bus for the fuel consumption between the Town and SUNY. Seconded by Councilman Logan. An amendment was made by Councilwoman Brown to strike the language of "as a unit of New York State government", seconded by Supervisor Zimet, 4 aye votes cast, 1 nay vote cast by Councilman Barry. Motion carried. All aye votes cast to accept the contract as amended, motion carried.

Moriello Pool Grant:

The Supervisor received a letter from the State to the Village amending the budget to delete the basketball, volleyball courts and concession stand. The amended contract would include the rehabilitation of pools including concrete decking, handicap ramping, filtration and skimmer systems and improvement of the bathhouse and parking lot facilities. The cost would then become \$553,086.00. The state is asking the Town to approve the amended contract amount to close out the grant. However there is a dispute between the Town and Village over whether the Town still owes the Village about \$2,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize Supervisor Zimet to sign off on the modification of the contract regarding Moriello Pool, refurbishing and bathhouse reconstruction with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Contract and fees for Moriello Pool with the Village:

This item was tabled for further discussion. It will be put on the agenda for the April 4th joint meeting. Supervisor Zimet will send a letter as previously discussed relative to the Town's intention to go back to 50/50 involvement in the pool with the Village.

Lent Subdivision-Stormwater District:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize Supervisor Zimet and the engineer to sit together and put together a plan of action that will ensure the completion of Waring Lane- Lent Subdivision, consistent with the approvals that were issued for the subdivision with a plan of action to be done by April 5th, and an end date for work to be completed by August 31, 2012. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consolidation Grant:

The Supervisor submitted a grant where the Town is asking for money for minute taking, consultant fees, copying and material to be sent to the public, and the wiring of a recording device at Town Hall or the Community Center that streams all the meetings and creates a DVD.

The Town Board thanked Supervisor Zimet for all her hard work in preparing and delivering the grant.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to reappoint Ken Davies to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5-year term to end on September 30, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Community Center Fees:

New proposed fees were prepared by Chuck Bordino and Councilman Logan and Barry. The Town will no longer be responsible for collecting the fees for the instructors. They will collect their own. The new fees will take effect on May 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the new rate structure for the community center consistent with prior discussions for the need to bring our business practices within state audit standards. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Minutes:

Will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Prepays/Warrants:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the prepayment of voucher #12-00728 to the New Paltz Rescue Squad for the first of two payments as per the contract in the amount of \$72,978.50. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Monthly Vouchers:

The bookkeeper requested permission to issue certain purchase orders on a monthly basis to the respective departments without having Supervisor Zimet approve the request. These purchase orders are for utility bills, cable (road runner internet), medical bills, uniforms, heating oil/propane, monthly attorney retainer, copier rental, etc. Supervisor Zimet indicated she would not approve the request for the UCRRA, PDQ, and Ulster County Social Services.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the issuance of requested vouchers with the items removed as Supervisor Zimet recommended. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:07 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Logan to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the potential contracts for employees within the Town and also discuss the potential appointment of a person to a Board in the Town. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 12:07 a.m., a motion was made by Councilman Logan to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to appoint Al Marks as the Historian for the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to appoint Susan Stessin-Cohn as the Assistant Historian for the Town of New Paltz, and to authorize a budget modification of the historian line for \$500 from A7510.4 to A7510.1 to be presented at a later date.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to adopt the contracts for the Chief and the Lieutenant for 1 year. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 12:10 a.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk