

**Town Board Meeting
October 23, 2014
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Jeff Logan.

Absent: Councilman Kevin Barry, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci.

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Resolution Opposing Proposition 1, +Computer Approvals, Move budget discussion to 5:30 p.m. on 10/30. A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Ira Margolis questioned an item in the A-Fund. He indicated that the Loop Bus only provides service to the Village and College, not the Town-outside-the Village residents. Why do those residents get taxed for a service they don't get? It's not right that the Town is subsidizing the Village and College users who are capable of paying their fair share.

Dental/Vision Plan:

Rose Pannuto from Mid-Hudson VIP presented a proposal from Guardian and United Concordia for Dental Coverage. The Town received feedback from the employees who indicated they were much happier with Guardian than with any other company.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Mid-Hudson VIP to continue the contract with Guardian for Dental Insurance. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Highway GPS Equipment:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan indicated that the Town will not be funding the GPS Systems in the Highway Trucks in 2015. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

GFOA Conference for Bookkeeper:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the attendance of the bookkeeper to the GFOA Fall Seminar on State Retirement System Updates and Affordable Care Act. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Voting Machines:

The Town Board determined that the Voting Machines will stay with the Town until further notice.

Town Hall Move Update:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that two bids came in for the remediation and cleaning of files and furniture in preparation for the move, which were both around \$150,000. The departments were asked to go through their files again to determine which files were absolutely necessary to have cleaned in order to carry out their day to day operations after the move, as opposed to cleaning files that will just be put in storage anyway. Those files will be left behind and cleaned at a later date. The two companies will be asked to resubmit their bids based on the revised volume of records needed cleaned.

Child Care Center:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the building and the center were established through a HUD Grant. The Town owns the modular building, which is located on the same property as Duzine School. The building has outlived its usefulness and the lease is up for renewal. The School District has to make a decision as to whether it wants to continue the lease with the Town for that space. Supervisor Zimet and Councilman Logan will meet with the Child Care Center's Board to work on a solution.

NY Rising:

Supervisor Zimet read aloud the following resolution:

A Resolution authorizing the Town of New Paltz to enter into the required Sub-recipient Agreement with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation as required in the implementation of the NY State Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program; and, to authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents required in the implementation of the program.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the United States Congress, through Public Law passed the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013), as amended (the “Act”), appropriating \$16 billion, later reduced to \$15.18 billion, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, and housing and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared due to Superstorm Sandy and other eligible events, including Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, in calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013 (the “Storms”), subject to the Federal statutes and regulations governing CDBG grants, as modified by exceptions and waivers previously granted and which may hereafter be granted by HUD; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CDBG-DR Grant Program and Federal Register Notice (78 Fed. Reg. 14,329), published March 5, 2013, titled, “*Allocations, Common Applications, and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy* (as amended),” the State has received an allocation of CDBG-DR funds from HUD in the amount of \$1,713,960,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CDBG-DR Grant Program and Federal Register Notice (78 Fed. Reg. 69,104), entitled *Second Allocation, Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy* (as amended),” the State has received a second allocation of CDBG-DR funds from HUD in the amount of \$2,097,000,000; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the State to spend 80% of all CDBG-DR funds so allocated within the counties of Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester, Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HUD directive, the Town of New Paltz has been notified of its ability to participate in the NY State Community Development Block Grant--Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR); and

WHEREAS, implementation of the CDBG-DR Recovery Program requires the execution of the Sub-recipient Agreement between The Town of New Paltz and the Housing Trust Fund Corporation, which will be substantially similar to the Sub-recipient Agreement Template attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board, on behalf of the Town of New Paltz that the Supervisor be and the same hereby is authorized to enter into the required Sub-recipient Agreement with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation to secure Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds; and, to sign any and all documents required in the administration of the New York State CDBG-DR Recovery Program.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Computer Purchase Approval:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with On-Site Computers for the purchase of computers in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the replacement of computers for the move. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution Opposing Proposition 1:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution to Oppose Proposal 1 Redistricting Constitutional Amendment

WHEREAS, the New Paltz Town Council supports fair and impartial redistricting to insure that district lines at the county, state and congressional levels result in fair representation for all of New York’s residents, ending decades of partisan gerrymandering practices that marginalize certain communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, there is a constitutional amendment before New York State voters on November 4th which creates a Redistricting Commission—appointed by legislative party leaders—that is neither independent nor impartial (Proposal 1); and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 seeks to establish special shifting voting rules that make approval of map lines dependent on the political makeup of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 would enshrine into the state constitution the cracking and packing that has divided New York’s communities, resulting in continued under representation of certain communities and would lock unfair partisan control over redistricting into our state constitution; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, Supreme Court Justice McGrath ruled that “The Commission cannot be described as ‘independent’ when eight out of the 10 members are the handpicked appointees of the legislative leaders and the two additional members are essentially political appointees by proxy.”

WHEREAS, under the previous partisan redistricting plan the New Paltz Central School District suffered from the process and was broken up and divided between the following four State Senate Districts: 51st, 46th, 42nd, and 39th; and

WHEREAS, The New York Times, The Albany Times Union, Newsday, The Poughkeepsie Journal, The Syracuse Post Standard along with dozens of civic organizations and elected officials have advocated against the measure; and

WHEREAS, The New Paltz Town Council asks the State Legislature and the Governor for a proposal on redistricting that protection minorities, considers communities of interest, and removes State Legislators from drawing their own districts; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Paltz Town Council strongly urges voters to reject this amendment and vote no on Proposal 1 on November 4th.

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the Joint minutes of **August 27, 2014**.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the Joint minutes of **September 17, 2014**.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the minutes of **September 18, 2014**.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to accept the minutes of **October 2, 2014**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to accept the minutes of **October 9, 2014**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to accept the minutes of ***October 16, 2014***. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk