

**Public Hearing-Building Moratorium, 7 p.m.  
Public Hearing-2017 Preliminary Budget, 7:15 p.m.  
Town Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
October 27, 2016**

**Present:** Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Marty Irwin.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing on the Building Moratorium.

**Public Hearing- Moratorium:**

Steve Turk, Wildberry Lodge Project, and Fran Wishnick (via written statement read by Councilman Irwin) spoke in opposition of the temporary moratorium. Peter Kaufman (on behalf of the Bike-Ped Committee), Kevin Borden, Thomas Olsen, David Porter, Amanda Sisenstein, Bob Hughes, Kitty Brown, Katherine Stewart on behalf of Susan Blickstein, all spoke in favor of the proposed moratorium. Mike Calimano suggested some revisions to certain aspects of the law.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to continue the public hearing on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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**Public Hearing-2017 Preliminary Budget:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to open the public hearing on the 2017 Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Lou Cariola asked a question regarding the line for Mill Brook Greenway Grant.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing on the 2017 Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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**Town Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the Pledge.

**Agenda:** +Approval of RFP, +Discussion of Water Loop Project, +Discussion of Proposed Moratorium, +Highway Fuel Management Request, +Stormwater Management Laws (MS4).

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Lou Cariola spoke about the realignment of the intersection of Gatehouse Road and Rte. 299.

**Research of Franchise Fees and increase of franchise payments:**

Supervisor Bettez explained that the Cohen Law Group helps municipalities recover underpaid franchise fees from Time Warner/Charter Communications, through a franchise audit. He also explained that neighboring Towns are receiving 5% of Time Warner/Charter's total gross revenues, while the Town of New Paltz is only receiving 3.5%. He is suggesting that New Paltz request an increase to 5%. Councilman Logan indicated that TWC/Charter will pass that increase on to the customers and residents of this community. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed not to pursue either request. Supervisor Bettez agreed to continue contacting TWC/Charter in an attempt to receive responses to numerous unanswered phone calls and emails.

**Authorization to sell vehicle:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Highway Superintendent to sell the Building Department's 2003 Ford Explorer at auction. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Budget Modifications:**

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to approve the following modification to 2016 budget:

Increase: DBB-522-5110.2	Roads/Repair Equipment	\$54,000
Decrease: DBB-522-5110.4	Roads/Repair Contractual	\$54,000

Reason: To purchase a 2017 IT Dump pick up needed to highway department.

Seconded by Supervisor Bettez for discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to table this to the first meeting in December. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Highway Fuel Management Request:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Highway Fuel Management System request and award the bid to OES-Optima Environmental Services in the amount of \$31,664.00. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Parade Request:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Monster Run Parade request. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Approval of RFP for Appraisal of JAM Property as a possible water source:**

Councilman Logan indicated that two proposals came in at the same dollar amount. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the bid submitted by Hudson Valley Appraisal to appraise the JAM property at a cost of \$5,500.00 and if any additional post appraisal consultation is needed, it will be at a maximum of \$175/hour. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Proposed Stormwater Management Laws (MS4):**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolutions declaring the Town Board Lead Agency on each of the following proposed laws: "Prohibition on Illicit Discharges, Activities and Connections to Separate Storm Sewer System", "Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control" and "Stormwater Related Code Amendments" all of which are classified as Unlisted Actions, and set the Public Hearings for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Discussion on Water Loop Project:**

Councilman Logan updated the Board on the status of the project.

**Budget Presentation and Discussion:**

Supervisor Bettez compared the 2016 and 2017 budgets, which reflected an 8% increase in the amount to be raised by taxes for 2017. Historically, the rates are on the higher end overall as compared to previous years. The Board discussed certain items such as the Recreation Director and Moratorium costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to increase the 2017 budget by \$217,000 to cover potential litigation associated with the moratorium. No second was offered.

There was further discussion on certain budget items. Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Board will continue to discuss the budget.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Bettez indicated that due to significant structural problems, the Rail Trail Bridge will have to be closed by November 4<sup>th</sup> for the winter for safety reasons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari  
Town Clerk