

**Town Board Meeting  
January 18, 2018  
7 p.m.**

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

At 7:08 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:** +Resignation, +Discussion on Town Holidays

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Jan Marotta and Margaret Taylor spoke about the issues they have been experiencing on Cedar Lane. The main concerns are with the parking on Cedar Lane by people who are accessing the Rail Trail, especially on the property owned by Mrs. Taylor. As a result, there has been an increase in the amount of litter throughout the area, which Ms. Marotta has been cleaning up herself. She has tried, but without success, to get the Rail Trail Association involved. Ms. Marotta and Mrs. Taylor are requesting more signage, maintenance and trash bins. They are also requesting the Town place large boulders along the area of Mrs. Taylor's property to prevent people from parking on it. Another area of concern is the speeding along Cedar Lane. They are requesting the speed limit be reduced and posted at 30 mph as there are no speed limit signs at all. The Supervisor indicated that the process to request a speed limit reduction by the DOT will take a while. Chief Snyder indicated that he will increase the step detail in that area.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to submit paperwork to the DOT to begin the process to lower the speed limit to 30 mph on Cedar Lane. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the ***Police Commission and Town Board minutes of December 21, 2017.*** Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**2018 URGENT Contract:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 URGENT Contract on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Irwin for discussion. Councilman Torres has concerns with the contract making reference to the use of minors. He has asked one of our County Legislators to come speak about this at a meeting. This item was tabled.

**2018 UCERT Contract:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 UCERT Contract on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Warrant:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the December 2017 Warrant in the amount of \$179,491.27. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the January 2018 Warrant in the amount of \$176,044.82. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Local Law "A" of 2018-Simplified Site Plan Review:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to set the public hearing on the proposed law for February 15, 2018 at 7 p.m. and the Town Board meeting starting at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution designating the Town Board Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the Resolution and Notice of Determination of Non-Significance, Negative Declaration. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Policy on Attendance at Meetings via Videoconferencing:**

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Town Attorney prepared a policy for all Boards, Commissions and Committees with regard to members attending via videoconferencing. Following Board discussion, this item was tabled.

**Discussion-Community WiFi:**

Dana Kjolner discussed the benefits and options for the Town of New Paltz to explore community Wifi and volunteered to continue research on behalf of the Town. A motion was made by Councilman Torres to appoint Dana to head an Ad-Hoc committee to do further research and report back to the Town. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Patrol Vehicle Trade-In:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the trade in of the 2013 Ford Interceptor as discussed at the Police Commission meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Disposal of old ASP's:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the disposal/sale of old ASP's (Police Expandable Batons) as discussed at the Police Commission meeting. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Letter of Support:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter of support for RUPCO's grant application. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Town Fireworks:**

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the fireworks would be held on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Town is seeking volunteers for the Fireworks Committee and if anyone is interested, please contact Kathy Preston.

**Highway Hire Pay Rate Change:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to revise the pay rate of the new hire Nathan Peura in the Highway Department to \$23.39 to reflect the 2018 rate. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resignation:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Dennis Moore from CWOSP and to thank him for this service. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Discussion on Town Holidays:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to amend the 2018 Town Holidays to reflect Lenape Day on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast. Councilman Irwin voted no. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari  
Town Clerk