

**Town Board Meeting
December 17, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilman Dan Torres.

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

Agenda: -Child Care Center Lease, -PBA Grievance, +Municipal Center, +Bid for Water Meters, +New hire for Highway, +Schedule Re-Org meeting, +Review of last 4 years.

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

Announcements:

Councilman Irwin indicated that at last night's Village Board meeting, the Village Board passed a resolution to schedule a joint meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 7:30 at the Community Center, following an information session regarding the Municipal Center at 6:30 p.m.

Public Input:

Ira Margolis thanked Supervisor Zimet and Councilman Barry for their work and concern for the Town taxpayers.

Tammy Friedman asked if the Town Attorney could explain the legal procedure for removing names off the petition for Water District #5.

Ingrid Beer, Plains Road, commented on proposed Water District #5 and the referendum process.

Ami Fixler, Plains Road, commented on proposed Water District #5 and indicated that he does not feel as though he is benefitting from the district.

Ray Lunati thanked Councilman Barry and Supervisor Zimet for their service to the community.

Amend Taliaferro Letter regarding easement:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize Deputy Supervisor Logan to amend the language in the letter of support. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Standard Workday Resolution:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to adopt the Standard Workday Resolution based upon the information set forth in the resolution for Councilman Dan Torres. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, Councilman Torres abstained. Motion carried.

Resolution-Purchase of Tub Grinder:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to execute or enter into a retail installment agreement with respect to financing the purchase of the new tub grinder at a rate of 3.075% with a prepayment penalty of 6 months only. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Sale of old Tub Grinder:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to put the old tub grinder out to bid and authorize the Town Clerk and Laura Petit to establish a bid due date. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bid for Water Meters:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to authorize the Town to seek bids for new Badger Water Meters with Orion Heads with the related equipment and installation costs. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Mold Remediation Bids-Old Town Hall:

Councilman Irwin indicated that there were 2 bids received: \$104,885 from ServPro NWSE Dutchess, and \$61,063 from ServPro Western Dutchess. A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to accept the bid from ServPro Western Dutchess in the amount of \$61,063 to perform the work as per their proposal. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Re-Organizational Meeting:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to schedule the 2016 Re-Org Meeting for Monday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Health Care Resolutions:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to support the following resolution. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution in Support of the New York Health Act, A.5062 (Gottfried)/S.3525 (Perkins)

WHEREAS the Town of New Paltz believes that controlling health-care costs and ensuring health care for all residents are both of paramount importance, and

WHEREAS the simplest approach to generating savings, reducing fraud and paying claims is to move directly from the current multi-payer approach with its high costs of administration, to a single-payer approach to health-care coverage where the government is the insurer, and

WHEREAS the New York Health Act will replace the current multi-payer system with a single-billing system, will be publicly financed by progressively-graduated assessments sources into a dedicated New York Health Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS the New York Health Act will establish a comprehensive universal health insurance program for all New Yorkers with access to medical services and providers of their choice, remove financial barriers to health care, expand provider network to ensure continuity of care, and

WHEREAS, according to the April 2015 *Economic Analysis of the New York Health Act* report, by Gerald Friedman, Professor Chair of the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the New York Health Act would provide a new savings of over \$45 billion in the first year alone after program improvements and expansions of \$25 billion (e.g. for increased utilization, due to universal coverage, expanded and more comprehensive health benefits, increased Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement). In addition, -98% of New Yorkers will pay less than they do now for access to health care if a progressive financing mechanism such as the one proposed in the recent economic analysis of the New York Health Act is adopted.

WHEREAS the New York Health Act will eliminate the local share of Medicaid, a financial burden that drives up local property taxes; not therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz strongly supports adoption of the New York Health Act A. 5062 (Gottfried)/S.3525 (Perkins), and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz urges the New York State Legislature and the Governor to pass this bill into law and take the opportunity to accomplish this major and long-needed reform, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town of New Paltz Town Clerk send copies to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senators John Flanagan, Jeffrey Klein, Kemp Hannon, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Charles Schumer, Kristen Gillibrand, and Assemblyman Carl Heastie and Richard Gottfried, and Assemblyman Kevin Cahill.

Accomplishments in Review:

Supervisor Zimet mentioned the following:

- Controlled the fiscal disarray left by previous administration, including decreasing taxes.
- Stopped Wilmorite's tax-exempt project, Park Point from being built, won two lawsuits.
- Created the Ulster County Dog Park in New Paltz.
- Built pavilion at the New Paltz Sports Park, got approval for water and sewer hook-up at the concession stand and bathrooms.
- Spearheaded efforts to get \$6 million to the Town and Village from the NYS Storm Recovery Mitigation Program, to help build emergency access on Springtown Rd. and fix various water/sewer issues.
- Moved Town Hall offices and employees out of a mold infested building, at no cost to taxpayers.
- Received over \$400,000 from the negotiations by Councilman Barry with the Cell Tower company, which will be used for the demolition of old Town Hall and architect fees for new Municipal Center.
- Defended and won Wetlands Lawsuit.
- Created town-wide Fracking Ban, instrumental in creating the NYS Ban by the Governor.
- Created Millbrook Preserve.
- Created a brand new website.
- Created a Conservation Easement Monitoring plan with Wallkill Valley Land Trust.
- Corrected flawed Floodplain Laws.
- Created the positions of Senior Coordinator, and Town Comptroller.
- Created Bike Trail Plan to help access the Flats from the Village.
- Finalized 3 outstanding Union Contracts, increased health care contributions from employees.

For the new Board to follow up on:

- Residential and Vacant Rental Properties Law.
- Tree law.
- Sewer at New Paltz Sports Park.
- Agricultural Zoning Amendments to address Farmland Preservation Plan recommendations and create consistent agricultural definitions.
- Simplified Site Plan review for ag uses that have retail or production.
- Special permit zoning for dormitory housing projects.
- Pre-application review for subdivision of properties in Floodplain.
- Consider enhanced architectural review guidelines for site plan review.
- Wildberry zoning amendment.
- Sign law revisions
- Improve process for having conservation easements in cluster subdivision.
- Increase consistency of Town and Village application procedures and review process
- Consider incorporating some level of economic impact analysis in the site plan review process.
- Improve supply of student housing/affordable housing, without PILOTS.

Municipal Center Update:

Councilman Irwin indicated that the architect has started the process of gathering data from the residents. The IMA and the LDC documents have been drafted and expect to see the lease document by Christmas. At that point, the Village can decide if it will participate with the Town. The Board discussed the Community Center and its value relative to the LDC. Supervisor Zimet wanted the record to reflect that she believes the Community Center should be sold LDC at fair market value. Councilman Barry wanted to correct the term “sold” to “monetize”.

Emergency Preparedness Plan:

Supervisor Zimet distributed the revised version of the Plan. The new Town Board will have the opportunity to review it and adopt it in January.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the December Warrant in the amount of \$449,147.72. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modification:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following:

Decrease: A522-7150.485	Recreation Activities C.E.	\$2,475.00
Increase: A522-6310.400	Youth Program C.E.	\$2,475.00

Reason: To reallocate unused Recreation Activities stipends to the Youth Program for the New Paltz New Year’s Eve event expenses. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the minutes of ***December 8, 2015***. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Irwin to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and invite Neil Bettez. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:54 p.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 Supervisor Zimet to accept the resignation of Ed Saunders. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

New Hire for Highway:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to hire Nicholas Daunicht as MEO to begin on 1/1/2016 at the MEO rate. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:00 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk