

**Town Board Meeting  
December 7, 2017  
7:30 p.m.**

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

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:** +ADP Contract, +Contract for Police Services, +Discussion on New Proposal for Gateway District. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Input:**

Tim Messina, President of the New Paltz Baseball/Softball Association, inquired about the Dugouts at the Clearwater Fields. He was informed that the Building Inspector determined that the dugouts must be taken down. He would like to know why. Supervisor Bettez indicated that the determination was that they were not safe. Tim Messina will reach out to Building Inspector.

**Mercier Farms:**

Chris Mercier wrote to the Town Board disputing a \$400.00 Planning Board fee for his farm stand at 210 Rte. 32 South. Supervisor Bettez indicated that the bills to the Engineer and Attorney have already been paid by the Town. He suggested setting up a meeting with the Engineer, Attorney and Mr. Mercier and himself to discuss the refund coming from the consultants.

At 8:11 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to take a 2-minute recess. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, 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 November 16, 2017.*** Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resignation:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the resignation of Officer Michael Rizzo from the New Paltz Police Department effective December 1, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Appointments:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign all appropriate documents and send to the County to appoint Mark Jaffee permanent MCO/Building Inspector One. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to re-appoint Mike Calimano to the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Irwin for discussion. Following a discussion the following votes were taken: Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Torres and Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis voted no. Councilman Logan and Councilman Irwin voted aye. Motion failed.

**Establishment of Escrow:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to establish an escrow account for 129 Plains Road, PB2017-16 in the amount of \$4,000 with a replenish level of \$2,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**AOT Meeting Attendance:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to submit the paperwork for 2018. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Taliaferro Conservation Easement:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept and authorize the Supervisor to sign and submit the SEQRA form on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, 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.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the Resolution to Grant a Conservation Easement for the Taliaferro Farm to the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Letter of Support-UC DMV:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve and send a letter of support for the Ulster County DMV for their grant application for a new Mobile Unit. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**2018 DWI Task Force:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the 2018 DWI Task Force Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**UC Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to reaffirm the Town's approval to be part of the Ulster County Plan. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:32 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis left the room.

**Mill Brook Preserve Recreation Plan and MOA:**

Dennis Moore and Christie DeBoer from the Wallkill Valley Land Trust was present to discuss the proposed plan and MOA.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to approve the Recreation Plan and MOA. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion.

Councilman Irwin amended his motion to include that the draft Plan and MOA be forwarded to Joe Moriello for review and comment. Seconded by Councilman Logan. Councilman Torres suggested Mr. Moriello comment based on the concerns expressed by the Town Board. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:05 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis returned to the table.

**Spectrum Install at Moriello Pool:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the installation cable for a VOIP phone system at Moriello Pool. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resolution-UPWP Project Application:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PALTZ TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZING A COLLABORATIVE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION TO ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL LED BY THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ IN COLLABORATION WITH THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ FOR A COMPLETE STREETS/ PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE STRATEGIC PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town and Village are interested in working jointly on comprehensive, integrated transportation planning as well as cooperating with regional and state officials and other locally interested parties on transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of a bicycle-pedestrian plan is to develop a more walkable and bikeable community, preparing improvements to physical infrastructure that aids and equips pedestrian and bicycle travel by residents and visitors, while also fostering supporting policies, all of which will help expand safe connections between locations and land uses like SUNY-New Paltz and Main Street and the Empire State Trail, as well as to major employers within the community, and to schools, building on prior efforts like the Land Use Transportation Study and the Safe Routes to School Plan, and;

**WHEREAS**, the joint Village and Town Bicycle Pedestrian indicates support for this Project which can enable multimodal infrastructure enhancements and capacity for these groups, elected leaders and other interested persons and groups to strengthen the culture of walking and bicycling, and help provide balanced and sustainable transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, a pedestrian and bicycle plan can assist overall economic development, making the village and town more bicycle-friendly, fostering less reliance on autos, and aiding landowners by not having to over-supply parking which is costly, while also helping relieve the impacts of congestion, such as experienced on many peak weekends;

**WHEREAS**, a bicycle-pedestrian plan can provide for long-range policy and coordination of resources at the same time as the community takes on complimentary implementation projects, to support and complement the establishment of the Empire State Trail and advance potential pedestrian safety improvements;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Paltz Town Board supports the Town's submission to Ulster County Transportation Council of a 2017/2018 Unified Planning Work Program application for the UCTC to lead the establishment of a joint New Paltz Complete Streets/ Bicycle Pedestrian Plan project as part of the upcoming UPWP.

Seconded by Councilman Logan. Aye votes cast by Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Logan and Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis. Councilman Torres and Councilman Irwin were absent during the vote. Motion carried.

**Resolution-NYSDEC Capital Project Grant:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR A MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND/OR RECYCLING PROJECT AND SIGNING OF THE MASTER GRANT CONTRACT, UNDER THE APPROPRIATE LAWS OF NEW YORK STATE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York provides financial aid for municipal waste reduction and municipal recycling projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz herein called "the MUNICIPALITY", has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that a Master Grant Contract by and between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY be executed for such STATE Assistance Grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Town of New Paltz Town Board:

1. That the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized.
2. That the Town of New Paltz Town Supervisor is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE;
3. That the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of said Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Project.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast. Councilman Irwin abstained due to his absence during the discussion. Motion carried.

**Establishment of Incentive Rate:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to increase the health insurance buy-out amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for non-union employees, subject to approval from the Labor Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Budget Modification:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following modification to the 2017 budget:

Increase: DBB-960-0000-000	Appropriations	\$5,500.00
Increase: DBB-522-5142-200	Snow Removal Equipment	\$5,500.00
Decrease: DBB-960-0000-00	Appropriations	\$5,500.00
Decrease: DBB-522-5142-400	Snow Removal C.E.	\$5,500.00

Reason: For the purchase of a 25 yard sander needed for the 2018 Chevy Silverado in Highway Department. Transfer from Contractual to Equipment line.

Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**ADP Contract:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the cancellation of the balance of the contract with ADP and bring payroll processing back in-house. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resolution-Green Infrastructure Grant:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ AUTHORIZING CONTINUING TOWN PARTICIPATION IN THE VILLAGE'S GRANT-FUNDED PROJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S AWARD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEASIBILITY PLAN - VILLAGE & TOWN OF NEW PALTZ (CORE URBANIZED AREA) AND ALSO AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE AND ITS SUBCONTRACTORS TO PERFORM ASSOCIATED PLANNING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE PART OF THE TOWN OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of New Paltz, based on a partnership arrangement with the Town of New Paltz, based on a joint resolution of December 2015, applied to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") for a Hudson River Estuary Program grant for underwriting of a 'New Paltz Green Infrastructure Capital Improvements Feasibility Plan' (hereafter "Project") jointly on behalf of the Village and the Town under the Local Stewardship Planning initiative Round 16;

**WHEREAS**, in May 2016 the Village was notified that a grant award for \$45,000 had been approved for this Green Infrastructure (GI) Project;

**WHEREAS**, the Project will underwrite a engineering consultant produced plan and program which will evaluate the  
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feasibility to site and implement Green Infrastructure within the community and that will also present strategy to advance GI projects readiness and construction through technical analysis and help establishing local capacity around GI, thereby aiding the strategic alignment of resources in order to cost-effectively implement green infrastructure in public sector projects, private land developments, and in partnership arrangements, while also helping facilitate GI land development initiatives and standards and fostering the formation of other programmatic approaches to sustainable GI development and implementation;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of New Paltz has conducted procurement administration in order to secure professional engineering services for design and implementation of the Village's Grant-Funded Green Infrastructure Capital Improvement Feasibility Plan Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board believe it is in the best interests of the residents of New Paltz to undertake green infrastructure planning underwritten by said grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board also believes that it is in the best interests of the community to have the Village serve as contractor for implementation of the grant and to establish a Project development framework involving the Town Supervisor as lead entity for the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant is expected to be completed over the course of the next year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Supervisor Bettez is tasked with assisting Village Project implementation, including public outreach and community engagement on the Project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Village and its subcontractors to advance Project development within the urbanized part of the Town of New Paltz that is located outside of the Village of New Paltz, as described above.

Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Franchise Realty:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution and accept the Consent Order and Judgement Resolution. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast. Councilman Torres voted no. Motion carried.

At 9:24 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to take a 5-minute break. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:30 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to return. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Contract for Police Services:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the contract for Traffic Control Services for Paramount Pictures. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. Councilman Irwin offered a friendly amendment to include language that a fee of \$1,000 be paid to the Town. Seconded by Councilman Logan. Supervisor Bettez expressed concern that it was too late to make that negotiation. Councilman Logan offered another friendly amendment that if Paramount does not agree to pay the \$1,000, that Supervisor Bettez be authorized to sign the contract as written. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Moriello Park:**

Councilman Irwin indicated that he will follow up with the Village.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize Joe Moriello to draft a resolution to the Village of New Paltz that the Town does not approve drilling, mining or degradation at Moriello Park. Seconded by Councilman Irwin for discussion. One aye vote was cast by Councilman Logan, all others voted no. Motion failed.

#### **Discussion-New Gateway District Proposal:**

To be discussed at the next Town Board meeting.

At 10:07 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari  
Town Clerk