

**Town Board Meeting
January 28, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

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

At 7:30 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: +Update on Municipal Center, +Conservation Easement on Town property, +Sale Tax Discussion, +Fireworks. A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chris Harp, Plains Road, indicated that he does not feel that he is being benefitted by proposed Water District #5.

Sue Weber, Plains Road, indicated that it is important for the Town Board to understand the concerns of the residents.

Kevin Borden, Calvin Blvd, read aloud a statement relative to the proposed CVS project. He requested a temporary moratorium along the gateway near the Thruway and Putt Corners.

PrePays:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to approve the prepayment of \$40.00 for attendance to the Association of Towns by the Bookkeeper and Comptroller, from A522-1340.4. This reflects an increase in price for the hotel. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to approve the prepayment of \$19,750 to Peak Power Systems for the installation of the new generator at Sewer 6. This is a 2015 expense, approved on 9/9/2015. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the prepayment of \$15,365 to Edmunds & Associates for the hardware and software support agreement. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Cont. Public Hearing on Plains Road:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to continue the public hearing on proposed Water District #5 on February 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorizing Resolution-WVRT Grant for Signs:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the grant has been awarded and this resolution is for the acceptance. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Town of New Paltz, is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of (Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 *or* the Recreational Trails Program), in an amount not to exceed \$23,000, and enter into and execute a project the Town of New Paltz for New

Paltz-Wallkill River Rail Trail Program grant (RTP-131515) and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Letter of Agreement to designate LEPC Chair:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of New Paltz and Lt. Robert Lucchesi. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Designation of CIT Liaison:

Supervisor Bettez volunteered.

Discussion of applicant for EnCB appointment:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to appoint Andrew Ashton to the EnCB for a 2-year term to expire on 12/31/17. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion of applicant for Historic Preservation appointment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Susan DeMark to the HPC for a term to be determined by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Reinstatement of New Paltz Child Care Center Budget Line:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to allow Highway Supt. Marx to get an estimate from Whitaker & Associates to conduct sample testing. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion of New Paltz Public Access:

Councilman Torres would like to seek applicants for the Public Access Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to advertise for the positions. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Fireworks:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the date does not impact the price. Councilman Logan suggested that the Supervisor reach out to the Town of Gardiner about doing a joint celebration.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize the Supervisor to discuss setting a date with other municipalities and selecting one that is most suitable. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Conservation Easement on Town Property-Millbrook Preserve:

Councilman Irwin indicated that in 2015 while the Town and Village were negotiating the IMA for Millbrook Preserve, they agreed that should they not be successful in garnering a grant through the application through the Consolidated Funding Program, that by June 30, 2016, there would be conservation easements placed upon the two parcels. In order to move that effort forward, he and Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis met with Christine DeBoer from the WVL. This would protect the land in perpetuity so there would be no further development in the future. The cost is between \$10,500 and \$11,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to move forward with discussions with the Wallkill Valley Land Trust for them to hold the conservation easement on the Town's property in the Millbrook Preserve, and approve the first \$1,000 so the process of writing the easement can begin, with the funds to come out of Contingency. There was no second. Upon discussion by the Board, it was determined that this item would be tabled in order to get more info.

Sales Tax Discussion:

There was a discussion about communications with the County and the negotiations regarding the distribution of sales tax among the Towns in Ulster County.

Executive Session:

At 8:43 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel related to specific employees. Comptroller Jean Gallucci was invited to join. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to former Assessor Lorry King in response to her letter. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to engage the labor attorney for negotiations with Buildings & Grounds regarding a payroll discrepancy. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Comptroller to hold boot allowances until negotiations with the Union are complete. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:07 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk