

Town Board Meeting
February 19, 2015
7:30 p.m.

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

At 6:12 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to open the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 6:13 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to go into Executive Session for the purposes of conducting interviews for the part-time position at the Recycling Center, and an update on the IDA lawsuit with legal counsel. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:21 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to close the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

7:21 p.m. to 8:01 p.m.- Police Commission Meeting

At 8:02 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Novella's request for Bond Release, +Hampton Inn Demolition Bond Release, +Hidden Ridge Plan Change, +Resolution with Town of Rosendale, +Community Water Discussion.

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

Public Comment:

Andrea Frank, SUNY Professor, looking for Town Interest and letter of support for a grant on the facilitation of renewable energy deployment on the local level. She will get the information to the Town Board.

Privilege of the Floor- Bishop Christopher Williams from the Masters Touch:

Reverend Williams indicated that the Masters Touch has been in New Paltz for 5 years. It is an excellent community with great people. He has seen many things change and wonderful things done by the Board. It is a great pleasure to be part of this community and to see the way it comes together. This is a community where people care for one another. She shared a recent personal experience when a car he was a passenger in broke down and as he started to walk down the street, someone pulled over and gave him a ride. He believes this is a true testament of this community with wonderful people and great leadership.

Supervisor Zimet indicated that there was a statement made at a previous meeting claiming that the Town has paid Dave Clouser and Associates \$500,000. Mr. Clouser provided the Supervisor with a copy of his 1099, which she submitted into the record, that shows a total of \$106,066.74, 70% of that (\$74,000+) was paid from Planning Escrow Accounts that developers pay for plan review. The other 30% (about \$32,000) was paid out of the Town's 2014 budget for professional services on projects for water/sewer, Highway, Drainage, grants and recreation projects. The Engineer line in the Town's budget was under spent by approximately \$18,000.

Supervisor Zimet also submitted into the record a copy of her own W-2 for 2014, which shows her income as \$53,820. This should clear up the misinformation claiming she is making \$70,000.

Association of Towns Meeting Overview:

Supervisor Zimet discussed the importance of Resolution #1-"Property Tax Cap", Resolution #2-"Tax Freeze Look-Back Period" and Resolution #3- "Reform the Real Property Tax System."

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to appoint Justin Myers to the Bike-Pedestrian Committee. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to appoint Perry Goldschein to the Environmental Conservation Board to fill the vacancy left by Tod Westlake, for a 2-year term to expire 12/2015, contingent upon the filing of a Financial Disclosure and Oath of Office within 30 days of appointment, otherwise the appointment becomes null and void. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to appoint Kevin Borden to the Clean Water and Open Space Protection Commission to fill the vacancy left by Tom O'Dowd, for a term to expire 12/2015, contingent upon the filing of a Financial Disclosure and Oath of Office within 30 days of appointment, otherwise the appointment becomes null and void. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resignations:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the resignation of Lorry King from the position of Town Assessor, as of February 6, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Zimet thanked her for her service to the Town.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to accept the resignation of John House Wilson from the Environmental Conservation Board. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. The Board thanked him for his service to the Town.

Parades/Events:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the Palm Sunday Parade Request with a minimum fee of \$350 due for Police Services. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried. The Regatta will be discussed next week to determine who will pay for it.

Cusanno/Wortmann Annexation Request Extension:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to extend the request to September 15, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Board Liaison Designation:

Tabled until next week.

Cell Tower Contract:

The Town has an existing cell tower contract that was signed in 1997 signed by Supervisor Zimet, with a term to expire sometime in 2022. The company is attempting to renew it now, however the Town is not going to sign off on it until the current market for cell towers has been vetted. Councilman Barry will continue to work on it.

Novella's Request for Escrow Refund:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to refund Novella's their remaining escrow monies in their Planning Board account, in the amount of \$1,694.95. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Hampton Inn Demolition Bond Release:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the release of \$40,000 for the Demolition Bond for the proposed Hampton Inn site. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Hidden Ridge Plan Change:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the resubmission of a site plan by the Hidden Ridge Project (87 Motel) under their original application fee of \$14,500 as a result of a plan change for the property. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Community Water:

Councilman Logan indicated that Village Trustee Tom Rocco has been speaking with the DEP to work on an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement), Until the IGA is signed, the Town is not registered with the DEP to be doing any of the work. The Village has received the first set of

contracts and returned them with comments. Councilman Logan hopes to have the IGA sometime next week to distribute to the Board.

Resolution with Town of Rosendale:

Councilman Torres read aloud a proposed resolution regarding shared services with the Town of Rosendale. Councilman Barry suggested a more formal agreement such as an IMA, due to potential liability issues. It will be reviewed with the labor attorney. Councilman Torres will follow up with Laura Petit and Chris Marx.

Prepays/Budget Modifications:

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

Increase line DB980.5031.0	Highway DB Interfund Transfer	\$11,001.17
Increase line DB522.5110.4	Highway General Repairs	\$11,001.17
Increase line A522.1620.4	A-Fund Building CE	\$ 2,599.55
Increase line A980.5031.0	A-Fund Interfund Transfer	\$ 2,599.55

As well as move the remaining \$1,399.28 of Parkland Funds currently in the A-Fund back to the Parkland Reserve Account. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the following 2014 budget modification in order to account for departmental reimbursement of highway fuel used April through September 2014:

Increase: DB980-1789.0 \$5,936.63

Increase: DB522-5110.4 \$5,936.63

Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the following 2015 budget modification for the purchase of a leaf truck. Replacing allocation in equipment for mower with leaf vac truck.

This modification provides additional funds for the purchase:

Increase: DB5110.2 Roads and Repair Equipment \$23,000

Decrease: DB5110.4 Roads and Repair Maintenance \$23,000

Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the payment of the February Warrant in the amount of \$631,026.99. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:39 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing replacing the Assessor and potentially appointing a new employee for the Recycling Center. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:51 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Logan all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to authorizing the hiring of Issac Downing to the part-time position of Municipal Working I at the Recycling Center, at a rate of \$15.61/hour according to the Union contract. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:52 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk