

**Joint Village/Town Meeting
New Paltz Board of Trustees and the Town Board
April 4, 2012**

Present Village: Mayor Jason West, Deputy Mayor Sally Rhoades, Trustee Ariana Basco, Trustee Brian Kimbiz, Trustee Stewart Glenn

Present Town: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Kevin Barry, Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilman Jeff Logan

Absent: Councilwoman Jean Gallucci

Also Present: Kelly Stengel, Deputy Village Clerk

Mayor West called the April 4, 2012 Joint Village/Town Meeting of the New Paltz Board of Trustees and Town Board at 7:30PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Deputy Mayor Rhoades suggested an amendment to the agenda which Mayor West summarized: keep item one the same, move item seven to item two, move item two to item five, move item six to five and item five to seven.

Supervisor Zimet noted that the Town will need to stay in session after the Village-Town meeting to discuss the acquisition of land for a tax sale and provide an update on issues related to the Town, Village and School District.

Trustee Rhoades made a motion, seconded by Mayor West, to approve the agenda as amended. 9 ayes. 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

Public Comment

Ron Turner quoted parts of the Village Code and ADA in relation to public meetings stating that the Village is out of compliance for this public meeting.

Mayor West stated that he will speak with the Village Building Department about the accessibility of the meeting room.

Ira Margolis noted that these rules also apply to the Town of New Paltz.

Carol Roper announced that Clean Sweeps will be April 28th, 2012 and a light breakfast will be served at St. Joseph's at 8:30am. Please contact Sue Stagan for more information.

Announcements

Councilman Logan noted that the month of April is when residents can renew their annual pass to Minnewaska State Park. Councilman Logan noted that if residents renew their pass at the park, funds will stay within our park and makes our park more viable to the State.

Deputy Mayor Rhoades requested for the Village Board and Town Council celebrate Mayor West's birthday by singing 'Happy Birthday.'

Deputy Mayor Rhoades congratulated the Village Clerk, Amanda Ericson, on getting into law school.

1. Request to Engage in a Sister-City Relationship with Fenghua City

Draft Resolution provided by Dr. G. Benjamin

Dr. Benjamin explained the program that New Paltz has had with schools in Fenghua City China and the potential Sister-City relationship of New Paltz with Fenghua City.

Deputy Mayor Rhoades suggested that Dr. Benjamin keep the Village's International Committee apprised of the progress of the Fenghua City and New Paltz sister-city relationship.

Deputy Mayor Rhoades made a motion, seconded by Trustee Basco, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a sister-city relationship with Fenghua City with the understanding that this relationship does not imply, require or commit the expenditure of public funds. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Logan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Barry, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a sister-city relationship with Fenghua City with the understanding that this relationship does not imply, require or commit the expenditure of public funds. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Deputy Mayor Rhoades made a motion, seconded by Mayor West, to approve the March 7, 2012 Joint Town and Village Meeting Minutes as submitted. 3 ayes, 2 abstentions (Trustee Glenn, Trustee Basco). Motion passed.

Councilman Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Zimet, to approve the March 7, 2012 Joint Town and Village Meeting Minutes as submitted. 3 ayes, 1 abstention (Councilman Barry), 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

3. "Playing Well Together" Discussion of Joint Town/Village Procedures

The following amendments were made to the 'Joint Meeting Procedures' submitted by the Village Clerk: section two shall read "The Mayor and Supervisor will agree upon agenda items one week prior to a Joint Meeting, except for time sensitive materials" with subsections a and b remaining unchanged; section four shall read "Joint Meeting Draft Minutes will be produced and distributed by the hosting Board, to the Boards no later than 2 days after a Joint Meeting has occurred" with subsection a remaining unchanged; and adding a section seven which shall read "All meetings shall begin no earlier than 7:30PM."

Deputy Mayor Rhoades made a motion, seconded by Mayor West, to approve the 'Joint Meeting Procedures,' as amended. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Logan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Barry, to approve the 'Joint Meeting Procedure,' as amended. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

4. Discussion of Setting a Joint Meeting Schedule

Mayor West made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rhoades, to approve the proposed joint meeting schedule. Mayor West withdrew his motion.

Supervisor Zimet made a motion, seconded by Councilman Logan, to approve the proposed joint meeting schedule. Supervisor Zimet withdrew her motion.

Councilwoman Brown noted that all of the proposed meeting dates fall on the Town's Historic Preservation Committee meeting dates and Councilwoman Brown is the Town's liaison.

Mayor West made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rhoades, to schedule the next Village/Town Joint meeting be held at Town Hall at 7:30PM on May 16, 2012 and for the Village and Town Clerk to find three subsequent meeting dates in 2012. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Barry made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, to to schedule the next Village/Town Joint meeting be held at Town Hall at 7:30PM on May 16, 2012 and for the Village and Town Clerk to find three subsequent meeting dates in 2012. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

5. Affirm Joint 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Application (RFA A#11-LGF-09)

Deputy Mayor Rhoades commended Supervisor Zimet, on behalf of the Village Board, for all of her effort in completing the grant application.

Erin Quinn asked when the Town expects to hear back on this grant.

The Town Council stated that it could be up to a year.

KT Tobin requested that the most recent grant be added to the Village's website.

Deputy Mayor Rhoades made a motion, seconded by Trustee Glenn, to affirm the Joint 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Application (RFA A#11-LGF-09), which the Village Board approved at a special meeting of the Village Board on March 20, 2012. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Zimet made a motion, seconded by Councilman Logan, to affirm the Joint 2011-2012 Local Government Efficiency Grant Application (RFA A#11-LGF-09). 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

6. Discussion of One Community Committees

Deputy Mayor Rhoades made a motion to approve the motion, made by the Town Council at the March 7, 2012 Joint Town and Village Board meeting, by Councilwoman Brown, with a friendly amendment by Councilman Logan, to create committees as recommended with the deletions suggested by Trustee Kimbiz relative to Town and Village employees, and that the open and transparent committee get an ad in the paper, on channel 23, on Facebook and with posters inviting the public to submit a letter of interest to join the committee of their choice and that the committees accept and enact the procedures set by the Boards and agree to meet monthly and each committee's meeting has a public comment period. Trustee Glenn seconded Deputy Mayor Rhoades motion, with the friendly amendment that this motion will replace the motion that was made by the Village Board at the March 14, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Village Board. Deputy Mayor Rhoades made an additional friendly amendment, accepted by Trustee Glenn, that the committee meeting will not begin until May 2012 and committees are allowed to expand their stated missions. 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mayor West). Motion passed.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion that the committees will not begin to meet for at least thirty days from today to give community members an opportunity to sign up and join the committees. Councilman Barry seconded the motion with a friendly amendment that the committee meetings will not begin until they can be televised. Councilwoman Brown withdrew her motion.

Councilwoman Brown Made a motion that the Town allocate \$2,500 towards filming 37 unification committee meetings if the Town and Village find out that the RFA A#11-LGF-09 is a non-reimbursable grant. Councilman Logan seconded the motion with the friendly amendment that the funds come out of the B fund. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

Trustee Basco made a motion, seconded by Trustee Glenn, that the committees will not begin meeting until the ability to record them has been established and the money has been allocated. Trustee Kimbiz made a friendly amendment to the motion, accepted by Trustee Basco, that the committee meetings will not begin until the Community Center is wired. Trustee Glenn withdrew his second.

Trustee Basco made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kimbiz, that the committees shall not begin meeting until the Community Center is wired so meetings can be broadcasted. Trustee Basco withdrew her motion.

Trustee Glenn made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rhoades, that the Village allocate \$2,500 towards filming 37 unification committee meetings, out of this fiscal year if the money can be allocated or added to the budget for next year, if the Town and Village find out that the RFA A#11-LGF-09 is a non-reimbursable grant. 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mayor West). Motion passed.

Councilman Barry made a motion, seconded by Councilman Logan, that the committees will not begin to meet for at least thirty days from today to give community members an opportunity to sign up and join the committees. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

Trustee Glenn made a motion, seconded by Mayor West, that the committees will not begin to meet for at least thirty days from today to give community members an opportunity to sign up and join the committees. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Zimet provided the Town and Village with copies of S6761 which was introduced into the State Senate on March 19, 2012 and a letter from Assemblyman Cahill to Supervisor Zimet dated March 19, 2012.

Supervisor Zimet stated that that Town Board would like to invite the Village Board and the School Board to meet to discuss issues related to New Paltz's schools and potentially sharing fuel services.

7. Discussion Regarding Moriello Pool

Deputy Mayor Rhoades made a motion, seconded by, that the Village continue with the terms and agreements of the proposed contract for 2012 and that the Village authorize the Town and Village attorneys, the Mayor and Supervisor to come up with a comprehensive plan that is equitable to both the Village and Town. Deputy Mayor Rhoades withdrew her motion.

Councilman Logan requested that the Village and Town make the required health and safety capital improvements to Moriello Pool with the funds in the Village's recreation fund line and the Town's budget.

Supervisor Zimet suggested that the Town pay for the operations, the Village and Town split evenly the health and safety capital improvements that need to be done, change the contract so that is only for 2012, the Village and Town have a separate subcommittee meeting to recommend the priorities for capital improvements, and that the Village and Town decided on the subcommittees recommendations at the next joint Village/Town Board meeting.

Trustee Basco and Trustee Glenn agreed that they would meet with representatives from the Town Council to discuss these issues.

Councilman Logan and Councilman Barry agreed that they would meet with Trustee Glenn and Trustee Basco to discuss issues related to Moriello Pool.

Deputy Mayor Rhoades stated that she would like for the Town to pay the Village for the 2008 bill and that the subcommittee discuss this bill as well.

Deputy Mayor Rhoades made a motion, seconded by Mayor West, for Trustee Basco, Trustee Glenn, Councilman Logan, and Councilman Barry to meet as a subcommittee to discuss the priority capital improvements for Moriello Pool and the disputed 2008 bill on Friday, April 6, 2012 at 8:00am and that the subcommittee make recommendations to the Village and Town Boards at the next joint meeting. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Barry made a motion, seconded by Councilman Logan, for Trustee Basco, Trustee Glenn, Councilman Logan, and Councilman Barry to meet as a subcommittee to discuss the priority capital improvements for Moriello Pool and the disputed 2008 bill on Friday, April 6,

2012 at 8:00am and that the subcommittee make recommendations to the Village and Town Boards at the next joint meeting. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

Adjournment Village

Mayor West made a motion, seconded by Trustee Basco, to adjourn the April 4, 2012 Joint Village/Town Meeting of the New Paltz Board of Trustees and Town Board at 10:25PM. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Zimet made a motion, seconded by Councilman Barry, to authorize the Supervisor to contact the County for the purpose of stopping the tax sale on property that the Town might want to acquire for public good. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

Councilman Barry made a motion, seconded by Councilman Logan, that the Town authorize a pre-pay of \$321,000 to the Elting Memorial Library. 4 ayes, 1 absent (Councilwoman Gallucci). Motion passed.

Supervisor Zimet advised the Town Council that the next Town Council meeting will begin at 7:00PM with a discussion of the sewer six.

Adjournment Town

Councilman Logan made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Zimet, to adjourn the April 4, 2012 Joint Village/Town Meeting of the New Paltz Board of Trustees and Town Board at 10:40PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Stengel
Deputy Village Clerk