



**Town Board Meeting
February 21, 2019, 7 p.m.
Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave.**

Present : Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilman David Brownstein.

At 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

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

Public Input:

None

Approval of part-time dispatcher:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to approve the hiring of Joshua Vernon as a part-time dispatcher, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Route 299 Gateway Re-Zoning:

Mike Zierler indicated that the documents needed for tonight's meeting were not ready in-time to present to the Town Board. There was a brief discussion regarding the Natural Resources inventory and next steps.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and seconded by Councilman Brownstein to approve and/or authorize the following items as part of the consent agenda. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

1. Approval of Joint Minutes: February 7, 2019
2. Approval to use \$700.00 from seized asset fund for Lieutenant Lucchesi to attend a 1st Amendment Training Seminar in May
3. Approval of Recycling purchase of Cast 580SN 4WD Loader Backhoe-Contract #060311-CNH for \$86,113.32
4. Authorization to hire Stasha Dietz as Court Clerk for Judge Bacon beginning 2/25/19 at a rate of \$15.00/hour
5. Rescind approval of escrow release for PB #18-195 due to additional invoice
6. Resignation of Court Officer Fuentes
7. Establishment of escrow for Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays Site Plan, PB 19-17 in the amount of \$5,000.00 with replenishment line of \$2,500.00

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the February Warrant in the amount of \$1,783,903.90. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Proposed Local Law #1/ 2019- No Parking:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution designating the Town Board Lead Agency to review environmental impacts of the proposed changes to add a new Chapter 119, "Parking, Stopping and Standing of Vehicles" to the Code of the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution calling the public hearing for March 7, 2019 at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Proposed Local Law #2/2019-Snow Removal:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution designating the Town Board Lead Agency to review environmental impacts of the proposed changes to replace Article II, "Snow and Ice Removal" of Chapter 118, "Streets and Sidewalks" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the resolution calling the public hearing for March 7, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Danskammer:

A motion was made by Councilman Brownstein to adopt the following resolution. Seconded by Councilman Irwin all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution of the Town of New Paltz Expressing Opposition to the Danskammer Build Out Proposal

WHEREAS, climate change requires immediate action, we need to stop incrementally expanding fossil fuel energy generation and fully ramp up on renewables and we need to make tough choices in the face of entrenched, narrow, short-term interests; and,

WHEREAS, these seemingly small and scattered decisions that extend fossil fuel dependency are neither small or insignificant, as they cumulatively add up to a whole system that supports and reinforces the continuation of our reliance on fossil fuels, and we need to diverge from this path; and,

WHEREAS, according to Food and Water Watch, "The Danskammer would be a massive 550 MW fracked gas plant posing huge risks to the air and water of the local community -- and worsening our climate crisis by burning dirty fossil fuels around the clock" and,

WHEREAS, we have the science and technology and we need to show that we have the will to transition to a clean, green economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Danskammer build out proposal is against the stated goals of our governor, is wrong for our economy, our health, and the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz call upon the Public Service Commission to reject the Danskammer application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to submit this statement to the Public Service Commission and to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator Jen Metzger, State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Ulster County Executive Adele Reiter, City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, Ulster County Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels, Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez, and Ulster County Legislator James Delaune.

Resolution-Green Light Legislation:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following Resolution No. 151/2018 of the City Council of the City of Newburgh, in support of the Green Light Legislation pending the relevant changes of the municipalities and the officials who it will be going to and to empower the Supervisor to create that resolution. Seconded by Councilman Brownstein, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newburgh Supporting the Green Light

Legislation to Ensure Equal Access to Driver's Licenses for All Residents of New York State

WHEREAS, all residents of New York State, regardless of immigration status, should have equal access to driver's licenses; and

WHEREAS, New York State currently bars hundreds of thousands of immigrants in our state from obtaining driver's licenses due to their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, without access to licenses, many immigrants are unable to purchase, register, and insure their own vehicles and so face major barriers to meeting the most basic needs of day-to-day life: traveling to work, school, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, expanded immigrant access to driver's licenses will reduce the number of uninsured vehicles on the road, thereby lowering insurance premiums for all New York motorists; and

WHEREAS, with New York State currently in the process of redesigning its license policies to comply with the Federal REAL ID Act by the 2018 deadline, now is the ideal moment to remove immigration status restrictions for driver's licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Newburgh expresses its support and calls on the New York State Legislature to move forward Driver's License Bill A10273/S08680; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Newburgh, New York forward copies of this resolution to the offices of Assemblyman Frank Skartados and and State Senator William Larkin.

Operating Agreement of Streetlighting Facilities:

Tabled.

At 8:23 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 Rosenkranse
Town Clerk