

**Town Board Meeting  
February 25, 2016  
7:30 p.m.**

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

At 7:39 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:** +Community Center Rate Schedule, +Rules and Regulations for New Paltz Sports Park, +Boot and Meal Allowance, +Executive Session.

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

**Public Comment:**

Kevin Borden read aloud a statement from Kitty Brown requesting a moratorium on the Gateway District, in opposition of the CVS project.

Judy Mage and Susan Blickstein also spoke in opposition of the project.

Carol Cryer, Chris Harp, Grey Rice, and Ingrid Beer spoke in opposition of Proposed Water District 5.

David Rosenberger read aloud a statement listing multiple reasons why he is in favor of the proposed water district.

Mike Merriman clarified his understanding of the ability for residents in the proposed water district to continue to use their wells for non-personal uses, such as agriculture.

Laura Petite requested the Town pass a memorializing resolution for County or even State Legislation to provide Best Practices regarding mental health service institutions.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the ***Police Commission Minutes of February 18, 2016*** and ***Town Board Minutes of February 18, 2016***. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Review of Proposed Water District #5:**

Councilman Logan discussed some of the procedural aspects surrounding this project thus far.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt the Resolution adopting the Negative Declaration on SEQR on the Backup Water Supply System and authorize Supervisor Bettez to sign it. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the Order Establishing Water District No. 5. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Extension 1 of Water District #3:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the Temporary Access License Agreement between Wildberry Lodge, LLC/Steve Turk, and the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Boot and Meal Allowance:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to agree to revert back to previously accepted practices, prior to November 2015, where employees are allowed to redeem their boot allowances or purchase their boots using a voucher, through the submission of a receipt or on Town account. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to give the Comptroller approval to prepay vendors according to charges already submitted and to process charges made against the Town for boots. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion a pending contract with private individuals, and invite Joe Moriello and Dave Clouser. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:37 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Approval of Contracts:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2016 contract with **FAMILY of Woodstock**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the contract with the **YMCA for Summer Youth Recreation**. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the **Ambulance Services contract with the Rescue Squad**. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Councilman Torres indicated that the Village Board has invited the Town to join them for a joint meeting. He approached the EnCB about the potential merging with the Village EPC and they were supportive of the idea. Councilman Torres and the Mayor discussed having a Sales Tax Agreement. The Village would like to see if the Town is willing to work on some of the maintenance of the Fire Trucks and the Village would pay us to do that. The Ethics Board wanted to remind the Town Board fact that they received a number of ethics complaints last year and that they are not an investigative Board. If they receive a complaint that falls outside of their purview, they will not render a decision. There had been numerous applications from individuals who were looking to volunteer for the Ethics Board that have not been followed up on. The EnCB has requested the letter regarding the CVS project that had been read aloud at a meeting in October.

Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis discussed proposed Rules and Regulations for the New Paltz Sports Park. She will continue to work on this. Recreation Director Chuck Bordino requested amending the rate schedule for the community Center. This will require further discussion by the Board.

The Recreation Committee had been disbanded some years ago and needs to be reconstituted. Anyone seeking to volunteer is encouraged to contact the Town.

Councilman Irwin thanked Deb Alexsa at the New Paltz Times for reconstituting the "Senior Corner" in the newspaper.

#### **Bike-Ped Appointment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to appoint Rebecca Minas to the Bike-Ped Committee for a 4-year term to expire 12/31/2019. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Waiver for Catering:**

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to waive the 30-day hold on the Liquor License Application for Garvan's Rock & Rye. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Fireworks Rain Date:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to change the rain date on the contract to July 8<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Robert's Rules of Order:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt "Robert's Rules of Order". Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Budget Modifications:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following modification to the 2016 budget:

Increase: A522-1620.400	B&G Office Supplies	\$100.00
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Decrease: A522-1345.560	General Purchasing	\$100.00
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Reason: Transfer OS General purchasing funds to B&G Office Supply line for Recycling Office paper products.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the following modification to the 2016 budget:

Increase: A8189.20	\$5,250.00
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Decrease: General Revenue (Unanticipated revenue) \$5,250.00  
Reason: Unanticipated funds from sale of surplus equipment to be used for purchase of broom/sweeper attachment for JCB Skid Steer.  
Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Prepay:**

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the prepayment of voucher 15-03089 in the amount of \$2,760.10 to Mitchell Electric for work on the generator at Sewer 6. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resolution-Transfer of Funds on Account:**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER  
OF FUNDS ON DEPOSIT  
(“325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration” Account to “Fireworks” Account)**

**WHEREAS**, there is currently maintained by the Town of New Paltz at Ulster Savings Bank an account in the name of the Town of New Paltz entitled “325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration” having a balance as of January 31, 2016 of \$7,071.90; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with an examination into the manner in which such funds have been acquired by the town, it has been determined that such account should properly be segregated as a “Fireworks” account in the name of the town and the funds on deposit be used by the town for such purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the town presently maintains at M&T Bank an escrow account entitled “Town of New Paltz Master Escrow” designed for purposes of segregating monies to separate escrows dedicated to a particular town function or purpose;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it:

**RESOLVED** that the Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz is hereby authorized and directed to close the aforesaid “325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration” at Ulster Savings Bank and to transfer all funds on deposit in such account, including any accumulated interest thereon since January 31, 2016, to the aforesaid “Town of New Paltz Master Escrow” maintained by the town at M&T Bank, such funds to be held in a new sub-account thereof titled “Fireworks” and to be used by the town for such purpose; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Supervisor (and such other town officers as may be required) is hereby authorized and directed to sign on behalf of the town such documents as are necessary to give full force and effect to the purposes and intents of this resolution.

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

At 10:17 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari  
Town Clerk