

VILLAGE & TOWN OF NEW PALTZ
Regular Joint Meeting of Wednesday, March 13th 2019
Village Hall -- 7:00 PM
MINUTES



Present: Mayor Tim Rogers, Deputy Mayor KT Tobin, Trustee Don Kerr, Trustee Dennis Young, Trustee William Wheeler Murray; Supervisor Neil Bettez, Deputy Supervisor Dan Torres, Councilperson Marty Irwin, Councilperson Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilperson David Brownstein
Also Present: Ariana Basco, Assistant to the Mayor;

Call to Order: Mayor Rogers called the joint meeting of the Village of Board of Trustees and Town Council to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative Business

1. Approval of Agenda

- a. The following items were added to the Joint Business Agenda:
 - i. Discussion on water and sewer in relation to Gateway
 - ii. [2019-03-13 Resolution # of 2019 Opposing Tax Cuts to Medicaid](#)
 - iii. Route 32 and H.W. Dubois - proposed Stewart's gas station
- b. The following items were added to the Town Business Agenda:
 - i. Approve adding the Adult Softball league to the Town insurance policy
 - ii. Engage Joe Moriello as counsel
- c. The following items were added to the Village Business Agenda:
 - i. Update on waste energy

Mayor Rogers moves to approve the agenda as amended; Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds; all in favor **(Passed 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to approve the agenda as amended; Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconds; all in favor **(Passed 5-0)**

2. Announcements

- a. If I Were Mayor Essay Contest - we received many submissions and will be making announcements about it at the next Village Board meeting
- b. Single hauler - Village officials had a chat with County Waste this morning regarding haulers that are illegally picking up trash. If you see any illegal waste hauling, please report it to the New Paltz Police!
- c. Landlord Tenant Relations Council will be meeting on the SUNY campus again on April 25th at 7pm in SUB 100 - this will happen every other month while classes are in session

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing on [Local Law # of 2019 Override Tax Levy Limit](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to open the public hearing on Local Law # of 2019 Override Tax Levy Limit. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

No comments

Mayor Rogers moves to close the public hearing on Local Law # of 2019 Override Tax Levy Limit. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Public Comment --

1. Michele Zipp and Rana Yastien from Resisterhood
 - a. Zero Plastic challenge - kickoff will be in April and the goal will be to use as little plastic as possible with the goal being zero plastic!
2. Vanessa from Nobody Leaves Mid Hudson spoke in support of the joint resolution in support of the Drivers Licenses Bill A10273 and gave personal accounts of why having a driver's license is so important and how one can be impacted by being denied a license

Joint Business Agenda

1. [Resolution #16 of 2019 Support for Drivers Licenses Bill A10273](#)
 - a. [NY Legislators Fact Sheet](#)
 - b. [NY Know the Facts](#)
 - c. [Real ID One Pager](#)
 - d. [The Bills Basics](#)

Deputy Mayor Tobin moves to adopt Resolution #16 of 2019 Support for Drivers Licenses Bill A10273. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

2. Route 32 and H.W. Dubois - proposed Stewart's gas station

Planning Board Chair Walter speaks to this issue. There is ongoing discussion regarding the increase in traffic on this corner due to Stewart's moving. The idea of installing a traffic light on that corner has been raised and would cost half a million dollars (includes the lights and the road lines). Installing a left-turn lane into the new Stewart's from HW Dubois would allow for defined space for cars and for cyclists as opposed to not putting in a turn lane and having cars going around each other into the bicycle lane.

Former Planning Board Chair Zierler also speaks to this issue and highlights the history of traffic studies in New Paltz. He recommends having the Ulster County Planning Board be the "point person" on this.

Supervisor Bettez raised the point that many traffic studies are done with cars in mind and the goal is often to make driving easier, not taking cyclists and pedestrians into account.

Chair Walter would like input from the boards regarding this - the Mayor and Supervisor are both "Pro Line" and "Anti Light" - the majority of both boards are in agreement with them.

The current drawings from Stewart's includes lines and they are available for viewing in the Village Building Department. The traffic plans took Zero Place into account. One suggestion is to have Stewart's pay for a traffic study. Stewart's has requested that the Planning Board tell them what our

community wants with the idea that they are amenable to making that happen, but there is no guarantee.

3. **Report from Village Code Enforcement Official Ethan Smith**: a recent review of 281 registered rentals in the Village identified roughly 85 discrepancies regarding the number of registered bedrooms when comparing Ulster County and Village records

Village Fire Inspector Ethan Smith speaks to this issue and presents his findings.

4. Discussion on water and sewer in relation to Gateway

Former Planning Board Chair Zierler speaks to this issue. He has been leading the conversation with a committee regarding this topic. The same restrictions that water and sewer put on our current zoning, will be placed on the future Gateway zoning as well. This opened the door to entertain a further discussion regarding water and sewer capacity and expansion.

There is currently a permitted amount of sewage that can be treated by the WWTP daily - 1.5 million gallons per day. We are generally below that capacity, but when there are rain events or snowmelt then that stormwater flows through our WWTP and the amount that is processed increases significantly.

5. Downtown parking plans and 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) application -- Public Private Partnership opportunity between the Village of New Paltz and Arcos/ Samsix

a. Parking Plans

- i. add a mobile phone parking app for folks to pay for any parking (meter or lot) using a credit card
- ii. purchase a new pay station at the Plattekill Ave lot. The pay station would take coins, a mobile phone app, or could be used with one's own credit card if someone doesn't have the mobile phone app
- iii. purchase a new pay station at the post office lot and eliminate its meters
- iv. add 9 spaces at the post office lot to increase its spaces from 21 to 30 by sealcoating and restriping the lot
- v. add up to 60 spaces, from 29, at the FREE Huguenot St lot at the sewer plant so it ends up w ~90 spaces
- vi. create different rates/ incentives for residents v. visitors for residents who use the phone app – this is one of the advantages of its adoption

Mayor Rogers moves to support a DRI Application focused on these five topics. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to support a DRI Application focused on these five topics. Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

6. Three taxes have been included in the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act (CRTA) proposed by Governor Andrew Cuomo

- a. A wholesale tax determined by weight of flowers and stems goes to NYS
- b. 20% tax on wholesale price goes to the state
- c. 2% tax on wholesale price goes to the county

There is currently no plan in place to have these funds trickle down to local municipalities.

7. Approve the [02-07-2019 Joint Meeting Minutes](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to approve the 02-07-2019 Joint Meeting Minutes. Trustee Wheeler Murray seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to approve the 02-07-2019 Joint Meeting Minutes. Deputy Supervisor Torres seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

8. [Resolution #17 of 2019 Shared Municipal Building](#)

Trustee Kerr moves to adopt Resolution #17 of 2019 Shared Municipal Building. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Councilperson Brownstein moves to adopt Resolution #17 of 2019 Shared Municipal Building. Councilperson Irwin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

9. [Resolution #18 of 2019 GOSR Joint Funding](#) for new fire station construction

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution #18 of 2019 GOSR Joint Funding. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Deputy Supervisor Torres moves to adopt Resolution #18 of 2019 GOSR Joint Funding. Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconds. Councilperson Irwin votes nay. **(Passed 4-1)**

10. Housing Agenda Update

Affordable Housing Board has new forms on the Village website. The Town is still working on their affordable housing law.

Deputy Mayor Tobin solicits anecdotal experiences that can help us track how the security deposit is or isn't working. It was passed exactly one year ago.

The Town has a proposed security deposit law that replicates the Village's and it will be on their next meeting agenda.

11. [Parade Request](#) - Eric's Ride

Mayor Rogers moves to approve Eric's Ride Parade Request. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to approve Eric's Ride Parade Request. Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

12. [Mill Brook Preserve Survey Proposal](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to accept the Mill Brook Preserve Survey Proposal. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to accept the Mill Brook Preserve Survey Proposal. Councilperson Brownstein seconds. All in favor. Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis abstains **(Passed 4-1)**

13. [Home Sprinkler Law](#)

Discussion of draft law ends at 9:47pm in case someone needs to watch the video of the meeting to listen to the discussion

A - remove the idea of using a date of 1977 and 2019 - All residential buildings included

C - law would be triggered for any building where one or more bedroom is added whether it is new or existing square footage - if you renovate more than 50% of your house

- adding a bedroom

- 50% of the total floor area increased

- 50% of the replacement cost

Exceptions - rooms less than 150 square feet - could be changed to overall square feet

14. [2019-03-13 Resolution #19 of 2019 Opposing Tax Cuts to Medicaid](#)

Mayor Rogers moves to adopt Resolution #19 of 2019 Opposing Tax Cuts to Medicaid. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Supervisor Bettez moves to adopt Resolution #19 of 2019 Opposing Tax Cuts to Medicaid.

Councilperson Brownstein seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Town Business Agenda

1. Approve adding the Adult Softball league to the Town insurance policy

Supervisor Bettez moves to approve adding the Adult Softball league to the Town insurance policy.

Deputy Supervisor Torres seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

2. Engage Joe Moriello as counsel

Councilperson Irwin moves engage Joe Moriello as counsel. No second, motion fails. The Town Board will discuss this at their next meeting.

Adjournment -- Supervisor Bettez moves to adjourn the Town portion of the, March 13th, 2019 Joint Meeting of the Village and Town Boards of New Paltz at 9:57 PM; Deputy Supervisor Torres seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Village Consent Agenda

1. Approve [02-27-2019 VB Meeting Minutes](#)

2. Accept [Jennifer Welles resignation](#) from the Affordable Housing Board effective March 4th 2019

Mayor Rogers moves to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

Village Business Agenda

- 1. Non-revenue water payments for staff per our labor agreement. Total non-revenue water was 34.1% in 2017 and improved to 22.0% for 2018. It peaked in 2014 at 45.9%.**

Trustee Kerr moves to approve the non-revenue water payments for staff per our labor agreement. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

- 2. [Park Use Application](#) - Wallkill River Paddle Race - Sept 14th**

Trustee Kerr moves to approve the Wallkill River Paddle Race park use application. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

- 3. [Filming Application](#) - Just In Time**

Trustee Kerr moves to approve the Just In Time filming application. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

- 4. Licensing and registration of short term rental properties**

Trustee Kerr moves to table Licensing and registration of short term rental properties until the March 27th meeting. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

- 5. [Memo from Bleu re: Flowmeters](#)**

Trustee Kerr moves to approve the purchase of a new influent flowmeter for the sewer treatment plant for \$4075. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

- 6. Proposed law that is needed per the DEC consent order to address inflow and infiltration (I&I) of stormwater water into the municipal sanitary sewer system from SUNY NP and Town sewer districts**

Discussed in the joint portion of the meeting

- 7. Assistant Ariana Basco: proposal for her to become full-time hourly over 4 days each week (M, W, Thu, F) with a weekly cap of 25 hours**

Trustee Kerr moves to approve Deputy Clerk Ariana Basco becoming full-time hourly over 4 days each week with a weekly cap of 25 hours. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

- 8. 2019 CDBG Application**

- To authorize advertising for a public hearing on April 10, 2019 for a 2019 CFA small cities CDBG application that is likely due in July 2019. Eligible activities, program requirements, past projects and possible future projects will be discussed. Public comment and suggestions will be encouraged
- [Resolution #20 of 2019 CDBG SEQRA Determination](#)**

Trustee Kerr moves to adopt Resolution #20 of 2019 CDBG SEQRA Determination. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

9. Hiring additional pt snow shovelers

Trustee Young moves to hire additional part time snow shovelers. Deputy Mayor Tobin seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

10. Discussion on Local Law # of 2019 Amending Chapter 212-25(F)(5) General Sign Requirements

- a. Review Planning Board comments
- b. Send to County PB
- c. Set public hearing for April 10th

Trustee Kerr moves to table the discussion on Local Law # of 2019 Amending Chapter 212-25(F)(5) General Sign Requirements until the March 27th meeting. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

11. E-STAR Homes program for the Village to mirror the Town's building codes

Trustee Kerr moves to table E-STAR Homes program for the Village to mirror the Town's building codes until the March 27th meeting. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

12. Pine residence - sanitary sewer bill- memo from Treasurer's office

Mayor Rogers moves to offer a total payment of \$2725, which accounts for \$2190.13 of water and \$535.83 of sewer. Sewer relief will amount to \$754.14. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**

13. Local Law # of 2019 Amending Chapter 175, Article III: Streets and Public Places, Snow and Ice Removal

Trustee Kerr moves to table Local Law # of 2019 Amending Chapter 175, Article III: Streets and Public Places, Snow and Ice Removal until the March 27th meeting. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

14. Resolution #21 of 2018 Bills & Claims

Trustee Kerr moves adopt Resolution #21 of 2019 Bills and Claims. Trustee Young seconds. All in favor. (Passed 5-0)

Adjournment -- Trustee Young moves to adjourn the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 10:08pm. Trustee Wheeler-Murray seconds. All in favor. **(Passed 5-0)**