

**Public Hearing- Grievance Day Local Law; 7:15 p.m.
Public Hearing- Improvements to Water Districts 1, 2 and 3; 7:20 p.m.
Town Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
March 17, 2016**

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

At 7:18 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to open the Public Hearing on the Grievance Day Local Law with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The purpose of this local law is to repeal the Town's prior adoption by local option of a local law to change the date customarily referred to as "Grievance Day" to meet and hear complaints in relation to real property assessments with the result that "Grievance Day" for such purpose will be held on the fourth Tuesday of May.

Public Comment:

None

At 7:19 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Public Hearing on Improvements to Water Districts 1, 2 and 3. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Town Engineer, Dave Clouser explained that this is a proposed improvement of the facilities serving Town Water Districts 1, 2 and 3, consisting of the installation of a water line that will connect the water tank supplying those districts and the water main on South Putt Corners Road to improve flow and pressure to all district users, at an estimated maximum cost of \$175,000 including incidental expenses incurred in connection with that work.

At 7:27 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Warrant, +Comprehensive Plan, +Court House, +Presentation of Check to FAMILY
A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jay Nelson, S. Ohioville Road, read aloud a statement regarding his concerns about over usage of the water resource of the aquifer at the Turk Property.

Miriam Strouse and Iris Bloom indicated that they appreciate the leadership in opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Kevin Borden and Dennis Moore, Chair of CWOSP, urged the granting of a conservation easement for the Millbrook preserve and its' importance to the protection of the Preserve and Open Space. Joel Oppenheimer, Gardiner, indicated that he supports the Overlay District and potential Moratorium.

Amy Cohen, on behalf of herself, read aloud a statement regarding the Cusanno Annexation and requested the Town Board pass a resolution requiring all Boards and Commissions to recite the pledge at their meetings.

Mike Zierler, on behalf of himself, read loud a statement regarding the Cusanno Annexation and the reciting of the pledge at meetings.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the minutes of *February 25, 2016*. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Presentation of Check to FAMILY:

Councilman Logan presented a check to Kathy Cartagena from FAMILY of New Paltz for \$30,000.

Improvements to Water Districts 1, 2 and 3:

Town Engineer Dave Clouser explained Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Short Form EAF for the South Putt Corners Road Water Main Connection.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt a Negative Declaration under SEQR, as the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

New Paltz Wallkill River Rail Trail Signage Program:

The Short Form EAF was prepared by Dave Clouser. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt a Negative Declaration under SEQR for the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Signage Project, as the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Moriello Water Line Easement (South Putt Corners Road):

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Waterline Easement Agreement between the Town of New Paltz and J.A.M of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Consent to Assignment of Contracts with Clouser Engineering:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz is a party to certain contracts and other agreements for the performance of engineering and related services with David Clouser Engineering PLLC d/b/a David Clouser & Associates (hereinafter referred to as "Clouser Engineering"); and

WHEREAS, the town has been advised that David Clouser, P.E. and "Clouser Engineering" intends to become affiliated with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., a New York design professional service corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Barton & Loguidice"); and

WHEREAS, as part of that process, Clouser Engineering intends to assign such contracts and other agreements to Barton & Loguidice and Barton & Loguidice has agreed to assume and perform all obligations of Clouser Engineering required to be performed under all such contracts and other agreements with the town on and after the effective date of the assignment(s) which is anticipated to be on or about March 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that David Clouser, P.E. shall continue to be the engineer primarily responsible to the town on behalf of Barton & Loguidice for the performance of such engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice have offered a certain "Consent to Assignment of Contract" in the form attached;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz hereby authorizes the Supervisor of the Town, or the Deputy Supervisor, as the case may be, to sign on behalf of the town a certain "Consent to Assignment of Contract" in the form attached, and to sign such other and further documents as are necessary to give full force and effect to the purposes and intents of this resolution. that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz hereby authorizes the Supervisor of the Town, or the Deputy Supervisor, as the case may be, to sign a in the form attached, and to sign such other and further documents as are necessary to give full force and effect to the purposes and intents of this resolution.

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

Approval of Contracts:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the following contracts:

For Paws of Ulster, Inc. (Dog Park)

Recreation: Baseball/Softball

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Recreation: Soccer

Recreation: Basketball

Recreation: BMX

Recreation: Football

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

Mill Brook Preserve:

Councilman Irwin read aloud the following statement:

“For the record, I’ve previously stated that I am a volunteer on the Wallkill Valley Land Trust’s Conservation Committee. To further clarify, as a volunteer, I’m not a member of the Trust, I cannot vote-only participate in any discussions at Conservation Committee meetings. Under their ethics rules, I can’t be in the room during any discussions regarding Mill Brook Preserve. I’ve also learned from Christie DeBoer, the Trust’s Executive Director, that it is their Executive Committee that votes whether to accept Conservation Easements. So I have no direct or indirect pecuniary benefits in this capacity.”

Councilman Irwin presented to the Board a draft “Resolution to place a conservation easement on Town lands, which are, and are to become, part of Mill Brook Preserve and to use 2006 Open Space Bond Act Funds to pay for costs associated therewith.” This was followed by a discussion regarding the differences between and the pros and cons of Parkland Designation vs. Conservation Easement.

This item was tabled further discussion.

Proclamation-Parkinson’s Awareness Month:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to declare April Parkinson’s Awareness Month in 2016. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Pilgrim Pipeline-Response to DEC:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize him to send a letter to DEC and the Thruway Authority regarding Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion of Overlay District and Potential Moratorium:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that he has been getting many emails regarding this issue over the last couple of days. Councilman Torres made reference to a document sent by Fran Wishnick entitled “Land Use Moratorium.” Councilman Logan briefly discussed past moratoriums. During the discussion, Councilman Torres indicated that he would like to see workshop sessions with the Planning Board.

Conference Authorization:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize Rachel Moreau to attend the Annual Town Finance School in Saratoga, NY from May 12-13, in the amount of \$250.00. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the March Warrant in the amount of \$403,435.83. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Waste Oil Services:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to amend the Tipping Fees Schedule to allow for Laura Petite to charge \$.50/gal for oil collection. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorize Monthly Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the following changes to the designated monthly purchase order listing:

Delete:

D&D of Gardiner	\$700.00	AAA-522-1620-400
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D&D of Gardiner	\$450.00	DBB-522-5130-400
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Increase:

D&D Auto Supply (Highland)	\$450.00	DBB-522-5130-400 Increase to \$900.00
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Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modifications:

Tabled until next week.

Parks and Recreation Fees:

Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis gave an update on the proposed changes in fees. This item was tabled for further discussion.

Parks and Recreation Rules:

Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis gave an update on the proposed rules and regulations for signage. This item was tabled for further discussion.

UCIDA Uniform Tax Exemption Policy:

Town Board members will send their comments to the Supervisor's secretary for authorization at next week's meeting.

Resolution-Authorizing Master Escrow Sub Account -Youth Program Vehicle:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz currently operates a Youth Program which provides extensive services to area youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Program is in need of a van or other vehicle to meet its transportation and service needs; 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 purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it:

RESOLVED that the Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz is hereby authorized to open in such master escrow sub-account, appropriately titled, for the purpose of depositing any and all gifts, donations and other contributions made to and on behalf of the Youth Program for a van or similar motor vehicle, such funds to be held in such sub-account 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 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 Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast. Councilman Logan voted no. Motion carried.

Court House:

Tabled.

Comprehensive Plan:

Tabled.

Discussion of Proposed Municipal Center:

Tabled.

Field of Dreams Concessions & Fitness Trail Signage:

Tabled.

At 10:25 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk