



JOINT TOWN & VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ

Regular Joint Meeting of Wednesday, April 12th, 2017

Village Hall -- 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Tim Rogers (Village), Deputy Mayor Rebecca Rotzler (Village), Trustee Dennis Young (Village), Trustee Tom Rocco (Village), Trustee Don Kerr (Village), Supervisor Neil Bettez (Town), Deputy Supervisor Dan Torres (Town), Councilperson Marty Irwin (Town), Councilperson Julie Seyfert-Lillis (Town)

Absent: Councilperson Jeff Logan (Town)

Also Present: Nancy Branco, Village Treasurer; a dozen members of the public; members of the press; Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order -- Mayor Rogers motioned to open the Village part of the April 12th, 2017 Joint Town and Village Board meeting at 7:08 pm; Deputy Mayor Rotzler seconded; all voted Aye.

Supervisor Bettez motioned to open the Town part of the April 12th, 2017 Joint Town and Village Board meeting at 7:08 pm; Councilperson Irwin seconded; all voted Aye.

Approval of the Agenda -- Supervisor Bettez added the following items to the Joint Agenda: Lyme Disease resolution; Recultivate NY letter of support; Barton & Logodice pool inspection; Councilperson Irwin added a discussion to the Firehouse item. Trustee Rocco requested that the Lyme Disease resolution be on the next Village Board agenda.

Announcements --

- New Paltz Clean Sweep is April 29th (include more info here). Trustee Kerr thanked the Community Improvement team.
- Recruit NY is also taking place on April 29th. The event is sponsored by the Fire Department; other Emergency Services will be involved as well.
- May is Building Safety month, so Recruit NY is an opportunity to learn about Building Safety

Public Comment --

--An announcement was made about the Textile Exchange: Contact Laura Petit @ the Recycling Center if you have more questions recycling@townofnewpaltz.org

--Carol Prior, Plains Road Board Watch, spoke about concerns regarding Water District 5; Chris Harp also spoke about Water District 5, particularly regarding contaminants in the water there from cemetery leaching, citing World Health Organization's report 'Impact of Cemeteries.'

--Matt spoke in favor of Church Street closures on Sundays

--Celeste Tesoriero spoke about Consumer Protection issues connected with Landlord-Tenant issues

--Valerie Erwin, Landlord-Tenant Relations Council Chair, spoke in defense of herself in response to comments made by Ms. Tesoriero

Business Agenda

1. **Franchise Waste: Discussion** -- Trustee Young provided some background on the topic and highlighted changes made to the RFP that is currently being drafted; goals are to reduce rate for pick-ups and to eliminate the superfluous garbage truck traffic in our community; this would also add leverage for dealing with complaints and infractions. Supervisor Bettez noted that one garbage truck trip down one of our streets is the equivalent of a week's worth of traffic. Boards discussed.
2. **New Paltz Community Energy (NPCE) Update (Microgrid and Solar)** -- Councilperson Irwin provided a brief update on the topic; objectives are to create Microgrid and to create Solar Garden; RFP should be ready for the end of May 2017.
3. **2017 CFA ideas for Town and Village** -- Mayor Rogers introduced the concept of Town and Village coordinating efforts on award/grant applications and provided some updates on Village CFA projects, as well as other grant applications that are in-progress; AFG (topic below) and Downtown Revitalization Initiative are among other "near-term" grant ideas the Village has been bouncing around. Supervisor Bettez summarized some projects the Town has been working on. Boards discussed some options for joint applications.
4. **Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) for 2017** -- (discussed as part of above)

Councilperson Seyfert-Lillis left the meeting due to an emergency at 7:50 pm

5. **VONP Resolution # 26 of 2017:** Authorizing Mayor to execute all required documents in connection with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation Grant Award for the New Paltz Mill Brook Preserve Development Project -- Mayor Rogers motioned to authorize approve the resolution as written; Trustee Young seconded; all voted Aye (**Passed 5-0**)
6. **Water exploration footprints** -- Trustee Kerr introduced the topic with photographs documenting the violence committed on the land during a water exploration process. Boards discussed briefly.
7. **Fire Protection Contract between Village & Town for the period commencing June 1, 2017 and terminating May 31, 2018** -- Mayor Rogers introduced the topic. The Town will break their share up into two parts. Councilperson Irwin motioned to accept the Fire Protection Contract for 2017-18 as presented; Supervisor Bettez seconded; all voted Aye (**Passed 3-0**). Mayor Rogers motioned to accept FD contract; Trustee Rocco seconded; all voted Aye (**Passed 5-0**).
 - a. **Update on NY Rising Project:** Mayor Rogers provided some background information; Boards discussed numbers briefly.

8. **Town Item: Declaring May Lyme Disease Awareness Month** -- Supervisor Bettez stated that scientists are predicting 2017 is going to be particularly severe following the winter we had. Ulster County has the most cases of Lyme on a per-capita basis. Supervisor Bettez motioned to declare May Lyme Disease Awareness Month; Deputy Supervisor Torres seconded; all voted Aye **(Passed 3-0)**
9. **Town Item: Recultivate NY Letter of Support** -- Supervisor Bettez motioned to approve Supervisor's signature on letter of endorsement; Councilperson Irwin seconded; all voted Aye **(Passed 3-0)**
10. **Town Item: Pool Assessment** -- Supervisor Bettez motioned to amend a previously approved contract engaging Barton & Logodice conducting an assessment of the Moriello Pool in the amount of \$2700; Deputy Supervisor Torres seconded; all voted Aye **(Passed 3-0)**

Councilperson Irwin motioned for the Town to go into Executive Session at 8:18 pm for the purpose of discussing a legal matter; Deputy Supervisor Torres seconded; all voted Aye.

Adjournment -- The Joint meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm; the Village Board remained at the table for the continuation of the regular April 12th, 2017 meeting of the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk