

**Joint Town & Village Meeting  
Town Board Meeting  
April 5, 2018  
7 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Marty Irwin.

**Absent:** Councilman David Brownstein, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis

**Present:** Deputy Mayor KT Tobin, Trustee William Murray, Trustee Dennis Young.

**Absent:** Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee Don Kerr.

At 7:03 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Joint meeting. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Agenda:** +Discussion on Open Meetings Law, +SRI proposal, +HMEO Position

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

At 7:33 p.m. a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Tobin to open the Joint meeting. Seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Resolution-Plastic Straws:**

Deputy Mayor Tobin explained that a group of PIGLET students from the High School are working on this initiative for their end of the year project, in an attempt to spread awareness and reduce waste.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Tobin and Supervisor Bettez to adopt the proposed resolution. Seconded by Trustee Young and Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**WHEREAS** Disposable plastic straws are among the top 5 items found at shoreline cleanups around the United States, and

**WHEREAS** Riverkeeper Sweep cleanups of Hudson River shorelines have found that plastic foam and single-use plastics like straws are the most prominent items, and

**WHEREAS** Plastics like these fall apart into ever smaller bits until they are mistaken by fish and other wildlife for food and Riverkeeper, NY/NJ Baykeeper, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, The Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean and others have found extraordinary concentrations of microplastics in the Hudson and NY Harbor, and

**WHEREAS** Since toxic contaminants adhere to these plastic bits and enter the food chain with the fish, we are exposed,

**THEREFORE**, we the Town and Village Boards of New Paltz, in order to reduce single-use plastic straw usage, ask that restaurants in the Town and Village of New Paltz voluntarily adopt a policy to refrain from automatically handing out single-use plastic straws and instead ask customers if they would like a single-use plastic straw first before providing them.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator John Bonacic, State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, County Executive Michael Hein, City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, Ulster County Legislative Chair Kenneth Ronk, Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez, and Ulster County Legislator James Delaune.

**Discussion- Affordable Housing:**

Supervisor Bettez indicated that he met with the Committee and will work with the Chair of the committee to bring information back to the Boards.

**Rental Laws Update:**

Supervisor Bettez explained that this is coming up because the County is going to start collecting information on Air B&Bs and VRBOs and most likely passing a law to start taxing short-term rentals.

**Opioid Class Action Lawsuit:**

Councilman Torres indicated that the firm that was discussed at the last Joint meeting came and spoke to the Ulster County Supervisors and Mayors meeting. He indicated that he is expecting to receive information as to how much we spend that would be used to build the case. The hope is to get more communities to sign on.

**Franchise Waste Agreement:**

The Village attorney advised against Garbage Districts and rather suggested that the Town issue a single-hauler license to the Franchise winner, much like the Village does already. Trustee Young indicated that the contract is almost ready to approve.

**Discussion-Opening Moriello Park Playground:**

Supervisor Bettez indicated that this has been an ongoing discussion for many years and as a result of vandalism, the playground has remained closed when the Pool is not open. He indicated the Town is trying to figure out a way to open the playground from September to the end of May which might require more security and Police presence.

**Resolution-Climate Smart Communities Coordinator:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and Trustee Young to adopt the proposed resolution. Seconded by Councilman Irwin and Deputy Mayor Tobin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**WHEREAS**, the Town and Village of New Paltz have adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and Village wish to obtain certification under the Climate Smart Communities Program; and

**WHEREAS**, a Coordinator needs to be named in order to achieve this certification

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town and Village Boards officially designate Janelle Peotter as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator, appointed by the Mayor and Supervisor.

**Letter of Support:**

A motion was made by Trustee Young and Supervisor Bettez to sign on with a letter of support for the Bloomberg Public Art Grant. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Tobin and Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Discussion-Open Meetings Law:**

There was a discussion regarding conducting business and discussions among the Boards via email. Deputy Mayor Tobin indicated that she is against email communication among more than two Board members at a time.

At 8:28 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Young to adjourn the Joint meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Tobin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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**Town Board Meeting**

**Presentation-83 S. Putt Corners Proposal:**

Matt Eyler briefly discussed his proposal to the Town Board for professional services regarding the possibility of the Town purchasing the building at 83 S. Putt Corners Road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Matt Eyler as a consultant to help the Town with its' space needs. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to suspend the previous agreement with Matt Eyler regarding the Gateway Building. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Presentation-Rte. 299 Gateway Committee Recommendations:**

Committee members Ted Kolankowski, Susan Blickstein and Matt DiDonna discussed some key points of the Final Report, as well as language and next steps for the Town Board.

At 8:44 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the Final Draft Report of the Gateway Committee. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to declare the Town Board Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez and seconded by Councilman Irwin to approve and/or authorize the following items as part of the consent agenda:

1. Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month Resolution
2. Approval of Ashley Sirna internship with Office for Community Wellness
3. Parade Requests
  - a. Regatta 5/6/18
  - b. HVLGBTQ 6/3/18
4. Seahawks Contract
5. Acceptance of Police Commission Minutes of March 15, 2018 and Town Board Minutes of March 15 and 21, 2018.
6. Approval of the following Resolution:



**HMEO Position:**

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize the Supervisor to sign the paperwork to change the title of HEO to Heavy Motor Equipment Operator. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Mercier Farms/Planning Board consultant letters:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to send letters to the two Planning Board consultants requesting that they refund part of the money back to the Town in order to refund it to Mr. Mercier. Seconded by Councilman Irwin for discussion. Councilman Irwin expressed his concerns regarding the letters. After a brief discussion, the following votes were taken, Supervisor Bettez, Councilman Torres and Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis voted aye. Councilman Irwin voted no. Motion carried.

At 9:32 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 Mazzaccari  
Town Clerk