# 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, <a href="MY/NJ Baykeeper">MY/NJ Baykeeper</a>, <a href="Hudson River Sloop Clearwater">Hudson River Sloop Clearwater</a>, <a href="The Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean">The Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean</a> 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.

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### **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.

# **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:

**WHEREAS**, the public health, safety, and welfare would be served by the establishment of a School Zone with a Lower Maximum Speed Limit in the vicinity of the New Paltz High School, along South Putt Corners Road, Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ulster County, in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare, has expressed interest to install and maintain upgraded School Zone Speed Limit Signage; and,

WHEREAS, the Town requests the establishment of a Lower Maximum School Zone Speed Limit of 35 miles per hour, in the vicinity of the New Paltz High School, along South Putt Corners Road, Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York; and,

WHEREAS, the New Paltz School District is in support of efforts to improve roadway safety near the New Paltz High School and specifically supports a request for the establishment of a reduced speed school zone; and therefore, BEITRESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz, pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1622 hereby requests the New York State Department of Transportation and the Ulster County Commissioner of Highways to install a reduced maximum speed limit, as a school zone, in the vicinity of the New Paltz High School, along South Putt Corners Road, Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Supervisor to take whatever steps that are reasonably necessary to carry out this resolution, and directs the Town Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Ulster County Commissioner of Public Works.

7. Pool Laborer Hire List

Request authorization to hire the following to prepare Moriello

Pool for Memorial Day opening weekend:

2018 MORIELLO POOL OPENING/CLOSING LABORERS

4/1/2018-5/26/2018

RATE = \$12.50 PER HOUR

9/4/2018-10/20/2018

Acosta-Berrios Zachary Giuliani Madison Returning Loughran Megan Returning Mitchell Charlene Returning Musso Samantha Returning Russell Matthew Returning Weber Iohn Returning

Also to hire Thomas Plitsch as Assistant/Co-Director for the 2018 season  $\,$ 

at a rate of \$9,171 for the season commencing 4/1/2018.

- 8. Request for PrePay-Purchase order #18-00717 to the MetLife Stadium in the amount of \$510 to purchase tickets to the "Monster Jam" truck show for the Youth Center.
- 9. Family of New Paltz annual contract

All aye votes cast, motion carried.

# **Clearwater Road dugout design approval:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the plans and require them to adhere to the Code Enforcement Officer's recommendations. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

# **Highway 284 Agreement:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the 2018 Highway 284 Agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

# **Establishment of Escrow:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to establish an escrow account for a Bocce Ball Court and Horseshoe Pit Project at the Field of Dreams Park. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

### **Resolution-MOAs or Courts and Building Department:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the appropriate paperwork for the MOAs regarding the Court and Building Department employees. Seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

### Permanent Part-time Hire-Recreation Specialist:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to sign the appropriate paperwork needed to appoint Bill Russell as a part-time Recreation Specialist. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **SRI Proposal:**

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the proposal and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Proposal from SRI for emergency repairs to the fire and sprinkler system. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **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