



## **JOINT TOWN & VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ**

Regular Joint Meeting of Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Village Hall -- 7:00 PM

### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

**Village of New Paltz:** Mayor Tim Rogers, Deputy Mayor KT Tobin, Trustee Dennis Young, Trustee Don Kerr, Trustee William Wheeler Murray,

**Town of New Paltz:** Supervisor Neil Bettez, Deputy Supervisor Dan Torres, Councilperson Marty Irwin, Councilperson Julie Seyfert-Lillis, Councilperson Davis Brownstein

**Also Present:** 40+ members of the public; several members of the press; Alberta G. Shaw, Village Clerk

**Call to Order** -- Mayor Rogers motioned to open the Village part of the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Joint Town and Village Board meeting at 7:06 pm; Trustee Wheeler Murray seconded; all voted Aye.

Supervisor Bettez motioned to open the Town part of the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Joint Town and Village Board meeting at 7:06pm; Councilperson Torres seconded; all voted Aye.

#### **Town of New Paltz Public Hearing Continued from May 3, 2018 – Proposed Waste Hauling License Law**

- Barbara Korabel- opposed to single hauler, Submitted 63 emails opposed to the single hauler.
- Terry Merrill voiced her support for a single hauler.
- Kathleen – Stated that it bothers her that the Boards are deciding who she has a private relationship with.
- Bruce Korabel – stated he lives on the outskirts of New Paltz and the hauler would have to come in on a Gardiner Road. He likes the personal service he receives and is the new hauler going to do the same?
- Stacy Delarede – ToNP Building Department – Feels that the Town and Village are missing some opportunities with this. Some of the details in the franchise agreement should be in the code for enforcement purposes.
- Chris Marx- ToNP Highway Department – taking 10-20 trucks off the road is like a drop in the ocean, it is not a cure-all. With no money going in to fix the infrastructure this is not going to save roads.
- Lenard Loza – said that in order to understand why garbage trucks are picking up early that people need to realize that the transfer station closes at 2:00pm. Another transfer station needs to be used or the current one needs to stay open later.

Supervisor Bettez motioned to close the public hearing; Councilperson Torres seconded; all voted aye (Passed 5-0) Public Hearing ended at 7:30pm.

The Town Board took a short leave and returned at 8:11pm to continue joint meeting.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

### **Public Comment –**

- Celeste Tesoriero said she wrote a petition that has 436 signatures calling for 3 things to change. Alcohol laws and stop arresting people, noise to warn people and stop arrests for that and marijuana which is only 1/3 of the arrest problem. Feels that the Boards only focused on the Marijuana part.
- Ryan Paride is a member of the (SSDP) Students for a Sensible Drug Policy. Said that the Boards don't feel the need to push for a local change on the marijuana policy because they feel it is going to change at a state level. He said he was at Bonacic's office and that he was told it has been there for decades and Mr. Paride doesn't see it changing any time soon.
- Charlotte Gruin said she is a student here. Said that the majority of arrests here are made by the Town Police for marijuana along with noise and alcohol and it being played down but is a serious problem.
- Jack a student at SUNY New Paltz said that the students are being over policed and anything the Town can do to minimize that is good. They can't afford to have their education taken away.
- Deputy Mayor Tobin said that there according to her review of the UPM arrests were 41% NPPD, 4% Ulster County Sheriff, 31% State Police and 24% SUNY Police. There are 4 agencies policing New Paltz.
- Celeste came back to the podium for some further discussion.
- Jack asked a question
- Celeste back to podium

### **Business Agenda**

1. Authorize Supervisor Bettez to sign Waste Hauling - Supervisor Bettez said they will decide at their next meeting on the licensing. Councilman Brownstein motioned to authorize Supervisor Bettez to sign the waste hauling agreement; Councilman Irwin seconded; all present voted aye (Passed 5-0)
2. Follow-up discussion on Marijuana penalties –
  - Deputy Mayor KT Tobin said that the Village Attorney advised that the State can regulate Marijuana but at our level it can't be done. She said that she personally is for legalizing marijuana and that anyone want to go to Albany with her to push for it let her know.
  - Councilman Brownstein stated that he was willing to write a resolution for the Boards to sign that would encourage Albany to make the change.
  - Trustee Kerr asked if the Town and Village is interested to make changes if it didn't put either at legal liability, take resources and could find a way.
  - Deputy Supervisor Torres said yes to Trustee Kerr question.
  - Public comment was opened to the public. See Public Comment section.
3. Update on NYC DEP's shutdown, for repairs, of the Catskill Aqueduct starting Fall 2018 - Mayor Rogers said that the DEP said that the shutdown this fall will be 10 weeks long. They will work for 10 days and then shut down for 2 days to give New Paltz time to refill their reservoirs and supply. They are trying to figure out an alternate but this will get some of the work done.
4. Discussion on the Town and Village Recreation Plan for the Millbrook Preserve – Christie DeBoer, Executive Director for the Wallkill Valley Land Trust and Tal Seweryn, Vice President of the Mill Brook Preserve came to the table. Discussion followed.

Deputy Major Tobin motioned to approve the MOA and the Mill Brook Preserve Recreation Plan, seconded by Trustee Kerr, all voted aye (Passed 5-0)

Councilman Irwin motioned to approve the MOA and the recreation plan for the Mill Brook Preserve, seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all present voted aye (Passed 5-0)

**Executive Session** - Supervisor Bettez motioned to go into executive session for the discussion on a particular corporation or person, Deputy Supervisor Torres seconded; all present voted aye (Passed 5-0)

Mayor Rogers motioned to go into executive session for the discussion of a particular corporation or person; Trustee Young seconded; all present voted aye (Passed 5-0)

Deputy Supervisor Torres motioned to leave Executive Session and adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis, all voted aye (Passed 5-0)

Deputy Mayor Tobin motioned to leave executive session, seconded by Trustee Young, all voted aye (Passed 5-0)

**Adjournment** -- The Joint meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm; the Village Board returned from executive session for the continuation of the regular May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting of the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Alberta G. Shaw, Village Clerk