

**Town Board Meeting
June 23, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

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

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Planning Board Escrows, +Grant Application, +Springtown Rd. Rail Trail Bridge. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Fran Wishnick spoke about the proposed Moratorium and Comprehensive Plan.

Jess Mullen spoke on behalf of the New Paltz Climate Action Coalition regarding the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Joel Oppenheimer, SEED, presented the Town Board with a petition in favor of a temporary moratorium of the gateway.

Addie Haas spoke in favor of the proposed moratorium.

Trina Green, Woodland Pond, spoke about her concerns regarding the impacts on traffic resulting from the CVS Project.

At 7:45 p.m. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis arrived.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the Town Board minutes of **June 2, 2016** and the Town Board and Police Commission minutes of **June 16, 2016**. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Concession Vendor for F.O.D:

The contract has been revised from 10% to 15% of the Gross Receipts and will now expire on August 31, 2016. A motion was made by Councilman Torres approve the contract with Spacey Tracy's Food Truck, with the amendment that the Town is not providing utilities and the Town is only charging 10% of the gross receipts, not 15%. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast. Councilman Logan voted no. Motion carried.

Consulting Agreement –Town Historian:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the consulting agreement with the Town Historian Susan Stessin-Cohn. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Police Contract with NPCSD 2016-2017:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the contract between the IMA for Police Security Services with the New Paltz Central School District. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Youth Center Salaries:

Youth Program Director, Jim Tinger submitted a memo to the Board requesting increases in salaries for Youth Program employees. He feels as though based on their experience, they are underpaid. His memo explains that he is currently under budget and therefore there is enough to cover the increases. A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the request made by Jim Tinger to increase the salary of Andrew Vlad to \$17/hr., Jose Formoso to \$16/hr., Justin Hilbourne to \$14/hr., and John House Wilson to \$15/hr. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Mill Brook Preserve:

Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis recused herself and left the room. Dennis Moore from Mill Brook Preserve Inc., joined the Board at the Table. There was a discussion regarding the management plan, a CFA Grant, bike trails and the agreement between the Town and Mill Brook Preserve, Inc.

One-Day Liquor License at Field of Dreams:

A request was made by Recreation Director, Chuck Bordino, to allow one-day liquor licenses for events at the FOD. The Town Attorney indicated that the Town may adopt reasonable regulations with respect to the consumption of alcoholic beverages on Town property. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to allow Chuck to move forward with applying to the State Liquor Authority for the proper permit. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Councilwoman Seyfert-Lillis returned to the table.

2016 Hudson River Estuary Grant:

Village Planner Dave Gilmour offered to submit an application for 2016 Hudson River Estuary Grant: Local Stewardship Planning. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize Supervisor Bettez to sign any forms that are required as part of the grant application and provide a letter of support if necessary; as well as the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TOWN OF NEW PALTZ APPLICATION TO NYS DEC'S HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM (HREP) FOR A ROUND 18 LOCAL STEWARDSHIP PLANNING GRANT TO PROVIDE NEW PALTZ STORMWATER VULNERABILITY ASSESMENT

WHEREAS, the 'Wallkill River Watershed Conservation & Management Plan', in discussing watershed issues, particularly challenges to biodiversity, notes that a major impact is degradation of habitat and that few habitats in the watershed are unaffected by the presence of humans, and even remote areas are vulnerable to the effects of global warming;

WHEREAS, the Village and the Town of New Paltz have municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and both communities are working to comply with the SPDES General Permit for stormwater discharges from MS4s;

WHEREAS, infrastructure vulnerability assessment involves a process of identifying existing stressors facing systems and projecting how climate change will impact and/or introduce new stressors in the future, and applying the findings of vulnerability assessment can be used to assess, prioritize, and address vulnerabilities, and likewise, vulnerability assessment can also be used to identify current and future stressors on ecological resources, particularly the urbanized sub-watershed that overlays New Paltz and the component water resources of the Village and Town;

WHEREAS, Round 18 of the Stewardship Planning Grants of the Hudson River Estuary Program provides for applications that improve flood resiliency and restore habitat;

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz is interested in collaborating with the Village of New Paltz and other interested local and regional parties to enhance community resiliency and prepare for the effects of climate change, including by advancing joint participation in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart Community Program, under Element 7 of that Program; and

WHEREAS, Element 7 of the Climate Smart Community Program, in-part, promotes establishing a climate resiliency vision, associated goals, and identifying vulnerabilities to climate change effects on government operations and the community, and one sub-part, or sub-element, of such an effort could involve assessing unique characteristics of this area's urban watersheds, including soils, geology, age and conditions of stormwater infrastructure, and urban development patterns, gathering watershed-level information to describe uses and threats, including land use and impervious surface cover, and studying how current and future watershed nonpoint source flows as well as pollution conditions and contaminant flows may relate to watershed vulnerability;

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that Wallkill River Water Alliance (WRWA) could participate in deliberations on such matters;

WHEREAS, a New Paltz grant already awarded for development of a 'Green Infrastructure Capital Improvements Feasibility Plan' can benefit from vulnerability assessment that helps inform the relative benefits of alternative investments and actions;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board supports a Hudson Round 18 Hudson River Estuary Grant application for the underwriting of a joint 'Stormwater Vulnerability Assessment', likely in the amount of \$50,000, with the required match being derived from in-kind resources, such as the contributions of time by volunteers and the involvement of staff of one or both municipalities;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Supervisor, or his designee(s), are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such application, and if awarded to develop, execute and deliver any and all contract documents, with NYSDEC, or any other governmental agency, including, but not limited to, the master contract for the aforementioned grant program, as well as to implement and administer the grant award, subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney.

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

Evaluating Consultant Contracts:

Councilman Torres requested that the Board discuss going out to bid for consulting services in preparation of the next Re-Org Meeting. The Board will continue to discuss this at future meetings.

Policy for Meetings:

Councilman Torres requested the Town Board discuss adopting a policy that allows Board members that are absent to the meeting to still be able to vote. A precedent was set by the UC Legislature who Skyped with an absent member during his honeymoon. Councilman Torres will continue to work on this and draft a policy to present to the Town Board at a later date.

Springtown Rd. Rail Trail Bridge:

Town Building Inspector Stacy Delarede inspected the bridge and has concerns about deteriorated portions of the decking. Supervisor Bettez indicated that there is \$1,000 in the budget for the rail trail. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to spend up to \$4,000.00 to repair the decking and put in devices to prohibit traffic onto the Springtown Rd. Rail Trail Bridge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Establishment of Escrow Account:

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

The applicant Masters Touch PB 2016-06 shall provide for initial deposit into escrow account in the amount of \$2,000.00 as determined by the Planning Board and Town Board of New Paltz based on its evaluation of the nature and complexity of the application. The applicant shall be provided with copies of all Town vouchers for such services as they are submitted to the Town. When the balance in such escrow account is reduced to ½ of its initial amount, \$1,000.00, the applicant shall deposit additional funds into such account to bring its balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. If such account is not replenished within 30 days after the applicant is notified, in writing, of the requirement for such additional deposit, the Planning Board may suspend its review of the application. A building permit or certificate of occupancy shall not be issued unless all professional fees charged in connection with the applicant's project have been reimbursed to the Town. After all pertinent charges have been paid; the Town shall refund to the applicant any funds remaining on deposit.

Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Request to Consult with Willingham Engineering:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to allow department heads to consult with Willingham Engineering as a pre-approved service provider. Councilman Logan authorized Supervisor Bettez to sign the contract dated June 22, 2016 with Andy Willingham. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Municipal Center:

Councilman Irwin was looking for updates regarding the DRI Grant application, the Term Sheet among Town, Village and Lalo Group, Village Hall site plans; of which no updates were available. Supervisor Bettez will follow up. In terms of the police and court buildings, Supervisor Bettez indicated that NY Rising have engaged architects and have been speaking with the Fire Department regarding the space and developing a scope for an estimate of the cost.

Master Plan and Proposed Gateway Moratorium:

Councilman Irwin indicated that the Master Plan is the key process and since there is an RFP out for the Master Plan and limited funds, that engaging a consultant for the Master Plan and giving him the assignment of focusing on the gateway first, assures that there is continuity between the efforts of everyone. Councilman Torres suggested looking into how much it will cost to engage an attorney to move forward and where the money will come from, for discussion at the next meeting.

At 9:55 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk