

**Joint Town and Village Meeting
Town Board Meeting
July 21, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

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

Present: Mayor Tim Rogers, Trustee Rebecca Rotzler, Trustee Tom Rocco, Trustee Don Kerr, Trustee Dennis Young.

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the joint meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

Councilman Irwin added setting the date and time of next joint meeting to the joint agenda, as well as Mill Brook Preserve, Moriello Pool, Municipal Center and Roberts Rules of Order to the Town Board agenda.

At 7:37 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Rogers to open the joint meeting. Seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Bettez added a discussion on the Fast Act and Donation from IBM to the Town Board agenda. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agendas. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Rotzler to adopt the joint agenda, seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Theresa Dixon spoke in opposition of the use of smart meters.

Don Kerr suggested the Town Board pass a Plastic Bag Ban.

Toni Hokanson and Kim Kimble spoke in favor of allowing people to rent out their homes on Airbnb.

Municipal Solar Presentation:

Rick Alfandre made a presentation on the New Paltz Landfill Design 2 MW PV Project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to appoint Councilman Irwin as the Town rep for the committee to keep investigating this. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kerr to appoint Mayor Rogers as the Village rep for the committee to keep investigating this. Seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Property registration for short term and vacation rentals (Airbnb):

Mayor Rogers indicated that inspections by the Building Departments shouldn't be about generating revenue. It's purely about a need to make sure that commercial ventures are safe, and that people are mindful about community character. There is no interest in denying people the right to rent out space on a short term basis.

Mill Brook Preserve:

Christie DeBoer from the WVLT and Dennis Moore from Mill Brook Preserve, Inc, briefly discussed the revisions that were made to the newest draft of the Conservation Easement. A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to forward the newest draft of the Conservation Easement dated 7/21/16 prepared by the WVLT, to Joe Moriello for review and comment. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez for discussion. Supervisor Bettez indicated that he does not want to have to pay the attorney twice. Councilman Irwin and Supervisor Bettez withdrew their motions. Trustee Rocco suggested the Boards try to make some decisions at their respective meetings rather than waiting another month for a joint meeting.

Moriello Park and Pool Update:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the pool is open. The contractor that did the latest repairs indicated that the pool is in tremendously good shape for its age and complimented Bill Russell and Chris Marx for keeping it well maintained. The current liner is 15 years old and will not last more than this summer. To replace the liner, it will cost about \$111,000. The Town will look into putting in a PVC liner and other options once the pool closes for the season. There is no current IMA in place. The last one dates back to 1999. The Town and Village will have a discussion about capital vs. operating expenses.

Play Everywhere Challenge-Kaboom Project:

Trustee Young indicated that the Village has been named a finalist for this grant. There is \$1 million being given out in up to \$50,000 increments that are hoping to use to cover a gap in the sidewalk project. The concept is to create play spaces on top and alongside of the sidewalks. The majority of the sidewalks that are being looked at, all lead to Moriello Pool. The Town has had discussions regarding opening the playground at Moriello Pool during hours that the Pool is not open. Supervisor Bettez does not feel that the Town will have an answer before the deadline for the application. He also indicated that the Town is looking into having the playground inspected but does not anticipate that happening anytime soon.

Town Business-

CFA Grant for Soccer Fields:

Toni Hokanson and Bonne Masseo of the Recreation Committee spoke about the grant through the NYS Department of Parks & Recreation, which is a 50% matching grant. The grant is due next Thursday. Ms. Hokanson reached out to Engineer Dave Clouser who worked on the initial plans. She is looking for the Town to provide \$20,000 from the Parkland Recreation Fund, the Soccer Association to match that with \$20,000, and the Highway Department to provide about \$30,000 in in kind services. She also indicated that there is another volunteer group that has done work at the fields in the past and is looking to volunteer again, which would equate to another \$30,000, totaling \$100,000 which is the 50% match needed. Ms. Masseo then discussed the need for more soccer fields at the New Paltz Sports Park.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to designate the Town Board Lead Agency, and declare that this is a Type II Action. Seconded by Councilman Irwin. A motion was made by Councilman Logan offering an amendment to declare a Negative Declaration. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the submission of the grant application and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Neil Bettez, as Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of New Paltz for New Paltz Sports and Recreation Park Soccer Fields and, if appropriate, a conservation easement or preservation covenant or public access covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez that the Town is authorized to spend up to \$900 out of the Grant Writer line for engineering services related to the submission of the grant application. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Irwin offering an amendment subject to the budget containing sufficient funds and the contact person with the engineer being the Supervisor. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Ms. Hokanson indicated that she will prepare the SEQRA forms.

Play Everywhere Challenge-Kaboom Project:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a letter of support for Kaboom Sidewalks Grant and that the Town is working to open the playground and make it accessible. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Non-Smoking Signage in Public Parks:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that his office has received calls complaining about people vaping. The Boards agreed that as signs are replaced the Town and Village will include on them prohibiting vaping in public parks.

Discussion on Municipal Center:

This will be put on the August agenda.

LED Streetlights:

Mayor Rogers indicated that he has been working with Central Hudson, SUNY MBA Students, and the Kingston Mayor on how the Town and Village can purchase new LED street lights.

MOA between Town/WVRT/WVLT:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that this could be a useful model for developing the MOA between the Town, Village, Mill Brook Preserve, Inc and the WVLT in regards to Mill Brook Preserve. Councilman Irwin will circulate the new agreement between the WVLT and WVRT from Christie DeBoer and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Update on Joint Master Plan:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that the RFP was sent out and was due July 14th. Three responses were received in the amounts of \$86,000, \$99,500, and the third one did not list an amount. The Committee met on the 19th and determined that it would like the respondents to reapply to meet a budget closer to \$50,000. Supervisor Bettez indicated that the Town is applying for more grant money to help part of the cost. Mayor Rogers indicated that the Village is applying for a \$300,000 grant. Councilman Logan indicated that the RFP needs to be tightened up because it is too broad.

New Water Meter System:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that Highway Supt. Marx is working with Bleu Terwilliger on specs to replace the Town Water meters.

Next Joint Meeting:

The Boards scheduled the next joint meeting for Wednesday, August 10th at Village Hall.

Executive Session-Village Board:

At 10:12 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Kerr to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing legal matters and the possible acquisition of land. Seconded by Mayor Rogers, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:17 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to adjourn the joint meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Town Board Meeting

At 10:18 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the Town Board meeting. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the minutes of **June 23, 2016** and **July 14, 2016**. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Traffic Control Services Contract:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Traffic Control Services Contract with the Ulster County Agricultural Society. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Taser Purchase:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to approve the purchase of Tasers for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$20,700. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Peak Power Contract:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the annual service contract with Peak Power Systems for Sewer 6. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Ulster County Youth Bureau Contract:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Ulster County Youth Bureau for the Summer Recreation program. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution for Release of URGENT Funds:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ulster County Regional Enforcement Narcotics Team Cooperative Agreement (URGENT) for this year 2016 between the Town of New Paltz and the County of Ulster, the Town of New Paltz is eligible for a distribution of monies that were seized by URGENT in the amount of \$3,000; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz has authorized the general release related to this distribution and has authorized the Town Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz to sign the general release required in order for the funds to be release by the County of Ulster on behalf of URGENT.

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

Acceptance of Scope of Work-Simon Gruber:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to authorize Simon Gruber to write and submit a CFA proposal for a Climate Smart Communities certification project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, subject to identifying an acceptable funding source and leave it up to the Supervisor's discretion whether or not there is one. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session-Village Board:

At 10:26 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Kerr for the Village Board to come out of executive session. Seconded by Trustee Young, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:26 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Rotzler to adjourn the joint meeting. Seconded by Trustee Kerr, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution of Support for Village CFA Application:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF NEW PALTZ SUPPORT FOR A VILLAGE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR AN EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT GRANT THAT AIMS TO REPAIR, UPGRADE, & PROTECT EXISTING CRITICAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES IN NEW PALTZ FROM FLOODING

WHEREAS, the 'Ulster Communities NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan', 2014, by the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program within the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, sets a vision to protect residents, man-made and natural resources by implementing sound policies and programs that will sustain our local and regional environments and promote growth in our economies, and specifically Plan Strategy 6 presents Town and Village of New Paltz Proposed Projects, with intent to repair, upgrade, and protect existing wastewater infrastructure critical facilities from flood damage in order to reduce their vulnerability;

WHEREAS, New York, in 2016, is allocating up to \$175 million under Empire State Development's Regional Council Capital Funding (ESD Grants) for capital-based economic development projects, with a focus on creating or retaining jobs, addressing unemployment and underemployment, and increasing business or economic activity in a community or region;

WHEREAS, a main ESD Grant assistance category is 'Infrastructure Investment', wherein funds may be used to finance capital expenditures, including for sewer facilities, particularly to attract new business and expand existing businesses, thereby fostering further private economic investment and activity;

WHEREAS, the attractiveness of New Paltz, coupled with potential growth related to our cooperation with SUNY New Paltz, is expected to provide for increased employment downtown, including in the core along Main Street, as well as around SUNY's campus, with potential to create permanent jobs, such as within new office/ tech spaces, lodgings, restaurant(s), and retail trades, with such jobs occurring in diverse service, professional, technical, management, and administrative positions, including within

“tech” activities, such as related to the College’s Engineering Innovation Hub and efforts within the 3D printing/ digital design and fabrication/ additive technology sectors;

WHEREAS, this local economic development initiative also fits with the ESD Grant’s aim to leverage action consistent with NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program recovery plans, specifically in this case with New Paltz’s organizing for upgrades within wastewater infrastructure, such efforts which have strong support from private sector leaders and local government, and which investment will help address need and demand for upgrading and maintaining infrastructure in good working order, the service of which is essential for sustaining the economic base and its future growth, and which will also help relieve potential economic stress by promoting reduced disruptions and vulnerability of critical wastewater infrastructure which has experienced major flooding inundation in the recent past;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board strongly supports the Village’s ESD Grant CFA and the effort within New Paltz to harden critical wastewater facilities, including particularly the Huguenot Street wastewater treatment plant and the pipe network leading to it, in order to protect these facilities from future flood damage, and the Town Board is committed to updating and bolstering this infrastructure, and believes that achieving this grant and these upgrades will stimulate significant new private investment within the Town and the Village, sustain the existing economic base, and leverage substantial additional local and state public financing that is needed in order to achieve this major priority capital improvement.

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

Parade Application-SOS4KIDS:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the parade application for the SOS4KIDS Triathlon. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Proposed Local Law-“Best Value” -Purchasing allowed by General Municipal Law:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following resolution designating the Town Board Lead Agency and declaring this a Type II Action:

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Code of the Town of New Paltz to permit purchases of municipal apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the municipal installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies must be reviewed to determine any potential impact on the surrounding environment as defined by the Environmental Conservation Law in Section 8-0105(6); and

WHEREAS, any project having a potential impact on the environment must have such impact determined by a lead agency pursuant to the State Act and Town Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said State Act and Town Code, a lead agency must be designate to review the proposed project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz designates the Town Board as the Lead Agency to determine all environmental matters and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz has compared the proposed action as described in the Environmental Assessment Form Parts One and Two with the list of criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.12 and determined that the application proposed is a Type II Action and that no further action is required to be taken under the Act.

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

Set Public Hearing for “Best Value” Law:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to set the public hearing for the proposed law for August 18th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Installation of 220 breaker at FOD:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that if the Town pays for the install, the food truck vendor will pay all the electric bills for the rest of the time it’s there.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Buildings & Grounds Department to install a 220 breaker at the Field of Dreams. Seconded by Councilman Torres. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez offering a friendly amendment to include that before anything is done, the vendor has to provide all permits and certificates, and limit the cost of installation to an amount not to exceed \$200. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Water Loops Bids:

The bids came in much higher than expected. No bid will be awarded at this time. The Highway Department started working on the project, which will save the Town money.

Extension of Highway Superintendent's term:

Highway Superintendent indicated his reasons for requesting the increase from 2 years to 4 years. A motion was made by Councilman Logan to designate the Town Board Lead Agency and declare this a Type II Action under SEQRA. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to set the public hearing for August 18th at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modifications:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the following modification to 2016 budget:

Increase: AAA-522-7150-460 NP Sports/Rec Park C.E. \$850.00

Decrease: AAA-522-7150-441 Recreation-Clearwater C.E. \$850.00

Reason: Engineering estimate for a field expansion design proposal-cost analysis.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to pay the amounts authorized by the NYS Department of Labor to the Highway, Buildings & Grounds and Recycling Departments for unpaid wages due to rounding issues with the financial software. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Modifications to Authorized Monthly Purchase Orders:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to add Chuck Bordino to the authorized monthly purchase order list, for \$40.00 from A7150-441, and \$70.00 from A7150-460, for monthly reimbursement between Community Center and Clearwater/NP Sports Park; and to remove NYCOMCO for \$480.00 from A3989-400. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the payment of the July Warrant #1 in the amount of \$487,091.03. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the payment of the July Warrant #2 in the amount of \$14,548.13. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Donation from IBM:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that IBM would like to donate 2 flat screen TVs to the Town. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Donation Agreement with IBM. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2016 Fast Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation):

Supervisor Bettez indicated that this funding will allow states to repurpose unused congressional earmarks for transportation projects. In NYS there is \$18 million dedicated to projects that have not been claimed. The Town can apply for some of that money by preparing a description of its proposed projects by August 1st. Supervisor Bettez will work on this.

Councilman Irwin requested that the Mill Brook Preserve, Moriello Park and Roberts Rules of Order be removed from the agenda.

Councilman Irwin spoke about the Municipal Center and made some clarifications to an article in the New Paltz Times.

At 11:14 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk