

Town Board Meeting
July 25, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilwoman Jean Gallucci, Councilwoman Kitty Brown, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry.

At 7:38 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: + UPSEU Contract ratification, +Municipal Training for new bookkeeper, + IMA with School District for Police Services, +Update on Town Water System.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Everett Payne presented the Board with a list of properties in New Paltz that are receiving the STAR exemption but shouldn't be because these are not the primary residences of the owners. He wants the District Attorney to investigate the allegations of these 164 cases of exemptions fraud.

Paul Brown thanked Councilwoman Brown for her leadership throughout the time the Park Point project has been before the Planning Board. He also indicated that the applicant for this project is very arrogant and is seeking to intimidate the Planning Board members.

Ira Margolis reaffirmed Mr. Brown's comments about Councilwoman Brown. He also indicated that the digital cable box offered by Time Warner would only be free for a little over a year and after that there will be a monthly charge of \$14-16.

Announcements:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the new website is up and running. Content is still being loaded. All of tonight's agenda items have been posted. Also, the WiFi is in place.

Councilman Logan indicated that the IDA's July meeting regarding the Park Point PILOT was cancelled and rescheduled for August 14th at 8 a.m. Town Board members are planning to attend to make comments.

Seized Assets-Hybrid car for Police:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that at last week's meeting (7/18), Councilman Logan requested a list of all Police Department vehicles. She noted for the record that Chief Snyder had already emailed the list to Councilman Logan on 7/15. Chief Snyder was present to explain that the Audi that was put up for auction last year brought in \$10,500 from the sale. That vehicle was seized from a drug bust and had been used as an administrative vehicle. He is requesting approval to purchase another vehicle to replace the Audi, for administrative use, to be purchased with seized assets funds through an auction process. It is a used hybrid with low mileage and a factory warranty. Supervisor Zimet indicated that last week, there were questions regarding the cost of installing new equipment into the new vehicle. Chief Snyder indicated that the same equipment that was taken out of the Audi will be reinstalled in the new vehicle at a cost of \$400. The request for \$20,000 is on the high end and he is hoping to only spend around \$15,000 total.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize the transfer of seized assets funds up to \$20,000 to cover the cost of the hybrid vehicle the Chief needs. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Tow List- Local Law #1 of 2013:

Supervisor Zimet read aloud the changes. A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adopt the Resolution to designate the Town Board Lead Agency to review the environmental impacts of the proposed changes to the code of the Town of New Paltz in order to adopt the local law (read aloud by Councilwoman Gallucci). Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adopt the Resolution and Notice of Determination of Non Significance-Negative Declaration: Local Law to amend the Code of the Town of New Paltz (Tow List Local Law), as she read it aloud. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adopt the Resolution for Local Law #1 of the year 2013. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Accessory Apartments:

Town Building Inspector Stacy Delarede was present to explain to the Board that the biggest problem with the current law is that any structure built after August 14, 1986 is not eligible for an accessory apartment, it's considered "too new". She came up with some proposed changes and additions to the "requirements" for the approval of an accessory apartment, but no changes to the "actual physical requirements". It will still require a special use permit, which will be renewed every year.

Councilman Barry will work on this with the Building Inspector and revisit this in August.

UPSEU Contract Ratification:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that negotiations went very well and she read aloud the changes. A motion was made by Councilman Logan accept the contract and to authorize the Supervisor to sign it. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Mohonk Preserve Grant Funding Support:

Glenn Hoagland and Eric Roth were present to discuss the grant in which they indicated this would be the last planning grant for the Testimonial Gateway Trailhead Project. They are looking for the Town Board's endorsement to pursue \$44,000. Councilwoman Brown read aloud the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mohonk Preserve, Inc. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund to be located at the Testimonial Gateway in the Shawangunk Mountain Foothills, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Town Board of New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Board of the Town of New Paltz hereby does approve and endorse the application of Mohonk Preserve, Inc. for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund known as the Testimonial Gateway Trailhead Project and located within this community.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adopt the Municipal Resolution for the Mohonk Preserve Grant Funding as read by Councilwoman Brown. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast. Councilman Barry abstained, motion carried.

Town-Wide Water System Update:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that the Town Board had previously authorized Dave Clouser to start the initial planning on a community wide water system. Engineer Dave Clouser indicated that the biggest driver to get this project going is that the DEP will be taking the Aqueduct down for several 10-week periods starting in 2016. The DEP is coming to the Board's August 15th meeting to discuss the potential of creating a new water system. The Village Board will be invited to attend.

Municipal Water Supply System:

Mr. Clouser indicated that there were changes made to make sure the system was up to the Town's standards. This local law would be an "Amendment to Chapter 140, Zoning Law, Definitions," which would amend existing Section 140-4.C of the Town Code by adding definitions of "Municipal Water Supply Facility or System" and "Central Water Supply Facility or System."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to set the Public Hearing for August 22nd at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

SUNY PILOT Letter:

Supervisor Zimet read the revised letter aloud. The Board discussed making further changes. Supervisor Zimet will continue to work on it.

EnCB Appointment:

Tabled for the August meeting.

Parade/Event Requests:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the Hospice 5K run to be held on September 7, 2013, which has already been approved by the Police, and won't require traffic control services. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the Huguenot Street Apple Festival to be held on October 5, 2013, no police coverage is needed. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-Consolidated Funding for Solar Project:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz has had a long-standing interest in Sustainability and Renewable Energy, and every aspect of energy and resource conservation was even more strongly emphasized when the US Environmental Protection Agency designated New Paltz as a Zero-Waste community, one of only 13 nation-wide, and

WHEREAS, looking at the closed, capped landfill property as the centerpiece of a multi-use Project, the Town reviewed efforts at the neighboring Town of Esopus, where plans for a Landfill Photovoltaic Generation (PV-on- Landfill) Project have been extensively developed, and

WHEREAS, the Town learned that Esopus intends to generate – on an annual basis -- all the electricity needed for Municipal use, and

WHEREAS, because the Town and Village of New Paltz have been working collaboratively on a range of resource and governance matters, the Municipalities elected to develop PV-on-Landfill facilities as a joint Project, and

WHEREAS, to scale up to the production of the Village's and Town's entire annual requirement of electricity for all Municipal uses, the Town Board and Village Trustees in September 2012 authorized a Solicitation for a Solar Generating Facility located at the closed, capped landfill, and

WHEREAS, during the succeeding planning process, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company provided an electric service upgrade cost prior to the joint Project's incurring the expense of a Coordinated Electric Service Interconnection Report (CESIR), with the cost of utility-side interconnection costs to the Town property then determined to be approximately \$420,000 (Four-hundred twenty thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the impact of those interconnection costs on the ultimate price points in a Power Purchase Agreement has been an overwhelming disincentive to proceeding with the proposed PV-on-Landfill Project, and

WHEREAS, a similar situation regarding utility-side electric service up-grade costs has held up the Town of Esopus Project, and

WHEREAS, our precedent-setting joint Project with the Village of New Paltz would become feasible if each Municipality could receive a grant commensurate with the infrastructure funding gap, and

WHEREAS, Town and Village jointly authorized the Solar Project Manager to apply for a total of \$400,000 in Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grants from the New York Department of State; however, no such awards were received, and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities now have the opportunity to present a combined Proposal, requesting Priority Project status from the MHREDC, and

WHEREAS, each Municipality's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) will be for the very high leverage of private investment and economic impact created by each potential grant, but considering them together as a group will make it possible for the MHREDC to demonstrate to the other 9 Regional Economic Development Councils a replicable example of Regional Multiple-Municipality collaboration, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that each Municipality's CFA be submitted by July 30,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of New Paltz hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign a CFA prepared by our Solar Project Manager, with copies provided to the Town Board before submittal on July 30.

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

Municipal Training for new Bookkeeper:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that accountant Linda Hannigan and Sedore & Co. is willing to provide accounting assistance and training to the new bookkeeper on an as-needed basis, billable at their standard hourly rates, with a cap of \$5,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the spending of up to \$5,000, at the normal rate charged for the new bookkeeper's training. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallucci, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

PBA Negotiations:

The date will be rescheduled.

IMA with School District for Police Services:

Tabled for the August meeting.

At 10:20 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk