

**Town Board Meeting
July 28, 2016
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Jeff Logan.

Absent: Councilman Marty Irwin, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

At 7:31 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: +Executive Session.

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

Public Comment:

Lou Cariola, Jacobs Lane, inquired about the status of his previous request for a reduction in the speed limit on Rte. 299 between Libertyville Road and Butterville, and the realignment of Gatehouse Road.

Supervisor Bettez indicated that because it is a state road, ultimately it's their decision. The Town will have to request the reduction from the state and provide supporting documentation. He will continue working with the Transportation Implementation Committee on this. Highway Superintendent Marx indicated that he will be meeting with an Engineer from the State on realigning Gatehouse Road.

Thomas Kastner, Millrock road, read aloud and distributed a copy of his statement regarding the drilling of test wells on Mill Brook Preserve.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the ***Police Commission minutes of July 21, 2016***, and the ***Joint and Town Board minutes of July 21, 2016***. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Release of Restricted Funds:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the release of \$965 out of the restricted fund (H07) for the demolition of the old Town Hall with the August Warrant, to Mitchell Electric LLC, invoice # 227460, for the movement of the required electric for the DMV van relocation. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Release of Escrow Funds:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the release of \$51.87, the balance being held in escrow for PB15-19 Dubois Site Plan for SFR (Wetlands). The project is now complete and has been signed off by the consultants, planning board and finance department. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution-CFA Climate Smart Communities Certification:

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz wishes to engage in local planning initiatives to support energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability to reduce and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for adaptation steps to increase the town's resilience to changing precipitation patterns, temperatures and other trends related to climate change;

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz has previously adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge and is therefore recognized by the state as a Climate Smart Community, and the Village of New Paltz is also a Climate Smart Community based on their adoption of this pledge;

WHEREAS, to support these climate change and mitigation goals, the Town of New Paltz is submitting a Consolidated Funding Application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for grant funding to complete steps needed for the Town and the Village to become Certified in the state's Climate Smart Communities Program;

WHEREAS, this Climate Smart Communities Certification project will enable the Town, working with the Village and other project partners, to identify and plan future implementation priorities and projects to

support climate change mitigation and adaptation goals, and these planning steps as well as becoming Certified in this state program will increase the Town's ability and readiness to obtain future grant funding for implementation of projects that can potentially reduce costs to the town and its residents and provide other benefits for resilience, economic revitalization, sustainability, health, and quality of life;

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of New Paltz has adopted a resolution to participate in this project, including a commitment of labor by Village personnel and other resources for this project valued at \$12,000, which will be part of the required matching commitments for this grant proposal, and the work to be completed with this grant will enable both the Town and the Village to submit all required documentation to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to become Certified in the state's Climate Smart Communities program;

WHEREAS, the New Paltz Climate Action Coalition has committed 1,000 hours of volunteer labor for research, data compilation and analysis, public outreach, contributing to the drafting of the final project report, and other tasks for completing this project, and this commitment is valued at \$23,560 according to the standards used by New York State for valuing donations of volunteer labor at \$23.56/hour;

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to provide staff resources to work on the Climate Smart Communities Certification project as part of the matching requirements for this grant proposal, and to working with consultants Simon Gruber and Climate Action Associates to implement this project if grant funding for this proposal is awarded by the state;

WHEREAS, participating in the state's Climate Smart Communities Certification program requires appointment of a Climate Smart Community Coordinator by the Town and creation of an internal "green team" committee focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz Town Board supports an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for grant funding to prepare studies and documentation for the Town and the Village to become Certified in the state's Climate Smart Communities Program;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz hereby appoints Kathy Preston, the Assistant to the Supervisor, as the town's Climate Smart Communities Coordinator, and creates a green team as a working committee of town officials, staff and volunteers for implementing this Certification project, with members to be designated by the Town Board at a later date;

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to authorize the Supervisor to sign any documents needed for the Climate Smart Communities Certification. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Freihofers Water Hook-up Approval:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve Freihofer's request for water hook up. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Transportation Agreement with NPCSD:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Transportation Agreement with the New Paltz Central School District. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Community Service Agreement for CIT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Worksite Agreement between the Town of New Paltz and the Ulster County Probation Department for community service for the Community Improvement Team. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Parade Request-Shawangunk Runners:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the parade request application for the Shawangunk Runners. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Request to film at Town Court:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Court Clerk to make arrangements with the film crew with the caveat that the Court Officer be paid and an insurance certificate be provided before filming. Seconded by Councilman Torres for discussion. Councilman Logan requested collecting a deposit in case of damage. Councilman Torres indicated that the Certificate of Insurance should cover any damage done to the building. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation regarding the Beer lawsuit. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:16 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