

**Public Hearing-Best Value Law, 7 p.m.
Public Hearing-Term Increase for Highway Superintendent, 7:15 p.m.
Town Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
August 18, 2016**

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

At 7:07 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing on the proposed "Best Value" law. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Bettez explained that this law would allow the Town to make purchases based on the best deal and not necessarily the lowest price.

At 7:09 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:16 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to open the public hearing on the proposed local law to increase the Highway Superintendent's term from two (2) years to four (4) years. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Carol Roper, Lou Cariola and Mike Reid all spoke in favor of the term increase for the Highway Superintendent.

Dave Lent suggested making the position an appointed position rather than elected.

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Torres to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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

Agenda: +August Warrant, +Modify Planning Board Escrow Account, +Request to hold a Habitat & Water Resource Assessment for Land Use Planning short course, Table Municipal Center.

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

Swearing in of Part-Time Dispatcher:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the hiring of Tyler Osarczuk as a part-time dispatcher with the New Paltz Police Department. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Dave Lent suggested negotiating an increase in the contribution to the Town by the same rate the County increases their charges to use the facility. Otherwise the residents and taxpayers will subsidize the County's increase in fees.

Donna Liebman, Plains Road, spoke about the New Paltz Times article relative to the contract with residents in Water District #5 authorizing access to their properties.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to accept the minutes of **July 28, 2016**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, Councilman Irwin abstained due to his absence from the meeting. Motion carried.

Court Request for Conference Attendance:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the conference request for Judge Jon Katz and Clerk Maureen Corcoran. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the costs and fees associated with the conferences to be paid as prepaids to be paid on Friday, August 19, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Retirement request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the request made by Dave Hasbrouck for the Town to pay out any monies due to him as part of his contract, upon his retirement on August 26, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bank Account Closure Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the request by the Bookkeeper to close the account entitled, "New York Rising" currently held at Empire State Bank because it is no longer needed. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modification-Highway Department:

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

Increase DBB-522-5112-200	Perm Imp-CHIPS	\$ 268.00
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Increase DBB-980-3501-000	CHIPS	\$27,263.00

Reason: CHIPS & PAVE NY additional funding.

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

Authorization to pay back wages:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to pay back wages to Rohan James in the amount of \$292.72 as subscribed by the Department of Labor, due to rounding errors in the Finance software. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Bookkeeping Request for Conference Attendance:

A motion as made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the conference request for Rachel Moreau on August 25, 2016 at a cost of \$99.00. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Finance Hire Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the hiring of Lynn Karge on a temporary basis as an independent consultant at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for no more than 10 hours per week to assist in the Finance Department. Seconded by Councilman Irwin for discussion with the amendment authorizing this request through the end of this calendar year. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

August Warrant:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the August Warrant in the amount of \$973,049.12. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Modify Planning Board Escrow:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the following modification to Planning Board Escrow: The applicant Ferris Woods Apts PB 15-14 shall provide for increase in deposit into escrow account in the amount of \$5,000.00 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, \$2,500.00, 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 Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Local Law #2/2016-"Best Value":

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the law entitled, "A local law to add a new Chapter 42 "Municipal Purchases" to the Code of the Town of New Paltz" as Local Law #2 of 2016. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Local Law #3/2016-"Highway Supt. Term Increase":

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to adopt a resolution for the adoption of the law entitled, "A local law to increase the term of Office of the Elected Town Superintendent Highways from Two (2) Years to Four (4) Years" as Local Law #3 of 2016, and to place it on the ballot for

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referendum at the November election. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Land Use Planning Course:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to allow Habitat & water Resource Assessment for land Use Planning short course to be conducted at the Mill Brook Preserve from September 22-24. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Mill Brook Preserve:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to that the August 6, 2016 Draft Conservation Easement prepared by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, be forwarded to Joe Moriello for review and comment, and that Mr. Moriello prepare the resolution formally adopting the Conservation Easement and authorizing granting of the Conservation Easement to the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, including any required documents or language regarding any requirements for a permissive referendum. Seconded by Councilman Torres for discussion. Councilman Logan indicated that he is not ready for this because he has more questions. After a discussion, the following roll was called: Supervisor Bettez-aye, Councilman Torres-aye, Councilman Irwin-aye, Councilman Logan-nay. Motion carried.

At 8:16 p.m. Councilman Logan left the meeting.

Foil Requests:

Councilman Irwin indicated that the Town does not have the technological capability for the FOIL Officer to search through the server for emails in order to comply with FOIL requests. He suggested implementing a Microsoft Exchange service or something similar for this purpose. The Board will discuss this further with Brian Macaluso.

Use of Town Emails:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to adopt a resolution that it be the obligation of all Town Board members and Town employees to process email communications through a Town email account, if they have one. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez for discussion. Councilman Torres offered a friendly amendment that this becomes effective on or by September 15th. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Roberts Rules of Order-"In Brief" version:

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to table this until August 25th.

Moriello Pool:

Councilman Irwin indicated that no current IMA exists regarding capital and operating expenses. Estimates have been received regarding options to replace the pool liner.

Executive Session:

At 8:42 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Irwin to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a potential grant and negotiations with the UCRRA. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Laura Petit and Chris Marx were invited in.

At 8:53 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Tax Cap & Budget Discussion:

Supervisor Bettez indicated that this will be a long and difficult budget process. The Town Board should consider passing a local law to override the .68 tax cap. A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Supervisor to engage Joe Moriello to prepare a resolution to override the tax cap. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Hearing regarding the term of Office for the Supervisor:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to schedule a public hearing for September 15th at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the proposed local law to increase the term of the Town Supervisor from two years to four years. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the resolution designating the Town Board Lead Agency and declaring this a Type II Action under SEQRA. Seconded by Councilman Irwin, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Next Joint Meeting:

A motion was made by Councilman Irwin to schedule the next joint meeting for September 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:08 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Irwin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Bettez, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk