

Town Board Meeting
August 28, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Susan Zimet, Councilman Dan Torres, Councilman Jeff Logan, Councilman Kevin Barry. **Absent:** Councilwoman Jean Gallucci.

At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Logan to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Release of Bond for Hickory Ridge/Birches, +Public Access, +Appointment of Laura Petite, Bid for Pool Slide and Water Fountain Pedestal, +Bid for Skid Steer.

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

Public Input:

Don Kerr indicated that as part of the Franchise Agreement with Time Warner, there were two payouts for equipment for Public Access and an itemized list of other equipment that was prepared at the time. There is also supposed to be a second channel that Public Access has earned and should be in place. He would like these discussed. He also suggested looking at Saugerties' model in how they run their Public Access Program.

Announcements:

Last night was the first time a Joint Town/Village meeting was held at Huguenot Street. Supervisor Zimet indicated that the Town Board would be releasing an Open letter to the President of SUNY New Paltz, Donald Christian.

Master Plan Presentation-New Paltz Flats Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail:

Bill Weinstein, Chair of the Bike-Ped Committee presented the end of the first part of a long process in developing a Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail over the flats. This outlines a way to get non-motorized transportation to the fairgrounds and other areas West of the Wallkill Bridge, by means of On-Road Bike Lanes and a Recreational Pathway. The Committee believes this is achievable in terms of cost, layout and location, and implementable in the short term (2 to 5 years depending on funding). The goal is to create a safe, enjoyable and interesting user experience in an environmentally sensitive and cost effective manner. The objectives are to maximize bicyclist and pedestrian safety, maximize accessibility and convenience, and to maintain the rural character. An overview of the Recreational Pathway includes The Wallkill River overlook platform, pedestrian crossings, rest areas, potential wetland ecology observation, bridge at stream crossing, and a straightaway segment. The plan will require further planning, grants, creativity and investment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to adopt the Bicycle Flats Plan so it can move forward to the next phase for reimbursement for the grant. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Local Law #3/2014-Access Management Plan:

Councilman Logan read aloud and answered the questions on the Short Environmental Assessment Form.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to adopt the Resolution and Notice of Determination of Non-Significance-Negative Declaration to adopt Local Law #3 of 2014 to amend subdivision D of section 140-52, "Site Plan Review" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Wallkill Valley Rail Trail-Greenway Grant Resolution and Letter:

Supervisor Zimet read aloud the following resolution:

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz lends support to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Association for its application for a Hudson River Valley Greenway grant under the 2014 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program for a project entitled "Revise/Replace Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Crossing Signage" to be located on the area of trail north of New Paltz and extending to Kingston, NY, owned by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust; and

Whereas, the purpose of the project is to replace existing crossing signs that have trail rules on one side and the original “Gardiner-to-Rosendale” map on the other side with new posts and new signs that include updated versions of the 22 mile trail; and

Whereas, the Greenway grant includes new signs of the same type throughout the northern portion of the trail; and

Whereas, the map itself is in two sections to ensure visibility of details: a north portion and a south portion-with updated mile markers, parking locations, and crossroads. This map is currently being developed by SUNY in one version for print and one version for web viewing (the map project is separately funded); and

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the 2014 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant program for a project known as “Revise/Replace Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Crossing Signage” for the area north of New Paltz and extending to Kingston, NY, owned by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

2013 Annual Financial Report (AUD):

The filing of the report had been held up while trying to correct mistakes that had been made in the past. There was a discussion on the need for a Chief Fiscal Officer/Director of Finance and additional staff member who are not elected because there are not enough personnel to keep things on track and done properly.

Woodland Pond-Release Letter of Credit:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to Release the Letter of Credit for Woodland Pond. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Hickory Ridge/Birches-Bond Release:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to release the bond. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Ulster County Summer Youth Contract 2014:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the contract. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to add the establishment of an escrow account for Whispering Woods to the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Establishment of Escrow Account-Whispering Woods:

The applicant Whisper Woods 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, \$1000.00, 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the establishment of an escrow account for Whispering Woods in the amount of \$2,000 with a replenish level of \$1,000. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Climate Smart Committee Appointment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to appoint Laura Petite to represent New Paltz on the Climate Smart Committee as the Municipal Liaison. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Moriello Pool Slide and Water Fountain Pedestal Bids:

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to go out to bid for the concrete water fountain pedestal. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Half the cost will be billed to the Village.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to go out to bid for a pool slide. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan that the Town's portion of the slide and repair of the water fountain will come out of the Parkland Fund. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Highway Skid Steer Bid:

A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to accept the new bid from A. Montano in the amount of \$61,140 with a \$50,343.87 trade in amount for the 205T, leaving a balance of \$10,796.13 for a skid steer to replace the skid steer previously purchased that did not meet specifications. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modification-Highway Skid Steer:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to approve the following budget modification:

Increase line DBB5110.2 \$10,796.13

Decrease line DAA5120.4 \$8,000.00

Decrease line DBB5140.4 \$2,796.13

The balance of monies to pay for previously approved 2014 JCB Skid Steer, purchased from A. Montano through bid process. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Mold Problem:

A company was brought in by Highway Superintendent Chris Marx to test the air quality of Town Hall. He should have a report by next week. Another company is scheduled to come in and conduct another test so he can compare results.

Public Access:

Supervisor Zimet indicated that it was her understanding that the Public Access Committee had finished the job they were assigned to do through the renegotiation of the contract and the build-out of most of the Town, and that they would now be on an on-call basis. She discussed the progress the Town has made with its website and all the information that is available to the public to make communication better. She created a new communications type of committee at the beginning of the year specifically to take on public access, the website, Facebook, and other means of public communication, with Councilman Torres as the liaison. Supervisor Zimet and Councilman Logan addressed certain comments that were made at last night's Joint meeting relative to the Town's control over what is shown or displayed on the web and channel 23 and conflicts that could exist. The Town does not have any discretion over the schedule or content of the programs or meetings shown on the Public Access channel. Councilman Logan pointed out that the Town's website provides full access with contact information for the Program Coordinator, a Mission Statement, Program Policies, and a link to all the meetings on YouTube. The Village's Website on the other hand has no information and in fact denies any access to a committee webpage. The Town is doing everything it can to keep things open and transparent. Supervisor Zimet suggested to Don Kerr that he send a letter to Carol Connolly with his recommendations on how to make public access more user friendly.

Budget Modifications:

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

Increase line A980-2089.0 Other Culture & Rec. Income \$2,341.20

Increase line A522-1440.4 Engineer Contractual \$2,341.20

To account for Parkland Fund monies, move to A Fund for engineering expenses for new soccer fields. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following budget modification:

Increase line 4-SSA-522-8120.4 \$1,148.68

Decrease line 4-SSA-522-8120.1 \$1,148.68

Increase line 4-SSE-522-8120.4 \$1,148.68

Decrease line 4-SSE-522-8120.1 \$1,148.68

Increase line 4-SSF-522-8120.4 \$9,189.44

Decrease line 4-SSF-522-8130.1 \$9,189.44

Increase line 4-SWA-522-8340.4 \$1,148.68

Decrease line 4-SWA-522-8340.1 \$1,148.68
Increase line 4-SWB-522-4340.4 \$1,148.68
Decrease line 4-SWB-522-8340.1 \$1,148.68
Increase line 4-SWC-522-8340.4 \$1,148.68
Decrease line 4-SWC-522-4340.1 \$1,148.68
Increase line 4-SWD-522-8340.4 \$1,148.68
Decrease line 4-SWD-522-8340.1 \$1,148.68

To help cover the extra costs we will be incurring to our monthly contract for Environmental Consultants due to the unexpected termination of an employee who was paid out of these lines. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following budget modification:

Increase line B8020.410 \$1,000.00
Decrease B522-1990.4 \$1,000.00

To account for the "Free One-time" inspections by the Wetlands Inspector association with building permits now that the Wetlands Law has been reinstated. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following budget modification:

Increase line A522+7310-400 Youth Program Contractual \$500.00
Increase line A980-2771.0 Donations-Youth \$500.00

Studley Donation to Youth group for 2014 Expenses. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following budget modification:

Increase line B980-3590.0 \$5,000.00
Increase line B522-7520.410 \$5,000.00

To account for the award and corresponding reimbursable expenses for the 2014 Local Landmark Initiative Grant. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the following budget modification:

Increase line DB980-2210.0 General Services, Other Government \$419.34
Increase line DB522-5130.4 Machinery Contractual \$419.34

For the repair of Gradall Excavator shared by the Town of New Paltz and Town of Lloyd. Highway was reimbursed for half the repairs. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the Joint minutes of **May 6, 2014**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, Councilman Barry abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Torres to accept the Joint minutes of **June 25, 2014**. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, Councilman Barry abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the minutes of **July 24, 2014**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, Supervisor Zimet abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to accept the minutes of **August 4, 2014**. Seconded by Supervisor Zimet, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Logan to accept the minutes of **August 8, 2014**. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:52 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Barry to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk