

Special Town Board Meeting
August 30, 2012
7:30 p.m.

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

At 7:36 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Agenda: +Pump for Sewer 6, +Court Officer, +Contract for Traffic Control Services (Studley). A motion was made by Supervisor Zimet to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Input:

Don Kerr, Public Access- It would be more productive for the Public Access Committee to be on the agenda. Recommended that the Town adopt an IMA that coincided with what the Village adopted. Stated that Dave Lent is resigning from the Committee. Time Warner is not willing to work with the Town, next step is legal action. Informed the Board that the Human Resources subcommittee feels that benefits for current employees in bargaining groups are very generous and from a different era. A new tier for new hires should be created with less generous benefit packages.

Josh Honing- Asked if the Town could get a different cable company to service New Paltz. Supervisor Zimet stated it would be too cost prohibitive. She will contact Time Warner again.

Announcements:

Bill Russell, Pool Director- Moriello Pool received a donation from the MDSA for \$200 to be used towards needed pool equipment. Suggested using it for the pool slide.

Comptroller's Report:

The draft report has been released. Some of the major problems include the deficits in the Water & Sewer Districts, the lack of Internal Controls, Accounting Records and IT. The Town has already begun correcting some of these issues, but there is still a lot of work to do.

Councilman Barry suggested creating the position of a Town Comptroller, which would create a more sophisticated process of monitoring and controlling financial operations.

Councilman Logan agreed and recommended forming an Ad Hoc committee to study this.

Supervisor Zimet appointed Councilman Logan and Barry to serve on this committee.

Councilwoman Brown suggested looking into the idea of making this position a consultant.

The Town has 90 days to respond to the report.

Fracking Ban Referral to County Planning Board, Town Planning Board, EnCB and CWOSP:

Councilwoman Brown read aloud the project information. Supervisor Zimet read aloud the "Resolution declaring Lead Agency, Classifying Action and Referring Proposed Local Laws Relating to Oil and Gas Drilling"

WHEREAS, the Town Council, on its own motion, has prepared three draft local laws (1) prohibiting natural gas exploration and extraction in the Town, 2) prohibiting the use of brine on Town roads derived from natural gas exploration and extraction, and 3) prohibiting the disposal of natural gas or oil production wastes into the Town sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to distribute the proposed local laws to the interested agencies and to initiate the environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of New Paltz that:

1. Supervisor Susan Zimet is hereby authorized to sign the verification on page 10 of Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") which has been prepared for the proposed action of adopting the three proposed local laws;

2. The Town Council will serve as lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed action as it is the only agency with the authority to approve, fund or undertake the proposed

action;

3. The proposed action is classified as a Type 1 action under SEQRA as it involves a change in the allowable uses in a zoning district or districts affecting more than 25 acres;

4. The proposed local laws, the EAF and this resolution shall be forwarded by the Town Clerk to:

a) the Ulster County Planning Board for their review pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m;

b) the Town of New Paltz Planning Board for their review and advisory report pursuant to Town Code Section 140-56(B);

c) the Town of New Paltz Environmental Conservation Board and Open Space Preservation Committee for their review and report;

d) the municipal clerks of the municipalities adjacent to the Town of New Paltz, together with a copy of the notice of public hearing.

5. A public hearing on the three proposed local laws is hereby set for Thursday, October 4, 2012, to be held at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1 Veterans Drive, Town of New Paltz, NY 12561 and the Town Clerk is directed to provide at least 10 days' notice thereof by publishing notice in the official newspaper of the Town and as otherwise directed by law.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to adopt the resolution and declare it a Type I Action under SEQRA and set the Public Hearing on the 3 proposed Local Laws for Thursday, October 4th at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to amend the agenda to add the Business Improvement District. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Business Improvement District:

With help from Ken Bond, Bond Council, the Town will look into creating this district that will help with paying for costly budget items, i.e. Police Department. This district can include SUNY and the Village. With the support of the Board, Supervisor Zimet will ask Ken Bond to create a proposal so the Board can review it for consideration.

USIA Contracts:

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to approve the Public Access Coordinator contract dated February 17, 2012 to expire December 31, 2012. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Barry to amend the Public Access Videographer contract dated February 17, 2012 to expire December 31, 2012, and to approve. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The Town Board agreed that these contracts would be renewed at the Re-Org meeting.

Traffic Control Services Contract (Studley):

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the contract for Traffic Control Services. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Sewer 6 Pump Request:

This is an emergency repair, transferring money within budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to authorize the purchase of the Myers Shredding Impeller and Ring for WG30 for Sewer 6. Seconded by Councilman Logan for discussion. This must be taken from the A Fund and moved to the Sewer Fund as a transfer. Councilwoman Gallucci accepted the amendment, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Court Officer:

Different people have been filling a position since one of the officers was let go. Judge Katz has a candidate that he would like the Board to hire. This person does not live in New Paltz and it would not be following the Town's residency policy.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to hire this person temporarily until a new person is hired. The position will be properly noticed and the process will follow the residency policy. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget:

The Town Board discussed how the ambulance payment would be budgeted and it was decided that the Supervisor would speak with the Mayor first. Councilman Logan would like to see snowplowing go back into the DB Fund, not DA. Councilman Barry and Logan will speak with Trustee Glenn and Basco regarding Moriello Pool expenses and revenues split 50/50.

Councilman Barry stated that the Personnel Policy should be clarified in terms of full-time, part-time, etc., too confusing right now.

Supervisor Zimet suggested that the Town should hire a part-time qualified person to help maintain the pool, now that Bob Leghorn is retiring and instead of paying OT to B&G personnel. This would come out of the pool's budget.

Prepays:

Voucher #12-0182 to Kniffen Builders for \$27,056.00 was tabled and not approved because it did not comply with contract terms, not approved by the engineer.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to approve the prepayment of voucher #12-01920 to DiStasi, Moriello & Murphy for \$6,440.00 with the condition that the appropriate project escrows are being charged based on the amount of hours billed. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:45 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Barry to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the hiring, firing and specific contract negotiations relative to the Police Department. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried. The Town Board invited Police Commissioner Ira Margolis into Executive Session.

At 11:30 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Barry to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:35 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Gallucci to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari
Town Clerk