

Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees Meeting

7:00 p.m., 12/14/2016, Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Mayor Tim Rogers; Deputy Mayor Rebecca Rotzler; Trustee Dennis Young; Trustee Tom Rocco; Trustee Don Kerr;

Also Present: A few members of the public; members of the Press; Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order -- Mayor Rogers called the December 14th 2016 regular meeting of the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees to order at 9:40 PM; Trustee Kerr seconded; all coted Aye

Administrative Business

- Approval of the Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda: VNP-161 Sanitary Sewer Construction & Rehabilitation: approval of “Change Order No. 2” (Credit)

Mayor Rogers motioned to approve the agenda as amended; Trustee Rocco seconded; all voted Aye

- Announcements -- *please see the minutes from the 12/14/2016 Joint mtg*
- Public Comment -- none

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes: 11/17/2016 Joint meeting at Town Hall; 11/30/2016 Village Board meeting

Mayor Rogers motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Trustee Rocco seconded; all voted Aye

Business Agenda

1. *Presentation: Annual audit for fiscal year end 2016, O'Connor Davies, LLP (Moved to JOINT)*
2. **Approval of Paint Swap Project** -- Mayor Rogers provided background on the project following a recent meeting with Wendy Toman and Jack Murphy from the Environmental Policy Board. The location they are considering is in the hallway outside the large conference room at Village Hall; it would be staffed on Fridays and Saturdays by trained volunteers.

Trustee Kerr motioned to approve the Paint Swap Project as described above; Mayor Rogers seconded; all voted Aye **(Passed 5-0)**

3. *Social Media Policy & Social Media Polling of Public (TABLED)*
4. **Consideration of Planning Board's recommendations regarding the potential rezoning of the Water Street segment of Flood District to Gateway District** -- Mayor Rogers provided background on the proposal: the Planning Board recommends forming an ad hoc committee for the purposes of this project; the Mayor recommends doing so with the stipulation that the committee reports back to the Village Board by April 1, 2017 the latest and addresses design standards for the Gateway. As the Design Review Board (Tabled item on 12/14/2016 Joint agenda) will include representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission, the HPC will be invited to participate in this ad hoc committee as well.

Mayor Rogers & Trustee Kerr volunteered to represent the Board of Trustees on this ad hoc committee; the Planning Board will designate 2 members; HPC will designate representatives as well.

Trustee Rocco motioned to form the ad hoc committee as described above; Deputy Mayor Rotzler seconded; all present voted Aye **(Passed 5-0)**

5. *Consideration of Village Planner's advice to pursue the Clean Energy Communities Grant Program administered by NYSEERDA (Program Opportunity Notice 3298) (MOVED TO 12/14/2016 JOINT AGENDA)*
6. *Consideration of Village Planner's advice to pursue Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant in conjunction with the Public Square idea for Post Office parking area (MOVED TO 12/14/2016 JOINT AGENDA)*
7. **Water source at Gardens for Nutrition instead of using the Wallkill River: Followup after 12/7/2016 GFN meeting** -- Mayor Rogers provided a brief update: he attended the latest GFN meeting with Trustee Kerr; they're going to look into slow sand filtration, hydrogeologists, and all other options.
8. **Schedule interviews with hydrogeologists** -- Mayor Rogers provided a brief update: interviews with prospective hydrogeologists are in the process of being scheduled; they will likely be conducted during the day in order to accommodate applicants; the interviews will be noticed once the dates are set, and videotaped for transparency.
9. **Discussion: Water Rate Formula** -- Mayor Rogers provided a brief update: he has been working to identify the factors that drive the true cost of water and narrowed it down to 8 components.
10. **Approval of Green Mountain Energy's "Terms of Service" for electricity** -- Mayor Rogers motioned to approve Green Mountain Energy's Terms of Service; Trustee Young seconded; all voted Aye. **(Passed 5-0)**

11. **Noise Ordinance: Consideration of Recommended Changes** -- Trustee Rocco moved to set a Public Hearing to be held at the December 28th, 2016 Village Board meeting on the proposed law previously distributed to Village Board Trustees entitled “Noise Control Ordinance” to substitute for and replace Chapter 143 of the Village Code. Trustee Rocco further moved that the Village Board make a preliminary classification of this law as “unlisted for SEQRA purposes” and finally that the Village Board declare itself as lead agency in this matter. Trustee Kerr seconded. Discussion regarding how these changes would improve the current Noise Ordinance ensued in light of a recent NYS Appellate Court decision that supports the wording as proposed. The Board decided to open the Public Hearing on 12/28 with the intent to keep open for a second meeting so community members may have ample time to provide input. Mayor Rogers moved to vote. All present voted Aye **(Passed 5-0)**
12. **Jacob Elting Burying Ground agreement:** Update following the JEGB Board of Trustees meeting on 11/13/2016 (tabled from 11/30/2016 VB meeting) -- Mayor Rogers motioned to accept the agreement; Deputy Mayor Rotzler seconded. No discussion. All present voted Aye **(Passed 5-0)**
13. *Mill Brook Preserve Conservation Easement (MOVED TO JOINT)*
14. **Sidewalks** -- Mayor Rogers provided an update regarding definitions of “highway boundaries” in regard to the ongoing easement question. The Board discussed importance of 5 foot wide sidewalks wherever possible.
15. **VNP-161 Sanitary Sewer Construction & Rehabilitation:** approval of “Contractor’s Payment Estimate No. 4-FINAL” in the amount of \$27,038.00 to H. Osterhoudt Excavating, Inc. -- Mayor Rogers motioned to approve as written; Trustee Kerr seconded; all aye **(Passed 5-0)**
16. **Approval of emergency expenditure for a valve replacement** on the water main at the Carmine Liberta Bridge at a cost of \$15,500.00. -- Mayor Rogers motioned to approve as above; Deputy Mayor Rotzler seconded; all aye **(Passed 5-0)**
17. **Resolution: Bills & Claims** -- Mayor Rogers motioned to accept; Deputy Mayor Rotzler seconded; all aye **(Passed 5-0)**

Executive Session (If necessary)

Deputy Mayor Rotzler motioned to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing legal matters at 10:12 PM; mayor seconded. All aye.

Trustee Rocco motioned to come out of Executive Session at 10:16 PM; Mayor Rogers seconded; all present voted Aye.

Adjournment

Mayor Rogers motioned to adjourn the December 14th 2016 regular meeting of the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees at 10:17 PM; Trustee Young seconded; all present voted Aye.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alex Wojcik, Deputy Clerk