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“CONTINUING TO SAVE MONEY FOR OUR FUTURE”

Cortlandt’s Town Supervisor, Town Board and all elected and management employees will ***not*** take a salary increase for 2010. This is the second year that the nine elected officials in the Town of Cortlandt will ***not*** accept an increase.

In 2009 the management employees, which include the Town’s Department Heads, Deputies and Assistants, received a 2% increase but since the economic recession period is still affecting our state and region they will ***not*** take a raise in 2010.

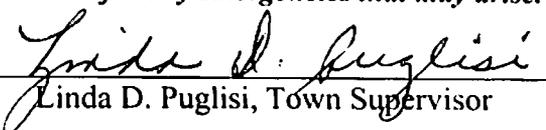
The two union contracts are still being negotiated, however, all employees (225) must understand that these are very difficult economic times that have resulted in less revenue coming into the Town’s treasury as opposed to previous years (e.g. mortgage tax revenue, sales tax, state aid, interest on accounts),

The Supervisor and Town Board will consider furloughs and shift work, which would result in less overtime pay. A “hiring freeze” started in 2009 will continue through 2010 except to fill any critical and necessary vacancies.

All outside landscaping is eliminated. It will be done in-house and will save \$40,000. Also, two positions have been eliminated from the Town government. One is in the Code Enforcement office and the other is an Environmental Analyst position, which can be done more efficiently by consultants based on need only and will save money. Both will save the Town approximately \$ 165,000. in salaries plus benefits. However, the Town will be reducing its use of consultants doing more work in-house. Also, all purchases will be scrutinized even more thoroughly than before by the Supervisor and Department Heads including vehicles & heavy equipment.

Our elected officials include the Town Supervisor, Linda Puglisi; Town Council: Richard Becker, Francis Farrell, Ann Lindau, John Sloan; Town Clerk - Joann Dyckman; Receiver of Taxes – Mary Breining; Town Justices – Dan McCarthy and Gerald Klein.

“As we enter yet another difficult economic year in the nation, state and region, it is very important that we continue our fiscally conservative practices and policies in order to keep our costs and town taxes low and in control for our taxpayers. At the same time it is also important to save money for the future and for any emergencies that may arise.”


Linda D. Puglisi, Town Supervisor