

July 17, 2018

Town Board Meeting

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A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on July 17, 2018 in the Vincent F. Nyberg Meeting Room of the Cortlandt Town Hall located at One Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY (10567) with the following elected officials and appointed staff in attendance:

LINDA D. PUGLISI	Supervisor
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Councilmember
DEBRA COSTELLO	Councilmember
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember
JAMES CREIGHTON	Councilmember

Also present:

TOM WOOD	Town Attorney
LAROUÉ ROSE SHATZKIN	Town Clerk
CHRISTINE COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
JEFFREY COLEMAN	Director, DES
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Puglisi led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag

SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi gave her report.

OF NOTE:

- A proclamation was given to Eagle Scout Andrew Calore by Councilmember Farrell. **Supervisor Puglisi** described his chosen project and the project by Eagle Scout Alexander Borbas.
- Rita Sharpols was awarded a plaque for the NY State Senate Women of Distinction and awarded a proclamation by the Town of Cortlandt for her volunteering and contributions to the community.
- **Supervisor Puglisi** met with Con Edison and Enbridge regarding the Enbridge Meter Station regarding the proposed structure near a residential community. The Town had opposed it and the structure will not be moved closer

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- The **Supervisor** reminded residents to use the new Fitness Trail and to come to the outdoor concerts at the Town of Cortlandt Waterfront Park.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call attendance taken by Town Clerk Shatzkin all Town Board members indicated their presence.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Farrell gave his report.

OF NOTE:

- Encouraged the use of the new Fitness trail and noted that the signage may need to be improved
- Discussed the agenda item regarding a letter from the Supervisor for the Board to receive and file a letter to the Chair of the NY State Indian Point Closure Task Force that outlines a number of projects to help with the closure to provide more economic opportunities. There is also a resolution to apply for various grants to further these projects, particularly sewers in parts of Town to promote commercial development along 9A in Croton-Crugers-Montrose section. They are also developing the Discover Center in Verplanck.

Councilmember Creighton gave his report.

OF NOTE:

- Interviewed Veteran George Price, WW II Veteran –this interview is available on the Town Website.
- Attended dedication of Memorial in honor of Colonial Jim Walton at Camp Smith
- Attended Italian Feast in Verplanck and urged students to put in for the scholarship opportunities available.

Councilmember Becker gave his report.

OF NOTE :

- Discussed Abby Rose and the history of the progress of that project. This past year the Town settled and there will be up to three homes on that acreage. These homes are now in front of the Planning Board and the community is coming out in opposition of these homes. Councilmember Becker stated that the Town Board has no involvement at this point. It is only in the hands of the Planning Board and will consider all the environmental issues as well as the comments from the community. He directed the opposed residents to attend the Planning Board meetings.
- Discussed the new DES building and it is on hold at this time to decide how to do it in the most budget conscious way.

Councilmember Costello gave her report.

OF NOTE :

- Congratulated the Eagle Scouts and welcomed the new Town employees.
- Discussed the Veteran interviews and instructed residents to go to the Town’s website and can watch the videos.
- Announced that the Patriach Award was presented to Joe Tropiano at the Mt. Carmel Italian Feast

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Costello moved that the regular minutes of June 12, 2018 be approved. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

BID REPORTS

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Councilmember Becker moved that the following reports be received and ordered filed. Councilmember Creighton seconded the motion.

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

For the month of June from the Office of the Aging, Purchasing Department, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Traffic Calming Evaluation from Maser Consulting and Memorandum from the Director of DES regarding Traffic Calming Study Results and Recommendations for Kings Ferry Road, Trolley Road and Sprout Brook Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

- 1. Letter from Supervisor to the Executive Deputy of the NYS Dept. of Public Services and Chair of the Indian Point Closure task force, outlining various potential projects through the use of the Indian Point Environment and Community Fund.
- 2. Memorandum from the Director of DES regarding Traffic Conditions and recommendations for the intersection of Armstrong Street and South Hill Road.

RESOLUTION NO.189-18 RE: Authorize the Replacement of a Traditional Stop Sign with an LED Stop Sign.

- 3. Report from the Director of DOTs regarding a Dangerous Building Evaluation on South Mountain Pass Road.
- 4. Independent Auditor’s Report for the Town of Cortlandt and for the Justice Court; Accept Same.

RESOLUTION NO.190-18 RE: Receive, File and Accept Independent Audits of the Town of Cortlandt and of the Justice Court as required by law.

- 5. Letter from Mr. Bernard Vaughey regarding use of property in Verplanck; Refer to DES.
- 6. Letter regarding No Parking signs at Parenti Residence; Refer to DES, Westchester County Police and State Police.
- 7. Letter regarding speeding cars on Trolley Road; refer to DES, Westchester County Police and State Police.
- 8. Letter from Brie Gallagher regarding purchase of 3 parcels of land; refer to DOTs and Legal.

All Voted **AYE**

RESOLUTIONS

(All resolutions adopted at this meeting are to be found attached to the end of the original document.)

Councilmember Creighton moved that the following resolutions be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Farrell

RESOLUTION NO.191-18 RE: Authorize an amended sewer easement for Cortlandt Crossing.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.192-18 RE: Authorize conservation easement for Sprout Brook Park.

RESOLUTION NO.193-18 RE: Authorize issuance of a Correction Deed for 180 Roa Hook Rd.

RESOLUTION NO.194-18 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute documents for conversion to an “E-lockbox” to facilitate the collection of water bills.

Agenda items for DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO.195-18 RE: Award Contract TE 2018.2 – Washington Street Bridge Replacement

RESOLUTION NO.196-18 RE: Award Consultant Services for Geotechnical Borings – Parkway Drive and 29 Westbrook Drive

RESOLUTION NO.197-18 RE: Modify Consultant Contract with Peter J. Gaito Associates to complete Pool House design.

RESOLUTION NO.198-18 RE: Authorize Surveying Services (Crompond Road/Route 202)

RESOLUTION NO.199-18 RE: Authorize the DOTS Planning Division to apply for a grant for a Feasibility Study for the Transit Oriented Development Area around the Cortlandt Train Station.

RESOLUTION NO.200-18 RE: Authorize the DOTS Planning Division to apply for a grant for Site and Landscape Improvements in the Cortlandt Waterfront Park in the vicinity of the proposed “Discovery Center”.

Agenda items for DES:

RESOLUTION NO.201-18 RE: Authorize a request for proposals for a study of sanitation operations.

RESOLUTION NO.202-18 RE: Authorize award of contract for tree removals.

RESOLUTION NO.203-18 RE: Authorize additional services associated with Mazer Consulting traffic calming contract.

RESOLUTION NO.204-18 RE: Authorize the Purchasing Director to conduct an online auction for the sale of various scrap and surplus materials.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.205-18 RE: Appoint Jacklyn Kenny and Madison Colombo as PRC Advisory Student Members.

RESOLUTION NO.206-18 RE: Appoint Seasonals for the Recreation Division.

RESOLUTION NO.207-18 RE: Appoint Laborers for DES.

RESOLUTION NO.208-18 RE: Authorize a leave of absence for two DES employees.

RESOLUTION NO.209-18 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for September 25th, 2018 to consider declaring 9 South Mountain Pass Road a Dangerous Building.

Discussion: Michael Preziosi, Town Engineer, commented on the Washington Street ditch replacement repair which will be starting in a few weeks and detours will be set up. Estimated work will take about 3-4 weeks.

Councilmember Farrell commented that the residents don't realize that this is a bridge and noted where it is located just north of Furnace Dock Road on Washington Street. He asked that the detours be put on the website.

New laborers were announced and introduced.

All Voted **AYE**

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Farrell moved that the following resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Costello seconded the motion.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO.210-18 RE: Authorize Big Chief Inc. to film at Cortlandt Waterfront Park.

Discussion: Town Clerk Shatzkin explained that it will be for ABC network and will be filming a one minute flag raising video using local veterans which will play in Times Square for next few months.

All Voted **AYE**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Wayne Callie
17 Riverview Ave, Verplanck

Asked questions regarding an eviction notice he received. Tom Wood, Town Attorney, explained the title policy of the property and the life estate of Jim Martin regarding his property and the vacating of homes after a 10 year period.

Mr. Callie questioned the deed for the property and was advised to go to the Westchester County Clerk’s office if the title to the property is in question.

Supervisor Puglisi introduced George Latimer, Westchester County Executive and thanked him for all his help during the difficult time of the Nor’easter.

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

Spoke of an Executive order regarding a “Good Neighbor Policy” and to give a letter to support the request for money for the Indian Point closure.

The Executive Order basically is about the fact that the County government has been allowed to act in any County owned property or facility and so now the County would have to come before the local Board and make a formal presentation. The Town has a chance to assess what the impact of that action would be on the Town. At the end of 60 days a letter of support or opposition would be presented and then the action would be reconsidered. This guarantees the Town a “seat at the table” regarding what will occur in their Town of significant issues.

HEARING OF CITIZENS, cont.

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Supervisor Puglisi commented that they share the services of the County Police. Comptroller Patty Robcke and the Supervisor are working with the Rockefeller Institute to help develop shared services which saves money for taxpayers.

Councilmember Farrell thanked County Executive Latimer and expressed excitement and gratitude to the County for the investment in George's Island of 4 million dollars over the next several months.

Councilmember Creighton stated they've been discussing shared services with the mayor of Peekskill and other communities. Camp Smith is a gray area and that is a state agency so the Town would like to get it clarified or to push Camp Smith as a qualified entity for shared services.

Marc Lawrence
1 Campus Road, Peekskill

Spoke of the asbestos investigation. Tom Wood replied that the result was that there were no issues and he explained that proper protocols were followed.

Questioned the leaking of the new water tank. Tom Wood replied that the company is addressing these common leaks.

Discussed the investigation of being a threat and being out of work. Tom Wood replied that they followed the process of evaluation.

Tom Wood commented that they will address his issues at an August 23rd meeting when Mr. Lawrence is back from vacation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Councilmember Creighton

All voted **AYE**

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Respectfully submitted,

Laroue Rose Shatzkin
Town Clerk

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall website address: www.townofcortlandt.com