

August 13, 2013

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on August 13, 2013 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 official and appointed staff in attendance:

LINDA D. PUGLISI	Supervisor
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Councilmember
ANN LINDAU-MARTIN	Councilmember
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember
JOHN E. SLOAN	Councilmember

Also present:

JO-ANN DYCKMAN	Town Clerk
EDWARD VERGANO	DOTS, Director
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator
CHRISTINE B. COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
ROSEMARY B. LASHER	DOTS/Asst. to Director
JEFFREY COLEMAN	Director, DES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

SUPERVISOR’S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi spoke of the 225th Celebration at George’s Island which turned out to be a terrific day, despite the rain. Many people attended the event. There was a mini parade, historical costumes, bands, athletes from the Town teams and very brief speeches. It is being broadcast on Channel 78 and can be streamed on your computers. The fireworks will now be at the annual Cortlandt Family Fun Day on Memorial Drive on Sept. 7th about 7:45 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 8th.

Also coming up is the Town’s Annual Charitable Golf Outing at the Hollowbrook Golf Course put on by the Recreation Department with John Palmiotto and Ken Sherman. This is to benefit our First Responders. To register, residents should call the Recreation Department. This ends with a dinner at the Hollowbrook Golf Course dining hall.

On October 26 there will be the first ever 5K Run and participants can also register at the Recreation Department. It will be held at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park and will be for all age groups.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

Supervisor Puglisi spoke of the Lafayette Avenue/ Conklin Avenue exit from the hospital project which will be just about completed in one week stating “this will make a safer access out of the hospital and out of Lafayette Avenue which was the goal for this project”

The Town will be co-hosting the 9/11 Annual Ceremony with the Villages of Croton-on-Hudson and Village of Buchanan on Sept. 11th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Park and new monument at Croton Park. The **Supervisor** invited residents to attend the ceremony.

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ROLL CALL

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

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TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Farrell: Commented that the 225th Birthday Celebration was marred by late afternoon rain, but he wanted to underline how impressed he was by the Town staff and the way they coordinated and pulled the event together. Many entities and departments were involved, neighbors notified, decorations to put up, stage set-ups, etc. Councilmember Farrell stated that the coordination, the effort and the results were very impressive.

A group has been formed called the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association. This is a group incorporated consisting of 6 or more members of the community interested in bringing the sport of rowing to Cortlandt at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park. They are trying to coordinate a “learn to row” event to take place on Sept. 7th. This is being planned with the North Rockland Rowing Club who has a very successful program. They will set up and the public can see and try out the boats to find out what this sport is about. More information will follow. Councilmember Farrell thanked the Board for their support in this endeavor.

Councilmember Lindau-Martin: Echoed Councilmember Farrell’s complements to the staff for putting together the 225th Celebration and to the Supervisor for securing funding for the event. She announced that the Annual Croton Rotary Antique Car Show will be taking place on September 29th.

Councilmember Becker: Spoke of the successful CHOP program and that they now have about 2000 residents involved as well as 12 participating oil companies. Current members do not need to do anything as their membership remains active. For those who would like to join, it is \$5 fee to the Town and participants are free to use any one of the oil companies at any time. Each company guarantees their best price and a

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

few hundred dollars are saved by the homeowner. Councilmember Becker encouraged the residents to use the program and give it a try.

Councilmember Sloan: Spoke of the Rt. 202 project being completed soon and that Rt. 202 will probably get the most of the green lights and will be coordinated with the light on Conklin Avenue. They look forward to the better flow of traffic in a few weeks.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

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HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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BID REPORTS

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REPORTS

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

For the month of July, 2013 from the Office for the Aging, the Purchasing Department, the Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

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OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Report from DES with respect to Red Mill Road
2. Report from DES with respect to stop signs on Harper Avenue and Hunt Avenue approaching Kings Ferry Road; and Authorize the installation of same.

OLD BUSINESS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.215-13 RE: Authorize the installation of stop signs on Harper Avenue and Hunt Avenue approaching Kings Ferry Road.

- 3. Quarterly Report from Westchester County with respect to the Sprout Brook Ashpit.

NEW BUSINESS

None

All voted **AYE**

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RESOLUTIONS

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

Councilmember Lindau-Martin moved that the following resolutions be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

RESOLUTION NO. 216-13 RE: Authorize a change in title for one (1) DES employee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 219-13 RE: Appoint seasonals for the Department of Environmental Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 220-13 RE: Authorize the renewal and extension of the Cortlandt Heating Oil Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 221-13 RE: Authorize a one time leak adjustment with respect to 7 Lakeland Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 222-13 RE: Authorize a Fireworks Permit for September 7, 2013 with respect to family Fun Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 223-13 RE: Authorize the assessment of \$3800 against property located at 576 Westbrook Drive for property maintenance cleanup.

RESOLUTION NO. 224-13 RE: Authorize amending Resolution No. 199-13 with respect to grant funding after Hurricane Irene.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO. 225-13 RE: Authorize amending Resolution No. 133-13 with respect to the NYS Standard Workday Report to the NYS Retirement System.

All Voted **AYE**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 226-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of a snow plow for Highway/DES and amend the budget with respect to same.

RESOLUTION NO. 227-13 RE: Authorize an Agreement with New York State Office of General Services with respect to the purchase of surplus military equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 228-13 RE: Authorize the installation of additional cautionary traffic signage on Red Mill Road.

****The following Resolutions were Removed:**

Award a contract for Survey Services with respect to drainage at Springvale and Skytop area.

Award Contract for Survey Services with respect to a grant for a sidewalk from Kings Ferry Road to Roundtree Lane on Rt. 9A.

RESOLUTION NO. 229-13 RE: Award a Contract for Drainage improvements in the Montrose Station Road area.

RESOLUTION NO. 230-13 RE: Authorize the Town Attorney to obtain an appraisal of a parcel located next to the Highway Garage.

RESOLUTION NO. 231-13 RE: Authorize amending the Water District budget for the purchase of two (2) vehicles.

RESOLUTION NO. 232-13 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for September 17, 2013 to consider a Local Law amending the summer hours for certain DES staff.

All Voted **AYE**

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Becker moved that the following be received and filed and the following resolutions be adopted. Councilmember Lindau-Martin seconded the motion.

Receive and File:

- 1. Letter of Notice from Hawthorne Foundation Inc. of their intention to establish a Community Residential Home on Baron De Hirsch Road and; Authorize and file an objection with respect to same.

RESOLUTION NO. 236-13 RE: Authorize and file an objection with respect to the Hawthorne Foundation Inc. of their intention to establish a Community residential Home on Baron De Hirsch Road.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. **RESOLUTION NO. 233-13 RE:** Appoint Maria Pereira to the title Permit Clerk in the Town Clerk’s Office to fill a vacancy.
- 2. **RESOLUTION NO. 234-13 RE:** Authorize grant funding with respect to debris removal related to the October 2011 snowstorm.
- 3. **RESOLUTION NO. 235-13 RE:** Resolution in support of the Property Tax Reward Program; and Authorize the Supervisor and Councilman Becker to establish same for taxpayers and local business owners.

Discussion: Regarding the establishing a Community Residential Home in the Town of Cortlandt, residents will be receiving a letter from the **Supervisor** with a copy of the proposal from Hawthorne Foundation, Inc.

The **Supervisor** introduced Maria Pereira and welcomed her to the Town Clerk’s office.

All voted **AYE**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

NONE

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REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

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REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

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SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed on a motion by Councilmember Lindau-Martin and seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,
Town Clerk**