

This meeting was originally scheduled for October 22, 2013 but was postponed due to a lack of Quorum of the Town Board.

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on October 28, 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	ABSENT
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember	
JOHN E. SLOAN	Councilmember	ABSENT

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.

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SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi commented on the following events that occurred:

On Saturday, the Town of Cortlandt had their first annual 5K run with over 100 participants at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park. The Taconic Roadrunners Club helped to coordinate the event and the **Supervisor** thanked them for their help. Several people from the Town government ran including Glenn Cestaro, Town Comptroller and Jeff Coleman, DES Director, and John Palmietto, Director of Recreation.

The Hobgoblin Parade was held Saturday also at the Cortlandt Town Center and on Halloween the Town of Cortlandt recreation will host the annual Halloween Party at the Community Center on Westbrook Drive. The **Supervisor** commented that it is a safe place to enjoy Halloween and urged residents to attend.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

There was also the annual Town of Cortlandt Golf Outing on October 21st, a charitable golf outing that raises money for the emergency services. The proceeds are distributed amongst the Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps. This was held at the Hollowbrook Golf Course on Oregon Road.

Supervisor Puglisi also attended the Hendrick Hudson Free Library’s 75th Anniversary Party. Proceeds are going to enhance the children’s room at the library.

The Town of Cortlandt will sponsor their Veteran’s Day at 12:30 on Veteran’s Day at the Westbrook Drive Community Center. She asked residents to join them on this very important day as we always remember our Veterans. There was a rally on the front lawn of the VA Hospital the prior week. The reason for that was to tell the Veteran’s Affair Department in Washington D.C. that they can’t start to dismantle the VA. They have a plan to demolish five of the buildings out of 20, so 25% of the buildings. **Supervisor** Puglisi and the veterans believe that this is a back door way to begin to dismantle the VA. She stated that they thought **SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)**

they had won this fight when the enhanced lease plan had expired a year ago and that plan had stopped. Now the Town will be vigilant to make sure that this plan doesn’t become a reality. Petitions are also now being circulated to put the VA on the National Historic Registry List and the **Supervisor** urged residents to sign it.

The proposed budget for 2014 will be released this week and they once again will be coming in with a very low Town tax increase as they have done for 23 years. The **Supervisor** thanked Glenn Cestaro for his work on the budget. The presentation will be taped for viewing on Channel 78, the public access station, and on the website and facebook. There is still less revenue than gotten in the past, such as mortgage tax revenue, but they’ve been able to be fiscally conservative and still keep the Town taxes low with projects still included, such as the 1.5 million dollars in paving this year, paid in cash.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that she went to the event called “The Blaze” in Croton-on-Hudson. More than 5000 pumpkins were carved out and she highly recommended residents view this fantastic event.

One year ago was Hurricane Sandy. **Supervisor Puglisi** stated that they are hopeful that there will never be another. It was a very difficult time for the region and our community being without power, trees down, etc but the community came together to get through this difficult period. The most important thing is that no one was injured. She thanked everyone who helped and stated they are very hopeful that there will not be another Hurricane Sandy.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call attendance taken by Town Clerk Dyckman all Town Board members indicated their presence with the absences of Councilmember Lindau-Martin and Councilmember Sloan.

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TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Farrell: The first annual 5K race was well attended and he was impressed by the Department Heads that ran. He noted that John Schembari, a Town employee, also ran. What was pleasing to him was just the sight of the property that the Town has been working on so diligently on over the last few years for the public to enjoy as a park. Councilman Farrell commented on the backdrop of the river and the beautiful fall morning and he gave thanks to the Recreation Department who rises to every challenge that is presented to them. He commented that he thought that Mr. Martin who gave the property to the Town would be very happy to see what’s happening there.

There’s an item on the agenda to work with the Cortlandt community rowing association to develop a rowing program at the Waterfront site and Councilmember Farrell is very excited about that.

Supervisor Puglisi thanked Councilmember Farrell for starting the Cortlandt Rowing Association.

Councilmember Becker: On the agenda is authorizing the Receiver of Taxes to cancel tax liens with respect to property known as Abbey Rose for open spaces. That represents about 12 years of work of the Town Board regarding Abbey Rose, land on Dickerson Mt. which is the tallest peak in lower Westchester. It contains 2 lakes and a State regulated wetlands. It is a very important open space and after 12 years there is now a plan where the Town will receive the large majority of this land, approximately 100 acres. The remainder will go for 4 or 5 homes to be developed far away from the lake. Councilmember Becker stated he was very grateful to the Supervisor, the Town Attorney and Town Engineer for their time working on this, stating that this was a big victory for the Town.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Farrell moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2013 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

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BID REPORTS

None

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REPORTS

Councilmember Becker moved that the following reports be received and ordered filed, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Report from DOTS regarding parcels on 6th Street in Verplanck; and send to resident.
2. Report from DES with respect to a request for a stop sign on Kings Ferry Road.

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NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Letter from "Hillside" Cortlandt Cemetery Association requesting assistance with tree removals; and refer to DES and the Town Comptroller.

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

RESOLUTION NO.264-13 RE: Appoint two (2) Water and Sewer Maintenance Workers Grade II (DES/Water)

RESOLUTION NO.265-13 RE: Appoint a DES seasonal laborer.

RESOLUTION NO.266-13 RE: Authorize amending the Temporary Service List.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.267-13 RE: Authorize to advertise for a seasonal intern for DES Water Division with respect to GIS information input services.

RESOLUTION NO.268-13 RE: Reappoint Donald Liebman as a member of the Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION NO.269-13 RE: Authorize a contract with respect to roadside tree branch removal for DES.

RESOLUTION NO.270-13 RE: Authorize a Contract with respect to the installation of lighting at the sea plane hangers.

RESOLUTION NO.271-13 RE: Authorize a License Agreement with the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association.

RESOLUTION NO.272-13 RE: Authorize a Contract with respect to the printing of the Recreation Brochure.

All voted **AYE**

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

RESOLUTION NO.273-13 RE: Authorize an Agreement with respect to the Croton/Cortlandt Center for the Arts.

RESOLUTION NO.274-13 RE: Schedule the Town In-Rem sale for February 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO.275-13 RE: Authorize the Receiver of Taxes to cancel tax liens with respect to property contained in The Abbey Rose Open Space Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO.276-13 RE: Authorize the use of Operating Engineers Local 14 machinery and operators to install clean fill at Lake Meahagh Park (at no cost to the Town)

RESOLUTION NO.277-13 RE: Authorize extending a Professional Service Contract with respect to the Furnace Dock Lake Dam repairs (paid for by Con Edison).

RESOLUTION NO.278-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of 2071 Albany Post Road for a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 plus tax; and expenses not to exceed \$50,000; subject to Permissive Referendum and Environmental Evaluation.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.279-13 RE: Authorize the Town to request Intervener status with respect to the Spectra Project; and authorize filing comments with respect to the proposed Scoping Document.

RESOLUTION NO.280-13 RE: Authorize continued opposition to the PSC with respect to the West Point Partners, LLC Project and submit comments to PSC.

RESOLUTION NO.281-13 RE: Authorize testing by the NYSDEC on a Town owned Right-of-Way and property with respect to the Magna Metal Clean-up site.

****The following was removed to be added to the November Town Board meeting:**

Authorize the Acceptance of Security from Toll Brothers in the amount of \$7,800,000.00 and the Release of Security by AVR in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 with respect to property known as Valeria.

Discussion: The **Supervisor** stated that they are delighted that they are finally going to be able to put some clean fill at the Lake Meahagh Park which is a Town park in Verplanck. This will begin next week and she thanked Ed Vergano for making this happen. The NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation had to approve the topsoil to complete the project.

Supervisor Puglisi said that she and the Town Board will continue to fight on the 2 proposed projects near residential neighborhoods, West Point Partners and Spectra.

All voted **AYE**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Becker moved that the following correspondence be received and ordered filed and the resolutions be adopted. Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion.

Received and File the following:

1. Letter from "Friends of Old St. Peter's" with respect to restorations and repairs; and authorize same in the amount of \$5,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 282.13 RE: Authorize the amount of \$5,000 for restorations and repairs to St. Peter's Church.

2. Town's response to FERC regarding opposition and issues to the proposed Spectra plan.

RESOLUTIONS;

RESOLUTION NO. 283.13 RE: Authorize extending a Family Medical Leave of Absence for a DES employee.

RESOLUTION NO. 284.13 RE: Appoint an Assistant Court Clerk to fill a vacancy in the Town Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 285.13 RE: Authorize Contracts with respect to snow and ice removal for the 2013/2014 season.

RESOLUTION NO. 286.13 RE: Authorize a Professional Service Agreement with respect to wetlands delineation and design guidance for a small pond on Town property.

RESOLUTION NO. 287.13 RE: Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Croton with respect to DARE Program Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 288.13 RE: Seek Lead Agency with respect to the construction of a multi-purpose sports field at Sprout Brook Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 289.13 RE: Authorize a Phase 1 Environmental Evaluation of the Tall property off Rt. 9A.

RESOLUTION NO. 290.13 RE: Award an RFP with respect to a Historic Architect Consultant.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi stated that they are very happy to cover the costs and continue the support for the DARE program for the elementary schools. Detective Cliff Gablesen from the Croton Police Department is the one who implements the DARE program and is very dedicated and well liked by the students. The Supervisor commented that they are grateful him and the Village of Croton for working in partnership with them on this important program.

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 adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in memory of **Hank Reynolds**. He worked on the origins of the Cortlandt Ambulance building and the **Supervisor** recalled how he attended all the meetings waiting for the Town Planning Board to approve his idea for the building to be built. He also was an avid photographer whose display is in the Town Hall with photos of historic Crugers that were donated to the Town. The **Supervisor** expressed condolences to his family.

A motion was made by Councilmember Becker, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,
Town Clerk**

October 28, 2013

Town Board Meeting