

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on August 15, 2017 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
DEBRA COSTELLO	Councilmember
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember
SETH FREACH	Councilmember

Also present:

JO-ANN DYCKMAN	Town Clerk
CHRISTINE B. COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
JEFFREY COLEMAN	Director, DES
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 great outdoor concert and movie series over the summer and what a wonderful season they had. She thanked the committee members who worked so hard on it, in particular Judi Peterson for handling the selection of music groups.

The Town camps were a huge success this year with a few more weeks left to go to the Town pool. The **Supervisor** thanked the Recreation and Parks Division for all their work and stated that they are very excited about their plans for the pool area for the next couple of years. They will be building a new bath house and concession stand and in the next few years adding a miniature golf course.

Cortlandt Family Fun Day will be occurring on September 9th and ending with fireworks. There will be many activities and food and **Supervisor Puglisi** urged residents to join the fun or to volunteer.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

Supervisor Puglisi stated that on the agenda is a preliminary plan to resolve the bus issue out of Verplanck. They will be voting on that this evening and they are pleased to be able to do that this evening. Also on the agenda are ideas for furthering economic growth and to offset the loss of revenue from the closure of Indian Point in the next few years.

The Town is also purchasing more vehicles to replenish the fleet and the paving for 2017 is just about complete. Over the last 3 years, the Town has spent approximately 6 million dollars on paving with no borrowing for the paving or the purchase of vehicles.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that tonight they will be receiving and filing our outside independent audit and she is pleased to say that they are in excellent financial shape with very low debt. They are working on the budget early for 2018 to plan for their short and long term financial goals.

This Thursday, **Supervisor Puglisi** will be participating in the New York State Task Force Interview process to select a consultant paid for by New York State. This is to oversee the many serious issues that the Town has with the closure of Indian Point.

Supervisor Puglisi and the Town Board have put messages up on the website and on the Town facebook regarding the tragedy in Charlottesville, Virginia. She commented that we are fortunate in our community that we have so many compassionate individuals that work and pray together and we are hopeful that they will heal in Charlottesville and the lives lost will not be in vain.

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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 you would thing with all the new scientific inventions that we enjoy today, that there would be some substitute for blood. Councilmember Farrell noted that a Blood Drive will be taking place on August 18th at the Unitarian Church in Croton and he urged resident to donate blood to help save lives.

Councilmember Farrell stated that if anyone is curious about the finances of the Town, they can read about it in great detail in the report being filed. He thanked the Town Comptroller, Patty Robcke for putting together this nice report. They also have a new auditor this year and their summary was that what is here is very good.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

This weekend on Lake Meahagh there will be a scrimmage of the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association and a club from Rockland County. This is for the adult rowers. Councilmember Farrell invited residents to observe and enjoy the morning.

Councilmember Farrell commented that one of the things he is always very proud of in this Town is how they respect and honor the Veterans. He stated how much it hurts and angers to see rallies under the Nazi swastick and that it could happen here if people do nothing about it and that everyone should call out evil when they see it.

Councilmember Freach: Thanked Councilmember Farrell for mentioning the Blood Drive and that you never know whose life you're saving and it's very much appreciated.

Councilmember Freach commented that the new Fitness Trail they are working on will be great and that there used to be one about 30 years ago but is now overgrown. The idea behind it was to reuse what was previously in place. There are fitness experts who will be helping to figure out what equipment would be appropriate. The Town is trying to transition from the Cook Pool to the Cook Family Complex and they are looking forward to all the big changes coming up.

On the agenda they will be scheduling a public hearing regarding the noise ordinance. This is about rethinking the hours, especially on the weekends, and Councilmember Freach feels this will be a positive change.

Councilmember Freach commented that the images on TV over the weekend were horrific that people were very comfortable to walk in public under a Nazi flag. He feels it is upon us to speak out and say it's not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Councilmember Becker: Stated how pleased he was about the financial report and as a Town Board member he takes the fiduciary responsibility of watching the finances very seriously. There are many expenses that go on throughout the year and it's nice to see a report where every expense is so well documented and categorized. Councilmember Becker stated that financially the Town is very safe and secure; the tax rate is low and yet still providing full services.

Councilmember Becker reminded residents that the CHOP program is on the agenda tonight and encouraged residents to join and save money with the best price given by the participating oil companies.

On September 9th is the Cortlandt Family Fun Day and Councilmember Becker commented on how great the fireworks are and encouraged residents to attend.

Councilmember Costello: Stated that on September 11th they will be having the ceremony at the Memorial in Croton and invited residents to join them. Councilmember Costello commented that it's really a wonderful ceremony.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

Councilmember Costello stated that the Town gets lots of calls regarding speeding on their streets and residents ask for speed bumps, smart machines or some type of control. They try to accommodate the residents and sometimes these are appropriate. There will be a smart machine placed on Kings Ferry Road and Councilmember Costello urged residents to notify the State Police or the Town with any concerns.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Costello moved that the regular minutes of July 18, 2017 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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BID REPORTS

None

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REPORTS

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

For the month of July, 2017 from the Office for the Aging, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Quarterly Report from Westchester County with respect to the Ashpit.
2. Report from DES with respect to Glen Lane.
3. 2016 Annual Financial Report

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Letter from Cohn and Spector, Attorney's at Law with respect to the proposed Montauk Bus Depot.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi stated that they set up a meeting to meet with residents who have written regarding Glen Lane to further discuss it.

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

RESOLUTION NO.196-17 RE: Receive and File the 2016 year end report with respect to the Justice Court; and a Resolution acknowledging that the required audit was conducted.

RESOLUTION NO.197-17 RE: Authorize a Tax Certioraris regarding Antonio and Sarina Tucci, Trustees, Tucci Living Trust and United Rentals.

RESOLUTION NO.198-17 RE: Authorize a Tax Certioraris regarding United Rentals.

RESOLUTION NO.199-17 RE: Authorize a Fireworks Permit with respect to Cortlandt Family Fun Day on September 9, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.200-17 RE: Authorize the Town CHOP program for the 2017-2018 heating season.

Authorize the following with respect to the Department of Technical Services:

RESOLUTION NO.201-17 RE: A balloon test by Homeland Towers with respect to a proposed Cell Tower at the Charles Cook pool site; notify residents in the area; solicit RFP for a consultant to review submittals.

RESOLUTION NO.202-17 RE: License Agreement with respect to temporary storage of construction material with respect to the Cortlandt Crossing West Sewer Improvement area.

RESOLUTION NO.203-17 RE: Prepare the scope of an RFP with respect to a public/private agreement for a restaurant at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.204-17 RE: Prepare the scope of an RFP with respect to an indoor ice skating rink on either public or private property in the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO.205-17 RE: Prepare an RFP with respect to the new bath house, snack bar and miniature golf area at the Charles Cook Pool

RESOLUTION NO.206-17 RE: Approve the preliminary plans for a new DES headquarters on the northeast corner of Town Property (formerly Con Edison property); and retain a design company.

Discussion: Tom Wood stated that these are ongoing tax certioraris with a cost to the Town of less than \$2000.

All voted **AYE**

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

Authorize the following with respect to the Department of Environmental Services:

RESOLUTION NO.207-17 RE: Re-install a chain link fence at the quarry property in Verplanck.

RESOLUTION NO.208-17 RE: Purchase/Lease of a van for Recreation.

RESOLUTION NO.209-17 RE: Purchase/Lease of a rack body truck with a lift gate for the Parks Division/DES.

RESOLUTION NO.210-17 RE: Evaluation of after hours water meter services and fees for DES.

RESOLUTION NO.211-17 RE: Resolution to be sent to New York State DOT and officials requesting the paving of state roads that traverse through the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO.212-17 RE: Endorse a preliminary Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and Montauk Bus Company to exchange property on 6th Street for property on Roa Hook Road and set the final vote for the September 19, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO.213-17 RE: Approve the sale of a parcel to an adjoining property owner on Carolyn Drive.

RESOLUTION NO.214-17 RE:Re-establish the Round-a Bout Enhancement Plan (REP) off Oregon Road.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

Discussion: Tom Wood explained that the opportunity arose wherein the Town Board was able to enter into discussions with the owner/operator of the buses in the Verplanck area and have now come to a Memorandum of Agreement. They have agreed to the principal terms but there is still some fine tuning to work out. The Town will exchange the Roa Hook Garage for the property and the bus operation will start to transition to Roa Hook Road. This will finalize in approximately 90 days. The Town has had both properties appraised so there will be fair consideration and part of the Town garage will be leased back for a period of time until the new facility is ready. Details will be finalized and will be voted on in September.

Supervisor Puglisi commented that it is fair all the way around and this way the hamlet of Verplanck will again be peaceful.

Councilmember Farrell thanked the departments, particularly Jeff Coleman, for all the work needed to make this transition happen and at the same time continue to provide services to the Town.

All voted **AYE**

The following was **POLLED:**

RESOLUTION NO.215-17 RE: Extend a Contract with the City of Peekskill Police Department with respect to DARE Services for 2017/2018.

<u>Councilmember Costello</u>	YES
<u>Councilmember Becker</u>	YES
<u>Supervisor Puglisi</u>	YES
<u>Councilmember Freach</u>	NO
<u>Councilmember Farrell:</u>	YES

The motion passed

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi thanked the City of Peekskill

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

RESOLUTION NO.216-17 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for September 19, 2017 to consider amending the Noise Ordinance with respect to hours of operation.

Discussion: none

All voted **AYE**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Received and File the following:

1. Letter/Petition from the Crompond area with respect to NY Indoor Sports, Inc.
2. Letter from Cronin Engineering with respect to a proposed art gallery in Verplanck; and refer to DOTS and the Legal Department.
3. Message from the Supervisor and the Town Board with respect to events in Charlottesville, VA.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO.217-17 RE: Authorize an amended exemption for a parcel in the Village of Croton.

RESOLUTION NO.218-17 RE: Award a Contract for professional environmental services for water quality assessment of Wallace Pond/Westchester Lake.

RESOLUTION NO.219-17 RE: Authorize the purchase of a permanent smart machine for Kings Ferry Road.

Discussion: none

All voted **AYE**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilmember Costello moved that the following budget transfers be received. Councilmember Freach seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION NO.219-17 RE: Authorize Budget Transfers

Discussion: Patty Robcke, Town Comptroller, explained the reasons for budget transfers.

All voted **AYE**

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REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Bernard Vahey
Verplanck

Thanked the Board for rectifying the bus issues and he's glad to see the end of the tunnel. He also requested that the Town let them know where the new garage will be built to which **Supervisor Puglisi** replied that they will soon and explained where the access will be.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Freach, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

JO-ANN DYCKMAN
Town Clerk