

June 13, 2017

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on June 13, 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
TOM WOOD	Town Attorney
CHRISTINE B. COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
JEFFREY COLEMAN	Director, DES
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
EDWARD VERGANO	Senior Civil Engineer

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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 stated that the next day will be National Flag Day, a very important national day where we honor those who served our country. There are a lot of festivities planned, such as July 4th, to honor our country. There was a lovely Memorial Day ceremony and presented the new Vietnam Memorial. The **Supervisor** commented that they were very proud of it and their intent is to honor the men and women of the Vietnam War era, a difficult time in our era where the service men and women did not get the acknowledgment they deserved. It was the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam era.

The **Supervisor** commented that she and her colleagues had a busy month:

- The Montrose Fire Department Cortlandt Engine Company held their annual parade and carnival.
- Cortlandt Summerfest, an annual event with a parade and many businesses participating.
- The Croton Fire Department held their 125th anniversary parade paying tribute to the many years of the volunteers in the Croton Fire Department.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

- The **Supervisor** gave a proclamation to “Angela”, who turned 100 years old, which was a beautiful tribute to her life.
- The Westchester County Planning Federation held their annual award ceremony which they attended and this year the Town’s planning chairperson, Loretta Taylor, was honored and given a well deserved, prestigious award.
- The Outdoor Concert and Movies Series began at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park. This is a free event and the next one is June 15th. All information will be on the Town’s website and facebook. The **Supervisor** thanked Judi Peterson for her help in picking the bands for the concerts.
- The Town pool opened and the spray park is being enjoyed. They are working on designs to redo the snack bar and bath house after this season.
- Shop and Dine and do Business in Cortlandt was held this past month celebrating all the local businesses, restaurants and offices in the Town

Supervisor Puglisi commented that Indian Point is an ongoing issue that we are all working together on regarding the impact of the revenue not coming in once it closes. All of the issues are being discussed by the local task force. These meetings can be viewed on the website. There have been various speakers on this issue who have shared their similar experience with the Town. The **Supervisor** stated that they are working very hard to address the challenges and the issues that they will be faced with.

The **Supervisor** attended a Nuclear Regulatory Commission meeting discussing the closure of the plant and their overseeing of it. A report of that meeting will be available.

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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 it was a great pleasure to attend the unveiling of the Vietnam Memorial and gave credit to Mike Preziosi and the staff for the design of the monument. There were many positive comments that the Town sought fit to offer this recognition and tribute.

Councilmember Farrell updated the community on the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association. They have been training on Lake Meahagh in Verplanck and the Hudson and Councilmember Farrell thanked the Town for its support and for installing the docks. The team entered boats in many different events and this year the girls 4 came in first, undefeated and are the Hudson Valley Rowing League Champions. Councilmember Farrell stated that the club is made up of people from the Town and surrounding communities that have an interest in rowing. Anyone can find a home in rowing and Councilmember Farrell urged students and residents to join the club.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

Councilmember Farrell also urged residents to go to the concerts at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park to enjoy the view, the food and the music. They are looking forward to utilizing the 27 acres donated to the Town by Jim Martin.

Councilmember Freach: Congratulated the girls of the rowing club. Councilmember Freach stated that this past month's 2 organizations submitted proposals for the Quarry. One is more arts and culture based and the other is more family recreation based. Both are liked and now the Town has to blend both of those aspects into a solution that will be great for the Quarry and the Town. Councilmember Freach stated that they must maintain access to a water spot and also be a revenue generator for the Town. With the tax loss from Indian Point, when they look to mitigate the financial impact of that closure, they have to look Town wide for making up that economic loss. The Town is still looking at plans on how to go forward with the Quarry but they have good ideas they can pursue.

Councilmember Becker: Also stated that the Quarry plans are consistent with 2 concepts, developing special places for youth and activities and also utilizing the water facilities as a Hudson River community. Councilmember Becker commented that the loss of Indian Point is not going to freeze us, that we are not frightened by it.

Councilmember Costello: Congratulated Michael Preziosi and the staff for designing the Memorial. Councilmember Costello also congratulated Montrose and Croton Fire Departments for the successful parades. Next month is the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast celebrating their 95th anniversary and Councilmember Costello urged residents to attend.

Supervisor Puglisi commented that they reached out for the Vietnam Memorial and hoped they had contacted all who might care to participate and wanted everyone possible to be included. The residents can purchase a brick by contacting the **Supervisor's** office or perhaps can add another plaque to include those not initially included. They had collected 84 names for the original plaque so those who weren't aware can contact the **Supervisor's** office so everyone is included.

The **Supervisor** also commented on the extreme heat we are experiencing, up to 100 degrees. She urged residents to go to the website of ConEd to see what help families can get to get through this weather.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

All voted **AYE**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing to consider Local Law Modifying the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Definitions and Special Permits.**

(A complete transcript of this Public Hearing is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.)

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Hearing and presented its Affidavit of Publication from the official Town newspaper.

Supervisor Puglisi called the hearing to order at 7:18 p.m.

Supervisor Puglisi asked Tom Wood, Town Attorney to elaborate.

Tom Wood explained that this local law is a proposal to modify some of the procedures in the Town Zoning Ordinance. From time to time the Town Board, to be responsive to changes in the community, changes in processes has to constantly modify the laws to keep them current and relevant. So, this law, if adopted, would vest certain approvals that are currently now in the zoning law into the planning board, transfer them over on the theory that certain things have a lot of site plan elements to it. To make that in one location, all the permits, all the public hearings would go over to the planning board. There are other special permits in the Code likewise that would go over to the planning board that the board now views probably to be a more cohesive, coherent review of the process. Additionally, local laws modify the definition of specialty trade contractors. In 2010, the Town Board went through an extensive back and forth about modifying certain uses since many of our industrial areas have been developed with residential uses around them, some of the heavier industrial uses are no longer appropriate in certain areas. So by modifying, if this is adopted, this law would modify the definition of specialty trade contractor by eliminating the ability to store materials. When the Town Board is considering modifying the zoning ordinance they must refer it to the Town Planning Board , in this case and also to the Zoning Board and we must also refer it to Westchester County for their comments. In light of that, the Board tonight will be adjourning this Public Hearing to their July meeting so that all those written reports come in before they actually consider voting.

A motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m., adjourn the Public Hearing to the July 18, 2017 Town Board Meeting was made by Councilmember Becker and seconded by Councilmember Freach.

All voted AYE

This Public Hearing was adjourned to July 18, 2017 Town Board Meeting

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BID REPORTS

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HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

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

REPORTS

For the month of April, 2017 from the Purchasing Department,
For the month of May, 2017 from Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Letter from the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct requesting to lift the parking restrictions for an event on July 8, 2017, and approve same.

RESOLUTION NO.145-17 RE:

2. Report from DES with respect to an intersection evaluation of Trolley Road and Kings Ferry Road; and authorize additional signage.

RESOLUTION NO.146-17 RE: Authorize additional signage with respect to an intersection at Trolley Road and Kings Ferry Road.

3. E-mail from Bill Holstein with respect to 270 Furnace Dock Road; and refer to DOTS, DES and the Legal Department.
4. E-mail from Heidi Franco with respect to the ZBA; and refer to DOTS and the Legal Department.
5. Emails from residents of Millington Road requesting additional speed humps/tables to deter speeding; and refer to DES.
6. Emails from residents of Kings Ferry Road requesting temporary speed humps/tables to deter speeding; and refer to DES.
7. Letter from Cohen and Spector regarding the application of the Montauk Bus Depot in Verplanck.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. Letter with respect to traffic issues in the area of the Cortlandt Waterfront Park; and refer to DES and the Legal Department.
2. Letter from Michelle Armisto and Steven Schinder requesting a License Agreement with respect to a fence in the Town right-of-way; and approve same.

RESOLUTION NO.147-17 RE: Authorize a License Agreement with respect to a fence in the Town right-of-way.

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.148-17 RE: Appoint summer seasonals for the DES

RESOLUTION NO.149-17 RE: Appoint summer seasonals in Recreation.

RESOLUTION NO.150-17 RE: Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County with respect to network/telecommunications services.

RESOLUTION NO.151-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to Thirty Six Oneida Corp.

RESOLUTION NO.152-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to Buchanan Trees, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO.153-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to Ramsumsush, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO.154-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to 260 Westchester Avenue Realty.

RESOLUTION NO.155-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to Sharma Devenda & Kanwal.

RESOLUTION NO.156-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to VS Construction Rt. 202.

RESOLUTION NO.157-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to Michael Ryan.

RESOLUTION NO.158-17 RE: Authorize tax certioraris with respect to Karan Garewal.

RESOLUTION NO.159-17 RE: Authorize a load only Fireworks Permit with respect to an event in Peekskill on July 4, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.160-17 RE: Authorize the closing of streets with respect to the 2017 Mt. Carmel Feast.

RESOLUTION NO.161-17 RE: Authorize a Fireworks Permit with respect to the 2017 Mt. Carmel Feast.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.162-17 RE: Authorize Chai Lifeline Cycle Event the use of the Sprout Brook Park for a rest stop on August 16, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.163-17 RE: Resolution in support of a NYS Assembly Bill “Tanker Avoidance Zone” with respect to the Coast Guard proposed anchors in the Hudson.

Authorize the following with respect to DES:

RESOLUTION NO.164-17 RE: Award a proposal to develop a hydraulic model for the Cortlandt Consolidated Water District.

RESOLUTION NO.165-17 RE: Installation of rear gym double doors at the Community Center.

Authorize the following with respect to DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO.166-17 RE: Act on behalf of the Continental Park District to contract with FPA to update the Engineering Assessment of the Cortlandt Lake Dam.

RESOLUTION NO.167-17 RE: An Agreement with All County Security Inc. to provide fire code consulting and fire alarm design services for Town Hall.

The following was **postponed** to the July Town Board meeting:

Execute a Contract with respect to a water quality assessment of Westchester Lake.

The following was **removed**:

Authorize a Contract with the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services for the removal of coyotes that are impacting the public safety in the Montrose area.

RESOLUTION NO.168-17 RE: Establish a shared service task force with the Villages and the School Districts and adjoining municipalities to save taxpayer monies meet tax caps and improve efficiency.

RESOLUTION NO.169-17 RE: Resolution in support of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater’s sail to Washington DC for clean water efforts.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi commented that all have been working against the proposal for additional anchorage in the Hudson River proposed by the Coast Guard. To have them anchored on the river that the river towns have been working so hard to conserve would be a tremendous impact.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

Councilmember Farrell and the Supervisor have been working on shared services with other communities to save a lot of money. Comptroller Patty Robcke commented that mandates require shared services with other municipalities in order to save money and stay within the tax cap. The Town has continuously remained under the tax cap and plan to keep doing so.

All Voted **AYE**

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

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REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

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REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Freach seconded by Councilmember Farrell

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN
Town Clerk**

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