

November 14, 2017

Town Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on November 14, 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:

<b>LINDA D. PUGLISI</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>FRANCIS X. FARRELL</b>	<b>Acting Deputy Supervisor</b>	
<b>DEBRA COSTELLO</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	
<b>RICHARD BECKER</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	
<b>SETH FREACH</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	

Also present:

<b>JO-ANN DYCKMAN</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>
<b>TINA TOBACK</b>	<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>
<b>PATRICIA ROBCKE</b>	<b>Comptroller</b>
<b>JEFFREY COLEMAN</b>	<b>Director, DES</b>
<b>MICHAEL PREZIOSI</b>	<b>Director, DOTS</b>

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Councilmember Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Councilmember Farrell led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag.

**Councilmember Farrell, Deputy Supervisor**, explained that he will be chairing the meeting tonight in place of Supervisor Puglisi. He began, along with the help of the Town Board members, by handing out awards to the members of the Youth Center for their participation in "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Five Mile Walk on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Katherine Sclafani, Youth Center Director, spoke of how they wanted to match their 2016 fundraiser goal of \$5000. They reached out to businesses and used many ways to raise money, including selling merchandise, snacks, raffle tickets, a 55 inch TV and raised money also individually. This year they raised \$5523, exceeding their goal. Ms. Sclafani commented how proud she is of all the participants and their accomplishments. Offutt Porter, Assistant Director, also commended the youths for their hard work. Councilmember Farrell urged anyone who has not visited the Youth Center to do so as it is a wonderful place with much to do.

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

**Councilmember Farrell:** stated that he wanted to recognize the elections that took place last week. Supervisor Puglisi was re-elected along with Councilmember Costello. Seth Freach is retiring from the Board and Jim Creighton will be the new Councilmember joining the Town Board. There will also

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)**

be a new Town Clerk, Laroue Shatzkin and the first woman Justice in the Town of Cortlandt.

**Councilmember Costello:** Recognized and thanked the Veterans for their service along with their families. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Councilmember Becker:** Spoke of Dickerson Mountain and trying to preserve the mountain from developers of homes. The Town fought to oppose this project and has been diligent in acquiring this 100 acres of open space. The Town has a large amount of green space that very few communities have which preserve the nature of our Town.

**Councilmember Freach:** Congratulated Councilmember Becker's determination of preserving the 100 acres of open space at Dickerson Mt. Councilmember Freach commented that it is an important migratory path for wildlife in the community.

Councilmember Freach discussed the resolution that established the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Hudson River Discovery Center at Cortlandt Waterfront Park. He stated it is a wonderful addition and that the Supervisor has been wanting to do this for quite some time and they now have a grant that will fund this. It will be a great resource for the community.

Councilmember Farrell introduced the three new DES employees

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**ROLL CALL**

On a roll call attendance taken by Town Clerk Dyckman all Town Board members indicated their presence with the absence of Supervisor Puglisi.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Costello moved that the regular minutes of October 17, 2017 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. RE: A Public Hearing to consider a Local Law to regulate garbage dumpsters on commercial properties.**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING, (cont.)**

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

**Councilmember Farrell** called the hearing to order at 7:14 p.m.

**Tom Wood:** this local law was required that garbage dumpsters on commercial properties be located in such a manner as to be screened and landscaped so as to diminish their visibility from the public eye. They were particularly pertained to those properties that were approved before the process included the placement of the dumpsters. There is still some work being done on the law and some comments received so we asked the Town Board this evening to adjourn this public hearing until January so that some modifications may be proposed to the draft law.

A motion to adjourn to the December Town Board Meeting was made by Councilmember Becker and seconded by Councilmember Freach

All voted **AYE**

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**HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

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**BID REPORTS**

**None**

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**REPORTS**

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Quarterly Report from Westchester County with respect to the Sprout Brook Ash Pit.
2. The following reports from the Director of DES:

**OLD BUSINESS, (cont.)**

- a) Anton Place Security; and Authorize placement of a utility pole and streetlight.

**RESOLUTION NO.279-17 RE: Authorize placement of a utility pole and streetlight on Anton Place**

- b) Croton Avenue and Sassinora Blvd; and Authorize same.

**RESOLUTION NO.280-17 RE: Authorize placement of a utility pole and streetlight on Croton Avenue and Sassinora Blvd.**

- c) Request to purchase Town right-of-way on North 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - d) Meadowsweet Road Parking
3. The following reports from the Director of DOTS:
- a) Parcels requesting reinstatement into the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District.
  - b) Use of Town right-of-way for parking at 126 Broadway, Verplanck; and Authorize same subject to conditions.

**RESOLUTION NO.281-17 RE: Authorize use of Town right-of-way for parking at 126 Broadway, Verplanck subject to conditions.**

- c) Request to purchase Town right-of-way on North 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

- 1. Letter from Tom and Patrice Keesler with respect to replacing a shed on a Town right-of-way; and refer to DOTS, DES and the Legal Department.
- 2. Letter from NYS DEC regarding Westchester Lake Dam.

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

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION NO.282-17 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence for three (3) DES employees**

**RESOLUTION NO.283-17 RE: Establish a Citizens Advisory Committee for the Hudson River Discovery Center at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park.**

**RESOLUTION NO.284-17 RE: Accept Carly Court a Town Road.**

**RESOLUTION NO.285-17 RE: Authorize Purchasing to seek bids for heating oil for Town facilities.**

**RESOLUTION NO.286-17 RE: Authorize the lease of property on a temporary basis on Rt. 9A for DES.**

**RESOLUTION NO.287-17 RE: Authorize the settlement of a Tax Certiorari with respect to Hudson National Golf Course.**

**RESOLUTION NO.288-17 RE: Authorize the acquisition of an Open Space Preserve of approximately 100 acres subject to Permissive Referendum.**

**RESOLUTION NO.289-17 RE: Authorize a “DeMinimus” Settlement of Marine Shale Processors Site PR Groups for \$10,500; and obtain a Release.**

**Discussion:** Tom Wood explained that back in the 90’s some of the Town’s waste materials were disposed with contractors which ended up at the facility in Louisiana. That facility is now under a clean up by the EPA and they look to determine any agencies that utilized the facility and seek contribution for its cleanup. They have identified that some material from the Town was disposed there by vendors of the Town and to release the Town of any liability, the Town will pay \$10,500.

All voted **AYE**

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Costello moved that the following resolutions be adopted.  
Councilmember Becker seconded the motion

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.290-17 RE: Appoint three Laborers (Kevin Bell, Andrew Fennell, Ramon Searight) in the Department of Environmental Services.**

**RESOLUTION NO.291-17 RE: Authorize retaining a traffic engineer consultant with respect to speeding issues on various roads.**

**RESOLUTION NO.292-17 RE: Authorize funds for repairs at Seabolt Field.**

**Discussion:** none  
All voted **AYE**

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**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Councilmember Becker 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 2 different kinds of transfers of money and reasons for the transfers.

All voted **AYE**

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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 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Freach, seconded by Councilmember Costello

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN**  
Town Clerk