

February 13, 2018

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on February 13, 2018 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
JAMES CREIGHTON	Councilmember

Also present:

LAROUÉ ROSE SHATZKIN	Town Clerk
CHRISTINE B. COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk
TOM WOOD	Town Attorney
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
JEFFREY COLEMAN	Director, DES
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator

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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 mild winter this year and the work done by DES during any storms.

The **Supervisor** stated that February is Black History Month and President's Day. She commented that all of these celebrations are very important to the history, culture and heritage of this nation and that equality to all is the message of these historic remembrances this month.

Supervisor Puglisi attended the Grand Openings of 2 new businesses in the Town; one was T-Mobile at the Cortlandt Town Center and the other is the Dance Conservatory at Jacobs Hill Plaza.

The Recreation Department had a successful Eagle Fest at the Cortlandt Waterfront. About 200 people attended at Teatown and many at the waterfront and the **Supervisor** thanked the Recreation Department in particular Lesley Popkin who always does a great job.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)

The **Supervisor** stated that they are working on many projects for the next year. They will be establishing a new historic resources advisory council to take a new approach to history in the community. Cortlandt has a vast wealth of history and tonight a criteria will be established for the new advisory council. An ad will be going out and anyone who might be interested can contact the Town.

Supervisor Puglisi urged residents to go the Town’s website regarding the closure of Indian Point to see all the information about what has been done and what is being done regarding the closure in 2021.

The **Supervisor** wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

ROLL CALL

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

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TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Costello: Commented that it is always nice to welcome a new member to the Town and welcomed George Kimmerling to Planning Board. Councilmember Costello stated that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and she has been working with Westchester County District Attorney’s Office to get the word out to raise awareness. It is their hope to teach the warning signs and give children the tools to be able to help give them a voice when something is wrong.

Councilmember Becker: no report

Councilmember Creighton: Commented that our Town government works so well because people come out to volunteer and give of themselves. There are a lot of committees and boards and there are too many people to thank for their service over the years. Councilmember Creighton wanted to remind residents that there is a lot of room for people to begin getting involved in the governmental matters of the Town. Many qualified applicants came out for the Planning Board and he welcomed George Kimmerling to the Planning Board and Thomas Welch to the Zoning Board. Councilmember Creighton thanked Ray Reber and James Seimarco for their contributions to the Zoning Board over many years. He stated there are many positions available in the Cortlandt Historical Advisory Council and the Board is very excited to see what is done to preserve our cultural heritage in Cortlandt.

Supervisor Puglisi added that Laura Lee Keating was the Town’s long time Town Historian. She will be a volunteer in the Historical Advisory Council and remain Director of the Tollhouse. She thanked Ms. Keating for her service to the history of the community and Jeff Canning of the Little Red School House on Locust Avenue. The **Supervisor** also noted that

TOWN BOARD REPORTS, (cont.)

there is a vacancy on the Recreation Advisory Board and those interested should contact Claudia Vahey.

Councilmember Farrell: Stated that he too was excited about the Historical Advisory Committee and that he thinks it could be reasonably and persuasively argued that our nation was founded in the Hudson Valley and it's exciting to think that this community will be able to draw together some of the historical societies and people in the different parts of the Town to join together as one group to discuss history of the Town. Councilmember Farrell commented that he thinks it is reasonable to anticipate the potential for some economic benefit from this activity, that tourism can play a part in positioning Cortlandt in a star position economically.

Councilmember Farrell remarked on the condition of the roads and potholes. Everywhere he drives the roads have been taking a beating and he knows the Town's DES crews besides keeping the roads clear from snow and ice, have also been patching as much as they can during the winter. Councilmember Farrell stated they have a material that uses a more durable and lasting repair throughout the winter and are doing the best they can to stay on top of it as it has been a tough season.

Councilmember Farrell commented he had gone to Eagle Fest at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park stop. Tents were set up early on the nice day and Teatown took people from stop to stop to see the eagles and Councilmember Farrell said there had to be several hundreds of people who saw the work that has been done at the Cortlandt Waterfront.

Supervisor Puglisi added that last month there was a resolution to retain an economic development consultant due to Indian Point's closure. There was a staff meeting and locations were discussed for businesses.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Costello moved that the regular minutes of January 23, 2018 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Shatzkin. 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

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

REPORTS

For the month of January, 2018 from the Receiver of Taxes, Office for the Aging, Purchasing Department and Town Clerk

6 Month Report for 2017 May 1- Oct. 29 from the Bear Mountain Tollhouse visitor Information Center.

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OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

- 1. Letter from Acadia Realty Trust requesting to dedicate new decorative lighting within new Baker Street Right of Way, Rt. 6/Cortlandt Blvd. to the Town of Cortlandt, and refer to DOTS, DES, Assessor and Legal Dept.
- 2. Comprehensive Energy Audit from New York Power Authority and summary letter and recommendations from the Director of DES.
- 3. The 2017 member list from CCVAC with respect to their Awards Program and Authorize same.

RESOLUTION NO.71-18 RE: Authorize the 2017 member list from CCVAC with respect to their Awards Program.

- 4. Information with respect to grant opportunities from DES and DOTS Directors.
- 5. Letter and Packet from Supervisor to the New York Assembly and New York State Senate Westchester delegations.
- 6. DOTS/Code Enforcement 2017 Year End Report.
- 7. Email from Scott Mendelowitz regarding properties to the Town of Cortlandt, refer to DOTS and Legal Dept.
- 8. Information from DES with respect to a request for street lighting on Toddville Lane.

NEW BUSINESS, (cont.)

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi stated that the ashpit was closed in the fall of 2009 and the NYS DEC will monitor that for 30 years.

The Supervisor also stated that the Town applies for all kinds of grants, by Chris Kehoe in particular as principal planner. The Town is fortunate to receive them many times.

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

RESOLUTION NO.72-18 RE: Appoint the Cable Advisory Board for 2018 and their Chairpersons.

RESOLUTION NO.73-18 RE: Appoint the Fire Advisory Board for 2018 and their Chairpersons.

RESOLUTION NO.74-18 RE: Appoint the Historic Hudson River Towns Representative for 2018 and their Chairpersons.

RESOLUTION NO.75-18 RE: Appoint the Continental Village Park District Advisory for 2018 and their Chairpersons.

RESOLUTION NO.76-18 RE: Appoint the Hudson Highlands Gateway Task Force Representative for 2018 and their Chairpersons.

RESOLUTION NO.77-18 RE: Establish a Town of Cortlandt Historical Advisory Council, not to exceed 5-7 volunteers as per the policy from Envision Master Plan and receive and File Criteria.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi commented that the Town has been a charter member of the Historic Hudson River Towns and the **Supervisor** has been on the executive committee for the last 10-12 years. She stated they talk about the history, river and tourism.

All voted **AYE**

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

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

As per the Director of **DES**:

a) RESOLUTION NO.78-18 RE: Authorize a water service refund- Dickerson Pond Condo 2- \$3,127.61

A motion to poll the Board was made by Councilmember Creighton, seconded by Councilmember Farrell:

<u>Councilmember Costello:</u>	yes
<u>Councilmember Becker:</u>	yes
<u>Councilmember Creighton:</u>	yes
<u>Councilmember Farrell:</u>	yes
<u>Supervisor Puglisi:</u>	recused

The motion **passed**

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

b) RESOLUTION NO.79-18 RE: Authorize a professional services contract for DES staff training - \$5,400.

c) RESOLUTION NO.80-18 RE: Authorize the purchase and installation of generators at the 8th Street DES garage and another location TBD (\$124,000. State and Municipal Facilities Grant)

As per the Director of **DOTS**:

a) RESOLUTION NO.81-18 RE: Authorize the Director of Technical Services to enter into an agreement with SCA for improvement to Code Enforcement software.

b) RESOLUTION NO.82-18 RE: Authorize supplemental agreement No. 3 for Engineering services with Lochner Engineering P.C. for the design of NYS PIN 8759.63- Broadway Streetscape project from 5th Street to Riverview Avenue.

c) RESOLUTION NO.83-18 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit proposals to perform geo-technical borings as needed for the Steamboat Riverfront Park, DES consolidated headquarters and Cook Pool Bathhouse renovations.

RESOLUTION NO.84-18 RE: Appoint Sean Fistrom as a seasonal/laborer in DES.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.85-18 RE: Appoint Lisa Wyskida to the title of Senior Account Clerk in DOTS.

Discussion: Michael Preziosi, Town Engineer discussed the various projects being worked on in 2018.

All Voted **AYE**

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

RESOLUTION NO.86-18 RE: Appoint Stephen Hetman to the title of Engineering Tech (Civil) in accordance with Westchester County Civil Service in DOTS/Engineering.

RESOLUTION NO.87-18 RE: Appoint George Kimmerling to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION NO.88-18 RE: Schedule a public hearing for April 17, 2018 to consider amending the Sign Law, as amended.

RESOLUTION NO.89-18 RE: Schedule a public hearing for March 13, 2018 to continue the Veterans Cold War Exemption.

RESOLUTION NO.90-18 RE: Authorize cancellation of January 2018 School Tax bill on property purchased by the Village of Croton and accept agreed payment amount.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi added that they are all pleased with the appointing of George Kimmerling to serve on the Planning Board. She introduced Mr. Kimmerling.

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.

RESOLUTION NO.91-18 RE: Authorize release of security in the form of a letter of credit with respect to Sunset Ridge Subdivision.

RESOLUTION NO.92-18 RE: Authorize changes to Town of Cortlandt Pool Rates.

All voted **AYE**

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Councilmember Becker added that though there will be an impact on the community due to the closing of Indian Point, this Town is financially stable. Town taxes will not have a significant impact, but his big concern is the impact on the school district. They have to absorb a 32 million dollar hit and the Superintendent is working with the Supervisor and the various committees. Councilmember Becker stated that the community should be involved with the school board and with the Village of Buchanan and the tough decisions that will have to be made. The Town did not know of the closure until they also read about the decision. The **Supervisor** stated they have put aside \$100,000 for the closure and this year an additional \$100,000 in the reserve account.

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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 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilmember Creighton seconded by Councilmember Farrell

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

LAROU ROSE SHATZKIN
Town Clerk