

**FEBRUARY 11, 2020
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on February 11, 2020 in the Vincent F. Nyberg Meeting Room of the Cortlandt Town Hall located at One Heady Street, Cortlandt Manor, NY (10567) for the purpose of conducting the Public Hearings for the month. The following elected officials and appointed staff in attendance:

LINDA D. PUGLISI	Supervisor
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Councilmember
DEBRA COSTELLO	Councilmember
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember
JAMES CREIGHTON	Councilmember

Also present:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Puglisi led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag.

SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS

Supervisor Puglisi mentioned next Monday is President's Day. It is a very important, historic day to remember two of our greatest presidents, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln.

Philip Dever, Eagle Scout with Troop 238 was present. Supervisor Puglisi and Councilman Jim Creighton presented him with a proclamation for his project, "Way of the Cross" at Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Shrub Oak.

Councilman Creighton stated that this was such an amazing accomplishment. It takes so much hard work and dedication to be an Eagle Scout. This project was really wonderful, and the church community will certainly enjoy it.

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Philip Dever gave a description of his project, and thanked his family for all of their support and help with the project.

Supervisor Puglisi gave her report

OF NOTE:

Supervisor Puglisi stated to contact Diane Carroll in the Supervisor's Office, if anyone is interested in purchasing a veteran's banner in honor of a family member.

February is Black History Month.

ROLL CALL

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilman Farrell gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilman Farrell noted that the daylight hours are getting longer, and hopeful that Spring is on its' way.

Cider Festival scheduled for June 2020 at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park. It will be a great opportunity for the Town to use the park for a new event that will hopefully create interest, and draw people to the Town.

The CCRA hosted its' 6th Annual Sea Plane 500 at the Cortlandt Youth Center. There were over 90 people there participating in an indoor rowing race that was the best attended yet. He thanked John Palmiotto, Dir. DES and the staff at the youth center for hosting this event.

Councilman Farrell thanked Stephen Ferreira, Dir. DES for installing warning lights on Kings Ferry Rd. in Montrose which were much needed.

Councilmember Creighton gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilman Creighton thanked Councilman Farrell on his work with the CCRA, and agreed the Sea Plane 500 was a lot of fun this year, and a very successful event.

The Annual Eaglefest in the Verplanck location at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park had quite a few eagle sightings.

Councilman Creighton and Councilman Becker participated in "Taking Care of Business" this month and they showcased the Zen Zone Sensory Gym, Albany Post Rd., Montrose. The Zen Zone just opened in the Spring 2019, and is a wonderful place to take children. In their own description of their business, which seems accurate is that Zen Zone is a progressively designed indoor play and learning space that inspires everybody to be truly present while having fun.

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Councilman Creighton attended the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner with Councilman Becker at the Mansion at Colonial Terrace. This is probably the last time this awards dinner will be held at this venue. It was a very nice event.

Councilmember Becker gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilman Becker commented on the resolution authorizing a pay increase to EMS/ALS workers, and how important they are to our community. The Town is currently working on having a more adequate space than what they are currently using as their “home”.

Taking Care of Business is aired each month on the community channel, and he also commented on what a great business the Zen Zone Sensory Gym is, and how they showcased it this past month.

Councilmember Costello gave her report

OF NOTE:

Councilwoman Costello stated that she is very excited to be authorizing the award of the Lake Meahagh invasive species management contract at this meeting. She thanked Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS for all of his hard work gathering information regarding this project.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS

1. To consider evidence that 21 Pumphouse Road is a dangerous building.
 - a. Adopt an Order to Demolish

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m.

Tom Wood, Town Attorney explained that the property owner came in and obtained a demolition permit, so we are giving them some time to do the work on their own.

Councilmember Becker made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to 3/17/2020, seconded by Councilmember Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

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

For the month of November 2019 from the Recreation Department

2019 Year End Report for DOTS – Code Enforcement, Planning, Zoning and Fire Inspector

2019 Annual Planning Board Report

Councilmember Creighton made a motion to receive and file the above, seconded by Councilmember Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

1. Letter and Visual Assessment Report regarding CVE North America Planning Board Application for a Tier 3 Solar Energy System; refer to DOTS and Legal.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Letter requesting Stop Sign on Sassinoro Boulevard; refer to DES and Legal.
2. Memorandum from the Director of DOTS regarding Oregon Road/Trolley Road Roundabout design.
3. Memorandum from the Director of DOTS regarding Croton Park Road and Croton Avenue Water Main Projects.
4. Memorandum from the Director of DOTS regarding Westbrook Drive Sidewalks.

Councilmember Farrell made a motion to receive and file the above, seconded by Councilmember Costello with all voting **AYE**.

Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS stated that they will be seeking grants for the Westbrook Drive sidewalks.

Councilmember Costello made a motion to adopt the following resolutions, seconded by Councilmember Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 69-20 RE: Adopt Negative Declaration regarding Public Interest Order and Bond Resolution for improvements to the Furnace Woods Sewer District.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-20 RE: Approve a Public Interest Order for the Furnace Woods Sewer District

RESOLUTION NO. 71-20 RE: Authorize a Bond Resolution for the Furnace Woods Sewer District.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-20 RE: Amend Resolution 305-19, Town Board Meeting Schedules

RESOLUTION NO. 73-20 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute contracts with various Libraries servicing the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-20 RE: Authorize Town Officials to bind insurance coverage for a 12 month period.

1. Items for DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 75-20 RE: Authorize the Award of the Lake Meahagh Invasive Species Management Contract

RESOLUTION NO. 76-20 RE: Authorize purchase of vehicle for Department of Technical Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-20 RE: Authorize the Department of Technical Services to obtain proposals and execute same for Geotechnical Borings for the Sherwood Road and Croton Park Road Water Main replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-20 RE: Authorize Comptroller to enter into an agreement for an updated appraisal report for town owned properties.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-20 RE: Approve a \$5 increase per hour to wages of the Cortlandt/Peekskill Regional Paramedics.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-20 RE: Authorize Supervisor to enter into an agreement regarding annual Cider Festival.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-20 RE: Explore permanent message boards to display for upcoming events and notices to inform the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-20 RE: Appoint Seasonal Worker in DES.

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RESOLUTION NO. 83-20 RE: Appoint WISE Intern in Engineering.

Supervisor Puglisi asked Tom Wood, Town Attorney to explain the resolutions regarding the Furnace Woods Sewer District.

Tom Wood, Town Attorney stated that these resolutions pertain to the Furnace Woods Sewer District and this would provide a sewer line up Lafayette Ave. to the district. The Town was successful in obtaining approximately \$1.5 million dollars of state grants. So these resolutions are to authorize the Town to borrow on behalf of that sewer district. The users of the sewer district will pay the bond back. This is approximately 75 residences and the Furnace Woods Sewer District.

Supervisor Puglisi stated that they are happy to be renewing the library contracts. Our libraries are wonderful, and provide so many services to the community.

Patricia Robcke, Comptroller stated that the libraries are very thankful that they will be receiving a 5 percent increase this year.

Supervisor Puglisi mentioned the resolution for the WISE intern. The student will be from Walter Panas High School, and will be working in the Engineering Department. It is a wonderful program.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilmember Becker made a motion to adopt the following resolutions, seconded by Councilmember Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 84-20 RE: Authorize the settlement of a tax certiorari with Hudwen, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-20 RE: Authorize the Director of DES to conduct an online auction of various scrap and surplus materials and vehicles

RESOLUTION NO. 86-20 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Partners in Safety for drug and alcohol testing.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-20 RE: Ratify a Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME 2343 White Collar Unit.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

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REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mr. Srinivasan Ramasway, 5 Lakeview Rd., appeared before the board. He stated that he was able to meet with Peter McMillan, Dir. Purchasing regarding cyber security. He also met with the Town IT consultant, and wanted to explore it a little further. He will send a note to Peter and submit a FOIA request if necessary.

Laroue Shatzkin, Town Clerk stated that the email for the FOIL can be sent to her.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Costello with all voting **AYE**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Web Site address: www.townofcortlandt.com

Respectfully submitted

Christine B. Cothren
Deputy Town Clerk