



A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on **May 16, 2023** with the following elected officials and appointed staff in attendance:

RICHARD H. BECKER	Supervisor
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Councilmember
CRISTIN JACOBY	Councilmember
ROBERT MAYES	Councilmember
JAMES CREIGHTON	Councilmember

Also present:

TOM WOOD	Town Attorney
MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM	Assistant Town Attorney
LAROUÉ ROSE SHATZKIN	Town Clerk
CHRISTINE B. COTHREN	Deputy Town Clerk - ABSENT
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator
STEPHEN FERREIRA	Director, DES
JOE BASSELL	Junior Network Specialist
TINA TOBACK	Senior Office Assistant

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS

Supervisor Becker began the meeting at 7:03 p.m. He spoke about the 60 plus 3rd grade students from B-V Elementary school visiting the Town Hall to learn about local government activities.

Deputy Supervisor Creighton was called upon by Supervisor Becker to recognize and present Certificates of Award to William and Joshua Henkin who are part of Boy Scout Troop 173, Yorktown for the achievement of becoming Eagle Scouts.

ROLL CALL

Laroue Rose Shatzkin, Town Clerk took roll call, and all Town Board members were present.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilperson Cristin Jacoby gave her report

OF NOTE:

Councilperson Jacoby spoke about the following:

Happy Mother's Day wishes to all.
Positive comments for the work of the Recreation Dept. Sports and Youth Center activities ie..5th Grade Luau.
Also wanted to comment about the visit from the B-V 3rd graders, and encouraged Other schools to participate.

Councilperson Robert Mayes gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilperson Mayes spoke about the following:

Tri- Community traffic meetings, hoping for future improvements for Rte.6/202
Appointing members and chairpersons for various Town committees, and the important function of these volunteers.
Local School Board elections being held until 9:00 p.m. this evening, 5/16/23.
Infrastructure maintenance and approval of new, very important for Town growth.

Supervisor Becker commented that Councilman Mayes is chairing the Tri-Community traffic improvements Committee, and they have already received a \$3 million NYS grant toward this project.

Councilperson Francis Farrell gave his report

OF NOTE:

Councilperson Farrell spoke about the following:

He wished all mother's a Happy Mother's Day.
He congratulated and spoke highly of William and Joshua Henkin who received the well deserved, prestigious title of Eagle Scouts.
Partnership with Westchester County Police is a very wise choice on behalf of the Town, and its' great success herein.

Cortlandt Rally on the River was well attended, the Westchester County Police did a fantastic job with the event.

Councilperson James Creighton gave his report
OF NOTE:

Councilperson Creighton spoke about the following:

Holtec decommissioning, and viable alternatives to dumping tritium into the Hudson River.

Riverkeeper – Riversweep, I Love my Parks Day.

Appointment of CAC Chairperson and members.

NYS Association of Towns classes held in February and receiving certification as a Certified Town Official from participation in this program.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approve the Minutes for the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

Councilperson Jacoby made a motion to approve the above Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Mayes with all voting **AYE**.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:43 P.M.

Public Hearing to Consider State-updated Tax Exemption Limits.

- a. Adjourn to May for Senior Exemptions AS AMENDED

Councilperson Mayes made a motion to adjourn to June, seconded by Councilperson Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:44 P.M.

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Public Hearing to Consider the Assessment Grievance Procedure

- a. Receive and File Memorandum from Town Assessor and Adjourn to May 22, 2023 AS AMENDED

Councilperson Creighton made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to the June meeting, seconded by Councilperson Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Warren Smith

Clarified that Assembly Bill Resolution is in regards to Holtec water release.

Discussed his research on the history of the closure of Indian Point, and expressed his concern with the Town Board entering into MOU with Indian Pt., which was agreed to in 2021. He debated with the Board the knowledge that Indian Pt. had been dumping water into the Hudson River for many years.

Sirivasan Ramasway

Stated that the Board should hold an information session on Holtec.

Supervisor Becker stated that there have been many public informational sessions regarding this topic, but is always happy to provide more.

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

1st Quarter Report from DOTS – Code Enforcement

2022/2023 Annual MS4 Report

For the month of February 2023 from the Recreation Department.

Amended report for March 2023 from the Office of the Town Clerk.

For the month of April 2023 from the Office of the Aging, Purchasing Department, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

Receive and File the following:

NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the following:

1. Letter from Keane & Beane Attorneys regarding Cortlandt Lexington I LLC.
2. Letter from Supervisor Becker to Westchester County Police requesting an additional Patrol Officer for the Town of Cortlandt.
3. Letter from resident requesting crosswalk stripes along Kings Ferry Rd. at various side streets; refer to DES/DOTS/Legal.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 168-23 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute an amended cooperative agreement with the State and Buchanan for the Indian Point Settlement Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 169-23 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Westchester County for an additional Community Police Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 170-23 RE: Appoint Michael Fleming as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION NO. 171-23 RE: Appoint Tino Martin as Chair of the PRC.

RESOLUTION NO. 172-23 RE: Appoint Wendy Talio as Chair of the Open Space/CAC and appoint Chris Vargo as a member.

RESOLUTION NO. 173-23 RE: Schedule an Auction for Town-owned Properties.

RESOLUTION NO. 174-23 RE: Authorize Settlement of Tax Certiorari with Cortlandt Racquet Club.

RESOLUTION NO. 175-23 RE: Authorize Settlement of Tax Certiorari with Baker Capital LP.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-23 RE: Authorize refund to resident for sewer fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-23 RE: Authorize Network Cabling Projects at Various Town Locations.

RESOLUTION NO. 178-23 RE: Authorize the Office of the Town Clerk to accept fees for One Day Marriage Officiants.

Agenda items for DES:

RESOLUTION NO. 179-23 RE: Authorize Water Tank Inspections for all four Water Tanks in the Cortlandt Consolidated Water District.

RESOLUTION NO. 180-23 RE: Authorize Annual Leak Detection Services for the Cortlandt Consolidated Water District.

RESOLUTION NO. 181-23 RE: Appoint Seasonals in Recreation – Pool.

RESOLUTION NO. 182-23 RE: Appoint Seasonals in the Department of Environmental Services.

Councilperson Jacoby made a motion to adopt the above, seconded by Councilperson Mayes with all voting **AYE**.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 183-23 RE: Supporting Senate Bill S6893/Assembly Bill A7208 making it unlawful for a Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plant to discharge Radiological Agents into the Hudson River.

RESOLUTION NO. 184-23 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to submit a letter to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation objecting to remediated materials traversing through the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 185-23 RE: Authorize DOTS to enter into a supplemental agreement for Quarry water sampling.

RESOLUTION NO. 186-23 RE: Appoint Part-time Nutrition Driver to the Community Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 187-23 RE: Increase rate of pay for Nutrition Drivers.

Councilperson Farrell made a motion to adopt the above, seconded by Councilperson Mayes with all voting **AYE**.

The following people were in the audience and recognized for their appointments:

Michael Fleming, Chairman of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Tin Martin, Chairman PRC Advisory Board.

Wendy Talio, Chairman Open Space/CAC Committee.

Supervisor Becker and Michael Preziosi, Dir. Engineering both explained the water sampling at the Quarry site in Verplanck. It is an 8 week period that the water will be sampled and tested for the County to use as a base for water quality for future use at the Quarry site.

BUDGET TRANSFERS – NONE

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Srinivasan Ramasway

Spoke about traffic issues at the following locations:

Lakeview Road – missing street sign, and wanting signage for tractor
Trailers not to be allowed on that road.

Birchbrook Road - Storm runoff coming onto the road

Sprout Brook Road – Speed detector sign not working for 2 weeks.

Supervisor Becker and Stephen Ferreira, Dir. DES assured Mr. Sirivansa that they would look into these issues that were brought to the Town's attention.

Bernard Vaughey

Spoke about tractor trailers, and dusting issues in Verplanck from gypsum plant.
He spoke about the Town sending a letter to NYS DEC objecting to remediated materials in the Hudson River.

Supervisor Becker explained that this is something the Town had just learned about on Monday. So they are staying right on top of the proposal, and the letter of opposition needs to be sent as soon as possible.

John DeBenedictis

Spoke about traffic hazard at Annsville Circle.

Michael Preziosi, Dir. Engineering stated that the NYS DOT is in the process of redesigning and construction of a new flow of traffic at the Annsville Circle. They are also addressing the concern that the area is in a flood zone, and will be making accommodations to raise said flood plane.

Watch Hill Road cars speeding. Asked about cameras to catch speeders

Tom Wood, Town Attorney explained they would have to have legislation passed by the NYS and Westchester County Police in order to be able to use the cameras to depict speeding.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Web Site address: www.townofcortlandt.com

Respectfully submitted,

Laroue Rose Shatzkin
Town Clerk

Christine B. Cothren
Deputy Town Clerk