



A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on **July 26, 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
PATRICIA ROBCKE	Comptroller
MICHAEL PREZIOSI	Director, DOTS
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator
STEPHEN FERREIRA	Director, DES
JOE BASSELL	Junior Network Specialist
CHRIS KEHOE	Director of Planning

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & REPORTS

Supervisor Becker announced that they would be honoring Gian Carlo Thomas O'Leary, Eagle Scout, Troop 173 for his outstanding work on his project. The project was an altar server training program for the St. Patrick's Church, Yorktown Heights, NY. He created not only an inclusive handbook, but also a narration of the duties.

Deputy Supervisor James Creighton spoke about the creativity and thoroughness Gian Carlo instituted for this very important project. He read and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from Supervisor Becker, and the Town Board.

Gian Carlo spoke about his project and how happy he was being able to give back to the church and serving the church community with dignity and pride made him feel really great about his accomplishment.

Supervisor Becker continued with the following updates:

Cooling Center at Muriel H. Morabito Center, Westbrook Dr. would be open daily, 8:30 AM through 4:00 PM for a cooling center during the extreme heat this week and when necessary.

Summer Concert Series continues this Thursday, 7/27/23 Ricky Blues Band. There will be one last concert/movie on Thursday, 8/3/23.

Veteran's Active Military Appreciation Event to be held on Wednesday, 8/16/23, 5:00 PM at Charles Cook Pool. This is a new event that many Veteran's are really grateful for.

Dedication to former Supervisor Charles DiGiacomo, who passed this year on Thursday 8/17/23. They will be naming the Pickleball/Basketball Courts on Croton Avenue in his memory.

Supervisor continued with the following highlights that appear on the agenda:

ATV Regulation clarification, Local Law to be adopted.

Local Law to be adopted regarding Zoning R-80 Moratorium.

Ecogy Energy – Solar Energy & Electric charging.

CFA grants for Quarry Property, Verplanck, NY ie...recreation, heritage trails. Ginsburg report on their interests in Quarry development. Supervisor Becker wanted to reiterate to the public that the Quarry Committee should have the final say on the type of development that takes place at this site.

ROLL CALL

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

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilperson James Creighton gave his report
OF NOTE:

Councilperson Creighton spoke about the following:

Ecogy Energy Solar Energy Supplier and Electric charging stations.

Severe storms recently, and commented on Stephen Ferreira, Dir. DES and his excellent response to this storm management.

Sent much thanks to Peter Harckam and Dana Levenberg for their extensive efforts directly caring for the Town of Cortlandt issues.

Scot Mettey, a talented Jeweler, and so much more, from Putnam Valley who passed away this past week. Scott was very well known for his bagpipe music honoring many community members, and so much more. He was a local businessman, and community staple, especially during COVID 19 lockdown. His kindness and efforts to keep community positive and together will be remembered forever. The meeting tonight will be closed in his honor.

Councilperson Francis Farrell gave his report
OF NOTE:

Councilperson Farrell spoke about the following:

Expressed his condolences to Councilperson Creighton for Scot Mettey. No further report at this time.

Councilperson Robert Mayes gave his report
OF NOTE:

Councilperson Mayes spoke about the following:

Congratulations to Walter Panas graduate Sammy Stafura, Varsity Baseball player who has been drafted to play with the Major League Baseball team, Cincinnati Reds .

August is National American Adventures month, and also National Immunization Awareness month.

Summer Concert Series.

Extreme hot weather and use of the Muriel H. Morabito cooling center, and the extended hours for swimming at the Charles Cook Pool.

Gratitude to Stephen Ferreira, Dir. DES for his outstanding managing and clean up of the bad storm.

Councilperson Cristin Jacoby gave her report OF NOTE:

Councilperson Jacoby spoke about the following:

Expressed her condolences for Scott Mettey, Councilperson Creighton's friend

Con Edison energy use, and to limit extreme energy use during peak hours 2:00PM
9:00PM.

Best wishes to a wonderful, safe summer for all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approve the Minutes for the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:38 P.M.

Public Hearing to Consider State-updated Tax Exemption Limits for Seniors.

- a. Adjourn to ~~September 19, 2023~~ *pending state guidance, AS AMENDED.*

Councilperson Jacoby made a motion to adjourn pending state guidance, seconded by Councilperson Creighton with all voting **AYE**.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:39 P.M.

The second Public Hearing was opened at 7:39 P.M.

Public Hearing to consider ATV Regulations in the Town of Cortlandt.

Mr. David Sternberg, Town resident spoke about the use of ATV for property maintenance ie...snowplowing, tree removal/general property clean up and maintenance. He mentioned how he has been using his land to make maple syrup and enjoys maintaining his property as is.

Supervisor Becker reassured that there was not going to be significant changes for this type of use, and thanked Mr. Sternberg for his input as the Local Law would include his suggestions.

Councilperson to adjourn the Public Hearing to the September meeting, seconded by Councilperson Farrell with all voting **AYE**.

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

REPORTS

Receive and File the following:

DOTS Code Enforcement 2nd Quarter Report for 2023.

For the month of May 2023 from the Recreation Department.

For the month of June 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 Resident of 150 6th Street in Verplanck regarding sidewalk access and handicap signage; Refer to DES.
2. Letter from Resident of 11 Broadway in Verplanck requesting additional handicap parking at the Cortlandt Waterfront; Refer to DES.
3. Letter from Resident of 3 Van Cortlandt Place requesting Stop Signs at Catherine Street and Stevenson Ave; Refer to DES.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 226-23 RE: Adopt Negative Declaration for Zoning Text Amendments related to the existing R-80 Moratorium.

RESOLUTION NO. 227-23 RE: Adopt Local Law for Zoning Text Amendments related to the Existing R-80 Moratorium.

RESOLUTION NO. 228-23 RE: Receive and File 2022 Financial Statement for the Town of Cortlandt.

RESOLUTION NO. 229-23 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute the necessary documents for Ecology Energy to install Solar Energy Systems and Electric Charging stations on Town-owned properties.

RESOLUTION NO. 230-23 RE: Authorize upgrading network at the New York State Police Trooper Barracks.

RESOLUTION NO. 231-23 RE: Authorize the Settlement of a Tax Certiorari with 2141 Crompond Rd LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 232-23 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute a License Agreement with the Owner of 11 Amanda Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 233-23 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute a License Agreement with the Owner of 48 Paulding Lane.

RESOLUTION NO. 234-23 RE: Authorize water refund to Crompond Road LLC Auto Corp and account adjustment to Rocky Ridge Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 235-23 RE: Authorize the Planning Department to submit two CFA Grants for Parks Preservation and Heritage and Recreational Trails Program for the Verplanck Quarry.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 236-23 RE: Authorize an Antique Motorcycle Show on October 14th, 2023 on Town-Owned Property in Verplanck.

RESOLUTION NO. 237-23 RE: Authorize the temporary closure of Buttonwood Avenue for a Block Party on August 5th, 2023, with a rain date of August 6th, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 238-23 RE: Authorize No Parking signs at Town-owned property at 11th Street in Verplanck.

RESOLUTION NO. 239-23 RE: Approve updated application and regulations for use of Town-Owned Fields.

Supervisor Becker highlighted the use of the seasonal ice skating rink as a pickleball court in the off season, as it would be beneficial to all.

Agenda items for DOTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 240-23 RE: Authorize Consultant Contract Extension with Woodward and Curran for Furnace Woods Sewer District.

~~**REMOVED** Authorize Consultant Contract Extension with Tectonic for Waterfront Sea Plane Monument. *REMOVED, AS AMENDED.*~~

RESOLUTION NO. 241-23 RE: Authorize DOTS to bid Highland Drive Culvert Replacement.

RESOLUTION NO. 242-23 RE: Authorize DOTS to bid for new Pickleball Courts at the Town's Memorial Drive Location.

RESOLUTION NO. 243-23 RE: Forward letter petitioning to have parcel on Regina Avenue incorporated into Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District to Westchester County for their consideration.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 244-23 RE: Appoint Greg Kroohs to the title of Recreation Supervisor.

RESOLUTION NO. 245-23 RE: Appoint Raquel Ali as a Temporary Employee in the Office of the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 246-23 RE: Appoint Seasonal Employees in Recreation – Camp/Pool.

RESOLUTION NO. 247-23 RE: Appoint Seasonal Employee in DES.

RESOLUTION NO. 248-23 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence under FMLA in DES – Water.

RESOLUTION NO. 249-23 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence under FMLA in the Office of the Comptroller.

RESOLUTION NO. 250-23 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence in DOTS – Code Division.

RESOLUTION NO. 251-23 RE: Accept the resignation of an employee in DES.

RESOLUTION NO. 252-23 RE: Set a Public Hearing for August 15th, 2023 to consider a Local Law regarding Nicotine and Tobacco Sales.

Thomas Wood, Town Attorney summarized what the Local Law was going to entail. Westchester County/NYSP needing clarification/enforcement of the existing Local Law.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - NONE

BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION NO. 253-23 RE: Adopt Budget Transfers as stated by Town Comptroller. Councilperson Farrell made a motion to adopt the above, seconded by Councilperson Mayes with all voting **AYE**.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

Christopher Vargo appeared before the Board. He spoke about the following:

Cortlandt Waterfront Park....upkeep of current use, better sanitation in the area, flood zone/erosion in the general area where the Cortlandt Performance Stage is proposed. Sidewalk repair by the Quarry property.

Michael Preziosi, Dir. DOTS stated that the area where the Cortlandt Waterfront Stage is proposed is not in a flood zone, and is not an eliminated use by flood plain criteria.

Warren Smith appeared before the Board. He thanked the Town Board for their work., and asked for clarification regarding the Westchester County Police added, designated Town of Cortlandt coverage.

Supervisor Becker, and Thomas Wood, Town Attorney reiterated, explained, and assured that the coverage was necessary, and the Town was very positive about the endeavor, and expressed the need for this coverage. Mr. Thomas Wood, Town Attorney explained how the coverage would work, and how the County tax would cover most of the provided service.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM in memory of Scott Charles Mettey by the request of Deputy Supervisor James Creighton.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 15, 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