

February 12, 2013

Town Board Meeting

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on February 12, 2013 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>FRANCIS X. FARRELL</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	
<b>ANN LINDAU-MARTIN</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>RICHARD BECKER</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	
<b>JOHN E. SLOAN</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	

Also present:

<b>JO-ANN DYCKMAN</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>
<b>EDWARD VERGANO</b>	<b>DOTS, Director</b>
<b>CLAUDIA VAHEY</b>	<b>Human Resources Coordinator</b>
<b>CHRISTINE B. COTHREN</b>	<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>
<b>ROSEMARY B. LASHER</b>	<b>DOTS/Asst. to Director</b>
<b>JEFFREY COLEMAN</b>	<b>Director, DES</b>

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Boy Scout Troop #45 from Walter Panas High School and the Copper Beech Middle School led all in attendance in a Pledge to the Flag.

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**SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS**

**Supervisor Puglisi** introduced the Scouts who ranged from ages 12 to 16 years old and were attending the Town Board meeting towards being awarded their Communication Badges.

The **Supervisor** reminded the residents that Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Cortlandt will be celebrated at the George's Island Park. The celebration will include a parade and a fireworks display. County Executive Rob Astorino

**Supervisor Puglisi** stated that on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. there will be a presentation by NYS DOT regarding the improvements being started on the Bear Mt. Parkway for the community to view the plans. There will be input from the community but the plans are prepared and the work will be completed in 2013. The Town of Cortlandt does not have to contribute to these improvements.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)**

The **Supervisor** attended the Governor’s Moreland Commission at Purchase College to state the many issues with the unsatisfactory response by Con Edison before and during Hurricane Sandy. They are hoping that something positive will come out of this meeting.

She also attended with Nita Lowry to speak with the NRC Chairperson for the purpose of asking NRC about their upcoming decision on Indian Point and about the re-licensing. They told the Supervisor they would most likely not render a decision this year in 2013, most likely in 2014 or 2015.

There will be a second meeting with Con Edison’s President, Mr. Ivy, in order to learn about the improvements and new practices that Con Ed will implement after hearing from all the municipalities throughout Westchester County.

Later this month the Town Board will be holding a special Town Board meeting to award a contract for the Furnace Dock Lake Dam repair. Con Edison agreed to pay for the repair of their dam when the Town bought the lake. There will also be a bid awarded for the Cortlandt Boat Launch at the Cortlandt waterfront park in Verplanck.

**Supervisor Puglisi** thanked the Scouts, their leaders, and parents for attending the meeting and commented that it is a terrific organization.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

**Councilmember Farrell:** Reminded the residents that the Town of Cortlandt has a Youth Center located in Crugers and would like to encourage the residents to make use of the building. **Councilmember Farrell** asked that the scout troops also can use it for any special meeting they might have and just to call the Supervisor’s office to arrange the date. There is a kitchen for preparing meals, a rock climbing wall, pool table, exercise table and other equipment for use. A rowing machine was just placed there and it’s something that is used by athletes to practice the sport of rowing.

**Councilmember Farrell** met with a group of people who are interested in forming an amateur rowing association. Their plan is to repurpose one of the hanger buildings at the seaplane base, now the Cortlandt Waterfront Park in Verplanck. The plan is for an amateur rowing group to take over one of the buildings, make it into a boathouse, have some rowing boats there and gradually grow to a point to offer the program to the schools. **Councilmember Farrell**

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

stated that it is the kind of sport that boys and girls can do using the same equipment and is a sport where there is a lot of scholarship money available.

There will be a boat launch which will be used for the rowing association but not for the exclusive use of the association. People can take kayaks, canoes, etc and launch from the dock. The dock will be small and the area is limited so the size of the boats used will be determined.

**Councilmember Farrell** complimented the DES and the job that was done in clearing the latest snow from the roads. By Saturday the entire Town was clear.

**Councilmember Becker:** Stated that Jeff Coleman tonight will be appointed as official Director of DES and complimented him on his work. **Councilmember Becker** also stated that James Creighton will be appointed to the Planning Board and commented that the Planning Board is important in that it defines what the nature of this Town's environment will be going forward. There was a very interesting interview process and **Councilmember Becker** stated that the quality of the applicants was outstanding. There was only one opening but that all were very qualified and **Councilmember Becker** hoped they will get involved in the Town. Jeff Canning will also be appointed this evening as a historical advisor. He noted that the Town has a very rich history and that it would be a shame to not preserve or recognize it.

**Councilmember Sloan:** Commented that though it is a good thing for the improvements on the Bear Mt. Parkway, the DOT is not going about it in a good way. He spoke of the plan to reduce it from two lanes to one lane, and **Councilmember Sloan** said this would increase traffic. He stated that this is a very easy thing for DOT to do which is why they agreed so quickly.

**Supervisor Puglisi** asked for everyone to keep an open mind and that the safety of the corridor is most important and if it takes longer, so be it.

**Councilmember Sloan** commented that they could do both, increase safety and no reason why the Town should accept only one at the sake of the other.

**Supervisor Puglisi** added that there will still be no truck traffic on the road during the day.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**None**

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

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**BID REPORTS**

Councilmember Becker moved that the following reports be removed til the February 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Councilmember Farrell seconded the motion.

**The following Bid Reports were removed:**

1. Receive and File Bids opened on February 8, 2013 with respect to a public boat launch at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park; and Award same.
2. Receive and File Bids opened on February 8, 2013 with respect to the Furnace Dock Lake Restoration; and Award same.

All Voted **AYE**

**REPORTS**

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

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

2012 Annual Report from the Planning Board and the Annual Youth Report from the Recreation Department.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Letter from Karen Herman with respect to safety issues on Harper Avenue and Kings Ferry Road; and refer to DES, DOTS and the Traffic Safety Committee.
2. E-Mail from Richard Piazza as Commissioner of the Montrose Fire District requesting stop signs at the intersection of Furnace Dock Road and Mt. Airy Road and Washington Street; and refer to DES and DOTS and the Traffic Safety Committee.

All voted **AYE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

(All resolutions adopted at this meeting are to be found attached to the end of the original document.)

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

**RESOLUTION NO.65 -13 RE: Appoint Jeff Coleman to the title Director of DES per Civil Service procedure.**

**RESOLUTION NO.66 -13 RE: Appoint Lee Beauchamp to the title Deputy Director DES per Civil Service procedure.**

**RESOLUTION NO.67 -13 RE: Grant a Leave of Absence for a DES employee under the Family Medical Leave Act.**

**RESOLUTION NO.68 -13 RE: Appoint James Creighton as a member to the Planning Board to fill a vacancy.**

**RESOLUTION NO.69 -13 RE: Appoint members and chairperson for the Cable TV Advisory Board for 2013.**

**RESOLUTION NO.70 -13 RE: Appoint members and chairperson for the Electrical Board**

**RESOLUTION NO.71 -13 RE: Appoint members and chairperson for the Plumbing Board.**

**RESOLUTION NO.72 -13 RE: Appoint members and chairperson for the Fire Advisory Board for 2013.**

**RESOLUTION NO.73 -13 RE: Appoint Representative for the Historic Hudson River Towns for 2013.**

**RESOLUTION NO.74 -13 RE: Appoint Representative for the Hudson Highlands Gateway Task Force for 2013.**

**RESOLUTION NO.75 -13 RE: Appoint members and chairperson for the Open Space Committee for 2013.**

**RESOLUTION NO.76 -13 RE: Appoint members and chairperson for the Continental Village Park District Joint Advisory Committee for 2013.**

**RESOLUTION NO.77 -13 RE: Appoint Jeff Canning as an Advisor for various historical projects.**

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION NO.78 -13 RE: Appoint a Walter Panas high school student to an intern position through the WISE program.**

**RESOLUTION NO.79 -13 RE: Authorize the purchase of a Van to be shared between DES and the Recreation Department.**

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi asked those individuals being voted on tonight to stand and she thanked all the volunteers of all the committees and boards. There were about 8 or 9 other applicants for the Planning Board and they will be contacted to ask if they'd like to serve in some other capacity. The **Supervisor** echoed what was said of Jeff Canning and that they are excited to expand their historic horizons. They are also proud to be working with the WISE program in the DES department.

The appointees were individually introduced and recognized.

All Voted **AYE**

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

**RESOLUTION NO.80 -13 RE: Rescind Resolution No. 203-90 with respect to the standardization of vehicles for DES.**

**RESOLUTION NO.81 -13 RE: Seek bids for the purchase of one (1) 27 yard sanitation truck.**

**RESOLUTION NO.82 -13 RE: Proceed with the installation of a water pressure reducing valve in Verplanck.**

**RESOLUTION NO.83 -13 RE: Amend schedule A of Resolution 86-11 to correct certain discrepancies.**

**RESOLUTION NO.84 -13 RE: Authorize replacement of various fire hydrants in Continental Village.**

**RESOLUTION NO.85 -13 RE: Solicit proposals for inspection services for water tanks per County Health Department requirements.**

**RESOLUTION NO.86 -13 RE: Solicit proposals and award a contract for the installation of two (2) dugouts and a scoreboard for the field at Town Hall.**

**RESOLUTION NO.87 -13 RE: Authorize DOTS to Award a Contract with respect to a Load Rating Analysis with respect to upgrades at the Sprout Brook Park Bridge.**

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION NO.88 -13 RE: Authorize DOTS, DES and the Recreation Department to explore locations on Town property for a possible Olympic size outdoor volleyball court.**

**RESOLUTION NO.89 -13 RE: Authorize DOTS and DES to explore installing as a pilot project, public electric car stations to encourage energy conservation; and refer same to the Legal Department.**

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi stated that they are very excited to be assisting on two Little Leagues and Girls Softball League, with dugouts and scoreboards at the field at the Town Hall site.

The **Supervisor** had thought that the public electric car stations should be something the Town should consider, perhaps near the Cortlandt Train Station or elsewhere and have a pilot project to obtain grants.

**Councilmember Farrell** stated that at one time it seemed like a good idea to standardize the trucks within the department because there was a real hodge podge of different makes and it would make more sense from a maintenance standpoint to standardize. However, Jeff Coleman felt it would have the effect of locking the Town into purchasing vehicles which were not best suited or priced. Councilmember Farrell commented that it seemed to be a good idea.

The **Supervisor** stated she always thought it might be interesting to explore the possibility of an outdoor Olympic sized Volleyball court. They will be looking at areas for construction.

All voted **AYE**

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

**RESOLUTION NO.90 -13 RE: Authorize Town staff to seek RFP's with respect to converting the outdoor roller rink into an indoor ice skating/entertainment center; and explore the possibility of an indoor roller rink, track, batting cages, etc. to be used by the Youth Center, schools and community.**

**RESOLUTION NO.91 -13 RE: Resolution setting the date July 28, 2013 for the 225<sup>th</sup> Town of Cortlandt Anniversary Celebration at George's Island Park; and Authorize the Town to enter into a Contract for a Fireworks display with respect to same.**

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION NO.92 -13 RE: Award a Contract with respect to scanning services for the Assessor's Office.**

**RESOLUTION NO.93 -13 RE: Resolution in support of a NYS Bill with respect to banks responsible for the maintenance of properties they are holding in foreclosure.**

**RESOLUTION NO.94 -13 RE: Authorize the settlement of a Tax Certiorari with respect to Amberlands Realty.**

**RESOLUTION NO.95 -13 RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for March 12, 2013 to consider a Local Law with respect to Notice of Defects.**

**Discussion:** The Supervisor spoke of the rink already built but the interest seems to have waned so they thought maybe they could explore the idea of turning this rink into an indoor ice skating rink. This could happen within the next few years.

All Voted **AYE**

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**RESOLUTION NO.96 -13 RE: Authorize amending the temporary service list.**

**RESOLUTION NO.97 -13 RE: Schedule a Special Meeting for February 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to consider Awarding the following Bids opened on February 21, 2013:**

- a) Public Boat Launch at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park
- b) Furnace Dock Lake Restoration

All voted **AYE**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**None**

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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 8:15 p.m. in memory of **Lois Lee**, former teacher. CAC member and Chairperson, on a motion by Councilmember Sloan, seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,  
Town Clerk**