

June 11, 2013

Town Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on June 11, 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:

LINDA D. PUGLISI	Supervisor
FRANCIS X. FARRELL	Councilmember
ANN LINDAU-MARTIN	Councilmember
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember
JOHN E. SLOAN	Councilmember

Also present:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Supervisor Puglisi called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 announced there were several Memorial Day ceremonies in the community a few weeks ago, and one in the Town of Cortlandt honoring the men and woman who have sacrificed for this country. There was also one in Buchanan/Verplanck and in the city of Peekskill and village of Croton-on-Hudson. All were wonderful and paid tribute to the Veterans.

June 14th is Flag Day. This was traditionally celebrated as America’s birthday. The idea to have the day to celebrate the Flag was originated in 1985 established by a schoolteacher. He arranged for the pupils to observe this day as Flag Day.

The Town of Cortlandt Community Boat Launch was dedicated on May 16th at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park in Verplanck. Permits are distributed at the Town Clerk’s office. This launch is for all Cortlandt citizens including residents of the two villages.

The **Supervisor** then gave proclamations to members of CVAC (Cortlandt Volunteer Ambulance Corp.). Proclamations were given to Kathy Stewart, Cheryl

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, (cont.)

Silvernail, Steven Silvernail, Liz Faiella, Jarrod Pennella. They received awards from the Westchester County Emergency Services during a ceremony attended by the Supervisor on May 22nd. She thanked them for their volunteer services which save lives and help the injured at all times of day and night. She presented Kathy Stewart with the EMS Leadership Award. Ms. Stewart stated that she started with the Corp in 1986 and became a nurse due to her work with the ambulance corp. She thanked **Supervisor Puglisi** and asked for their continued support.

Supervisor Puglisi introduced the co-presidents of the Hen Hud Leos, Dylan Gamberdella and Kaitlin Powka. Dylan announced that they had their 5th annual Stay Awake-a-Thon this past May. Kaitlin explained the event which raises money for cancer awareness and research. This year there were over 500 participants. Dylan introduced the Stewart family, directors of Happiness is Camping. The amount of \$40,000 was raised which is divided among 4 organizations, of which Happiness is Camping is one of them. He then presented a check of \$10,000 to the camp. Mr. Stewart explained that Happiness is Camping is a camp for those children with cancer started by his father about 30 years ago for children to be away from the stress of treatment, etc. and enjoy the summer. This is the chance for the child to be a regular child and he thanked the Leos for helping to send a number of children to this camp. Debbie Costello stated that the Leos started about 6 years ago and that it is a community service organization for kids 12-18 years old, the youth branch of the Lion's Club. This was started for those in the community that had cancer and they wanted to bring the community together to provide support and encouragement. The Stay Awake-a-Thon was to raise money and to celebrate the survivors of cancer. She encouraged the young residents to join the organization and that they would love to have more young kids join the club as the seniors leave to go off to college. They do many other volunteer programs in the community.

Supervisor Puglisi displayed the awards given to the Town. They received the Purple Heart Town Award, another award to the Town and the Metro North Railroad for the Cortlandt Train Station, and a 20 year award from the Tree City USA Arbor Day Foundation. They also received acknowledgement from Old St. Peter's Church for the contribution given to them for restoration from the Town of Cortlandt and the Paul Harris Spell Award from the Rotary Club of Cortlandt Manor for community service.

The **Supervisor** reminded residents to save the date on July 28th for the 225 birthday celebration of the Town of Cortlandt. She also attended the Cortlandt Engine Company parade and fundraising carnival and the annual Croton-on-Hudson Songfest.

The Town pool will open on June 15th. **Supervisor Puglisi** wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July week.

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: Pointed out that everyone who is a resident of the Town of Cortlandt, including the villages of Croton and Buchanan, can use the newly dedicated boat launch in Verplanck. Councilmember Farrell acknowledged that CVAC also gave to the Town a few defibrillators and how active CVAC is in the community and expressed his gratitude.

Councilmember Farrell commented on how city planning is such a fascinating field and until his involvement with government, didn't realize what an exciting field it is to be in. They work on so many interesting projects and aspects of everyday life that we take for granted.

Councilmember Farrell congratulated the Verplanck Fire Department that took the Best Regulation Department trophy at the Montrose Parade.

Supervisor Puglisi then recognized Trooper Steven Silvernail at the meeting and thanked him for his service with CVAC.

Councilmember Lindau-Martin: Spoke of watching the firemen march in the parade with her grandchildren and how important the Leos are to honor cancer survivors. Councilmember Lindau-Martin thanked the staff for their work.

Councilmember Becker: On the agenda tonight is appointing summer seasonals for the Recreation Department and commented that there are dozens of names on the list of kids who have grown up in this community working as camp counselors, etc. They will be providing a wonderful service and he commented that it is a pleasure to appoint them to help the Town out over the summer.

Also on the agenda are projects to be approved. He stated that these projects have been in the works for a long time and required study and discussion and a lot of planning. They will vote to move them forward, yet will not all be done this year. It is a wonderful testament to the leadership of the Town that they are even able to consider to do these projects when most Towns are financially strapped. He looks forward to the future to keep taxes down which is a great balancing act and he commented that he is proud to be voting for that.

Supervisor Puglisi thanked Ed Vergano and Jeff Coleman for their work on these projects

Councilmember Sloan: nothing to report

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2013 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion.

All voted **AYE**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS, (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Evelyn Bauer
Team Leader for Project Hope

Associated with Westchester Jewish Community Services and who is carrying the grant to assist those who have been affected by Hurricane Sandy.

They are now taking over all of Westchester County and the County of Rockland. She stated that they council, inform and educate citizens in Westchester and Rockland on how to prepare and how to be more involved and self reliant when it comes to these type storms. They present to groups, students, and seniors and those most vulnerable to reach as many as possible. They are housed in White Plains and offered their assistance to anyone who needs it as a free service. They consider caregivers and many other helpers as first responders. Ms. Bauer gave her contact numbers and urged residents to call if needed.

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BID REPORTS

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REPORTS

Councilmember Becker moved that the following reports be received and ordered filed. Councilmember Lindau-Martin seconded the motion

For the month of May from the Office for the Aging, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

1. DES Report with respect to a stop sign request on Forest Avenue

OLD BUSINESS, (cont.)

- 2. DES Report with respect to Lexington Avenue.
- 3. Reports from the Traffic Safety Committee dated May 20th and May 23, 2013.

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NEW BUSINESS

Receive and File the Following:

- 1. Letter from Marshall Haddad with respect to traffic safety in the area of Red Mill Road and Trolley Road; and refer to DES, DOTS and the Traffic Safety Committee.
- 2. Proposed Local Law with respect to Escrow Accounts for the reimbursement of professional fees with respect to Planning, Zoning and other applications for consideration by the Town Board; and refer to DOTS and the Legal Department.

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 Lindau-Martin moved that the following resolutions be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Farrell:

RESOLUTION NO.167-13 RE: Appoint Steven Ferreira to the title of DES/Deputy (for Water)

RESOLUTION NO.168-13 RE: Appoint summer seasonals for the Recreation Department with respect to camp staff.

RESOLUTION NO.169-13 RE: Appoint a part-time employee for the Youth Center.

RESOLUTION NO.170-13 RE: Appoint a seasonal for DES.

RESOLUTION NO.171-13 RE: Appoint a student member to the PRC Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION NO.172-13 RE: Authorize the Town Attorney and Supervisor to continue negotiations with respect to possible preservation of a 57 acre parcel; and Authorize DOTS to conduct a feasibility study with respect to same.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi stated that the appointment of Steven Ferreira, engineer is now being transferred to DES to be the Deputy under Jeff Coleman for the Water Division to fill a vacancy.

All voted **AYE**

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

RESOLUTION NO.173-13 RE: Authorize a grant application to the NYPA with respect to car charging stations.

RESOLUTION NO.174-13 RE: Authorize a Fireworks Permit with respect to the Mt. Carmel Feast to be held July 17th to the 21st, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO.175-13 RE: Authorize Road Closures with respect to the Mt. Carmel Feast to be held July 17th to the 21st, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO.176-13 RE: Authorize a Fireworks Permit with respect to the 225th Cortlandt Celebration to be held on July 28th; and a License Agreement with Westchester County with respect to same.

RESOLUTION NO.177-13 RE: Authorize Road Closures with respect to the 225th Cortlandt Celebration to be held on July 28th.

RESOLUTION NO.178-13 RE: Authorize the purchase of a highway equipment trailer for DES and the auction of a used trailer.

RESOLUTION NO.179-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare design plans and solicit proposals with respect to drainage issues on Conklin Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO.180-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare plans and solicit bids with respect to replacing a portion of drainage lines on Rancho Drive East.

RESOLUTION NO.181-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare plans and solicit proposals for the installation of a discharge pipe from Spy Pond.

RESOLUTION NO.182-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit survey services with respect to a proposed sidewalk along Rt. 9A from Kings Ferry Road to Roundtree Lane.

RESOLUTION NO.183-13 RE: Authorize a contract extension with respect to inspection services for the Furnace Dock Lake Dam improvements.

RESOLUTION NO.184-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to solicit proposals for the final capping of Lake Meahagh Park in accordance with the DEC closure plan.

RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)

RESOLUTION NO.185-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to obtain permits from DEC and solicit proposals with respect to filling in the former lake bed at Sprout Brook Park for use as all purpose fields.

RESOLUTION NO.186-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare plans for drainage improvements on Baron De Hirsch Road.

RESOLUTION NO.186-13 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare plans and solicit proposals for drainage improvements on Montrose Station Road near the Montrose Fire Department.

****The following resolution was removed:**

Authorize DOTS to solicit proposals for the repair of the Sprout Brook Park Bridge.

Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi stated that the removed item was due to there may be grant monies available to assist on the repair of the bridge, so that is why it was removed.

All voted **AYE**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO.188-13 RE: Authorize the implementation and funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid eligible costs of a transportation Federal-Aid emergency project and appropriating funds with respect to Hurricane damage.

All voted **AYE**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

NONE

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REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

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REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

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SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with a motion by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Farrell.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,
Town Clerk**