

October 20, 2009

**Town Board Meeting**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on October 20, 2009 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</b>	<b>Councilmember</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>THOMAS WOOD, ESQ.</b>	<b>Town Attorney</b>
<b>GLENN CESTARO</b>	<b>Comptroller</b>
<b>EDWARD VERGANO</b>	<b>DOTS, Director</b>
<b>CLAUDIA VAHEY</b>	<b>Human Res. Coor.</b>
<b>RENE BRACKEN</b>	<b>Deputy Town Clerk</b>
<b>JEFF TKACS</b>	<b>DES, Homeland Safety &amp; Security Coor.</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**

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**SUPERVISOR’S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS**

**Supervisor Puglisi** announced that October 14<sup>th</sup> was the one year anniversary of saving the VA. There was a rally on the front lawn of the VA to hear the voices of the Veterans. This rally was well intended with the purpose of relaying the message that services must stay at this facility emphasizing that the VA has been located here since 1950.

The **Supervisor** reported that the new Youth and Recreation Center that opened in September is running successfully. It is located near the Cortlandt Train Station off Route 9 and is used by youths and teens of the community.

**Supervisor Puglisi** announced that the Town is continuing to pick up leaves in the plastic bags which will be debagged by the Town and the leaves dumped out for conservation reasons. The Town has also purchased paper bags which the public can pick up. There will be five paper bags available for free.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Outing was sponsored by The Town of Cortlandt Recreation Department at the Hollowbrook Golf Course. All proceeds go to benefit the First Responders which is about \$4,000-\$5,000 every year. This is divided up amongst the First Responders.

There will be the Halloween “Hobgoblin Parade” in the Cortlandt Town Center where trophies will be given to each participating child. There also will be a Halloween party at the Community Center that evening and **Supervisor Puglisi** urged everyone to attend this fun event.

**Supervisor Puglisi** announced that there will be the long anticipated closing of the Ash Pit on October 22. She explained that it is a Westchester County operation and that for many years the Town has tried to renegotiate an agreement that was made in 1979 by the previous Supervisor and Board to end the Ash Pit. The agreement was ironclad and they were unsuccessful. The

**Supervisor** stated that the Town has done its fair share for Westchester County and the Town has chosen not to extend the agreement. The site will continue to be monitored for 30 years.

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**ROLL CALL**

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

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**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

**Councilmember Farrell:** no report

**Councilmember Lindau:** Stated that there is a rumor that the Town is going to entertain a transfer station in Montrose and she assured everyone that this is not true. She urged everyone to vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Councilmember Becker:** The Town is pleased to announce that it will be opening a Fire Boat Launch in Verplanck on the Martin property. This will enable access to the Hudson River and should benefit all the local fire departments. This was made possible by a grant from N.Y. State and Councilmember Becker announced that there will be an official Grand Opening in the spring.

**Councilmember Sloan:** Noted that there is a “plethora” of highway political signs throughout Cortlandt and that it seems to be getting out of hand. He said that going forward this has to be addressed in order to tone it down and to make sure it is enforced fairly in the future.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Sloan moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2009 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Becker seconded the motion and all voted **AYE**.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**NONE**

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

**NONE**

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**BID REPORTS**

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**REPORTS**

Councilmember Becker moved that the following reports be received and ordered filed, seconded by Councilmember Lindau.

For the month of September, 2009 from the Purchasing Department, the Office for the Aging, the Town Justices, the Receiver of Taxes, and the Town Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Memo from the Homeland Safety/Alternative Energy Coordinator with respect to a proposed name change for the "Global Warming Committee" to "Sustainable Cortlandt Citizens Committees" and authorize same.

**RESOLUTION NO. 241-09 RE: Authorize name change for the "Global Warming Committee" to "Sustainable Cortlandt Citizens Committees"**

2. Memo from the Tenant Landlord Advisory Board with respect to membership; and appoint Margaret Bellina as a member to fill a vacancy.

**RESOLUTION NO. 241A-09 RE: Appoint Margaret Bellina as a member of the Tenant Landlord Advisory Board to fill a vacancy.**

3. Memo/Evaluation from DOTS with respect to Red Mill Road.
4. Referral Reports from DES with respect to the following:

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**OLD BUSINESS, (cont.)**

- a) "No Parking" area on Oak Street; and authorize same

**RESOLUTION NO. 242-09 RE: Authorize "No Parking" area on Oak Street**

- b) Requests for speed humps in Mohegan Colony; Sunset Road and Winthrop Drive.
- c) Private Road at the end of Skylark.
- d) Round-About signage evaluation and refer to DOTS

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Letter from State Wide Inspection Services (SWIS) requesting to be placed on the Town Inspectors list; and refer to the Electrical Board and DOTS/Code Enforcement.
2. Request for a License Agreement from Jerry Mirra with respect to a fence on Town right-of-way property located on Watch Hill Road; and refer to the Legal Department, DOTS and DES.
3. Letter from Quentin Hanrahan with respect to 6<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in Verplanck.
4. Letter from Kathryn Meyer Desiderio with respect to parking on Bonnie Hollow Road; and refer to DOTS/Code, DEES, Traffic Safety Committee and the Legal Department.

There was no discussion

**All voted AYE**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

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**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 243-09 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence with respect to a DES employee.**

**RESOLUTION NO.244-09 RE: Authorize the Supervisor to execute an Agreement with NYSDOT with respect to grant funds for a RT. 6 sidewalk project in the area of Jerome Drive.**

**RESOLUTION NO.245-09 RE: Authorize the Purchasing Director to solicit RFP's for Information Technology (IT) Services.**

**RESOLUTION NO.246-09 RE: Authorize a Contract with NYS DOT for the 2011-2012 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreements.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 247-09 RE: Authorize the application for a grant application with respect to the Justice Court Assistance Program.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 248-09 RE: Authorize a Contract extension with respect to Entergy and the Code Red notification program.**

**RESOLUTION NO.249-09 RE: Award a Contract with respect to Snow and Ice removal for the 2009-2010 season.**

**RESOLUTION NO.250-09 RE: Authorize Survey Services with respect to Locust Avenue from Enrico Drive to Oregon Road.**

**RESOLUTION NO.251-09 RE: Authorize Speed/vehicle count on the north end of Sprout Brook Road; and prepare a traffic calming plan with respect to same.**

**RESOLUTION NO.252-09 RE: Authorize DOTs to seek bids for repairs to Doris Lee Drive.**

**RESOLUTION NO.253-09 RE: Authorize Stormwater Outfall Inspection Services per NYSDEC requirements, paid for with grant funds.**

**RESOLUTION NO.254-09 RE: Authorize Stormwater Illicit Discharge Services paid for with grant funds.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 255-09 RE: Authorize a Settlement with respect to a Tax Certiorari in the matter of Terrace Management.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 256-09 RE: Authorize acceptance of a Letter of Credit in accordance with a Planning Board Resolution for property on Reynolds Lane.**

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**Discussion:**

**Supervisor Puglisi** thanked Jeff Tkacs for working on the Code Identification program which is only used for emergencies. Jeff Tkacs explained the program for emergency situations.

The **Supervisor** also explained that the resolution for the sidewalks on the corridor of Route 6 is the next step for Cortlandt Boulevard.

All Voted **AYE**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Farrell moved that the following items of business be added to the agenda, that the correspondence be received and ordered filed  
Councilmember Sloan seconded the motion

**Receive and File the following:**

1. Diversity Task Force Final Report dated October, 2009.
2. Letter from Hendrick Hudson Realty Corp. requesting to purchase Town property on Albany Post Road; and refer to DOTS, DES, Assessor and Town Attorney.

All voted **AYE**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

**none**

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**REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

**None**

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**REPORTS FROM STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**None**

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**SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS**

**Lou Laforgia**

Resident of Town of Cortlandt for over 50 years, now living in Verplanck and member of the Riveredge Homeowner's Association. Mr. Laforgia stated that the Quonset hut behind his home was scheduled to be taken down and he lost his water which came through the Quonset hut. He explained that he ran a hose but now with the cold weather coming, it is not going to work anymore and he needs some type of water line.

**Supervisor Puglisi** explained that this is the former Martin Property which the Town has acquired. Tom Wood then stated that there will be a meeting with the Homeowner's Association and their attorney to try to resolve this and that he will be in touch with the homeowner.

There were no additional speakers

**ADJOURNMENT**

**In Memory of Mae Purcell and Roy Lindau**

Councilmember Becker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm, seconded by Councilmember Lindau

All voted **AYE**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,  
Town Clerk**

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