

September 18, 2012

Town Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt was conducted on September 18, 2012 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 ABSENT
ANN LINDAU-MARTIN	Councilmember
RICHARD BECKER	Councilmember
JOHN E. SLOAN	Councilmember ABSENT

Also present:

JO-ANN DYCKMAN	Town Clerk
EDWARD VERGANO	DOTS, Director
CLAUDIA VAHEY	Human Resources Coordinator
JUDITH HERMESCH	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**

The Pledge to the Flag was led by **Michael Gambro**, a Boy Scout from Troop 174 observing the Town Board meeting for his Citizenship Badge.

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**SUPERVISOR'S PROCLAMATIONS AND REPORTS**

The **Supervisor** spoke of the parade on Saturday hosted by the Mohegan Volunteer Fire Association and participating was the Westchester County Volunteer Fireman's Association. Mohegan celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the County association its 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She thanked all the firefighters in the region and commented that it was a beautiful sunny day.

On September 11, the Volunteer Task Force dedicated the Memorial at Croton Landing by the Volunteer Task Force. Janet Mainiero, Chairperson, had been working on this project for the last few years with 20 other volunteer residents. Along with the villages of Buchanan, Croton-on-Hudson, and the Town of Cortlandt, a Memorial was dedicated at Croton Landing. The **Supervisor** thanked everyone involved in this special tribute to those that will be remembered forever and urged residents to visit the Memorial.

**Supervisor Puglisi** introduced William Nazario, Chairman of the Cortlandt Hudson River Veteran's Committee, a decorated Vietnam veteran and recipient of a Purple Heart. He was recently named National Patriot of the Year by the National Purple Heart Association. The **Supervisor** told of Mr. Nazario's dedication to helping the Veterans and helping to ensure that the Veteran's Hospital will be there for Veterans forever. The **Supervisor** presented him with a proclamation from the Town Board and the Town of Cortlandt community.

Mr. Nazario then thanked everyone, especially the Town Board, for standing up for the Veterans stating that the Town of Cortlandt was the first in line to pass a resolution against enhanced leasing of the Montrose VA property. He stated that this is about giving a voice to those that do not have a voice as of yet. The Veterans are coming home with many various issues and do not know what services are available to them. Mr. Nazario stated that it is his duty as a Veteran's advocate to help and thanked many committees for all their support in this effort. He also commented that he can't thank the Town enough because when he first moved here 12 years ago he didn't realize how much of a Veteran's town Cortlandt is.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS, (cont.)**

**Supervisor Puglisi** commented how proud they are of Mr. Nazario and everything he does.

**Supervisor Puglisi** then introduced Jerry Levine, Town of Cortlandt resident who received national attention as an avid Adirondack hiker at the age of 82. She read a proclamation given by the Town Board in recognition of becoming a member of the Adirondack 46 Club, climbing all 46 of the tallest mountains in the Adirondacks.

Mr. Levine stated he’s been a resident of the Town of Cortlandt since 1969, raised his children here, and that his climbing began by sending his children to a climbing camp. They continued to climb and in the last three years they would climb and he completed 44 out of the 46 mountains and then completed the last two. He still hopes to continue climbing in the Adirondacks and how wonderful it feels after climbing the mountain, stating you are tired but you feel successful and healthy. Mr. Levine reminded that no ropes are used for the climbs, it is all done with good hiking boots and that all the mountains he has climbed are all over 4000 feet which takes all day to complete, stating it is always very rewarding.

The Town of Cortlandt had its 2nd Annual Family Fun Day on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> which was postponed from Saturday due to rain. **Supervisor Puglisi** thanked the Recreation Department, Parks Division, to all the families, volunteers and the kids that attended.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> was the grand opening of the Jim Martin Aviation Playground at the Cortlandt Waterfront Park in Verplanck.

**Supervisor Puglisi** stated that school is open and asked all to drive safely.

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**ROLL CALL**

On a roll call attendance taken by Town Clerk Dyckman all Town Board members indicated their presence with the absence of Councilmembers Farrell and Sloan.

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**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

**Councilmember Lindau-Martin:** Announced that on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> the Croton Rotary is having a Car Show that will have many fun activities. On Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be the Peekskill Rotary Horse Show at Blue Mountain Park and on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. there is a concert and Street Fair in Croton and the Town is having their Swap Day also from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Councilmember Lindau announced that in August she married and her name now is Ann Lindau-Martin.

**Councilmember Becker:** Stated that the Town of Cortlandt Swap Event has been done for several years now and is incredibly successful and emphasized that the point of this is to recycle and give new life to products you have in your home that you may not be using. There is no cash exchanged but they want you to take things and give items a second life. The point is to help the environment. Clean reusable items are desired but no clothing.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Councilmember Becker moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2012 be approved as presented by Town Clerk Dyckman. Councilmember Lindau-Martin 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**

**None**

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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 August, 2012 from the Office for the Aging, Purchasing Department, the Town Justices, Receiver of Taxes and the Town Clerk.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Petition from residents of Dogwood Road in opposition to the City of Peekskill's proposed methadone clinic at Corporate Drive, Peekskill; and the Supervisor's letter with the Town's concerns with respect to same.
2. Report fro DES with respect to Dogwood Road; and authorize the purchase of two (2) driver feedback speed signs for Dogwood Road and Kings Ferry Road.

**RESOLUTION NO.167 -12 RE: Authorize the purchase of two (2) driver feedback speed signs for Dogwood Road and Kings Ferry Road.**

3. Letter from NYS DOT with respect to the Town's request for a barrier along the Bear Mt. Parkway; and the Supervisor's response to same.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Receive and File the Following:**

1. Letter from Arthur Rickey Sr. with respect to a proposed scuba divers training facility and refer to the Legal Department.
2. The 2012 list of Town Achievements from the Supervisor.
3. Letter from David Van Voorhis requesting a License Agreement with respect to a parcel on Susan Lane; and refer same to DOS and DES and the Legal Department.

**Discussion: Supervisor Puglisi** stated that regarding the Bear Mt. Parkway and the Town's efforts, something that will prevent future fatalities is required. The State sent a letter saying they are evaluating the issue. They did not say they would do anything, just that they will evaluate the situation which is the same thing they've been saying to the Town for years. The **Supervisor** commented that it is very disappointing and she wrote back to them indicating her disappointment and that they will not give up.

The list of Town achievements is to let the residents be aware of what the Town has been working on this year.

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

**RESOLUTION NO.168-12 RE: Authorize a title change for Laura Repicky in accordance with Westchester County Civil Service.**

**RESOLUTION NO.169-12 RE: Appoint 6 seasonals for the Department of Environmental Services.**

**RESOLUTION NO.170-12 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence for DES employee under Family Medical Act Leave Law.**

**RESOLUTION NO.171-12 RE: Authorize a Leave of Absence for DES employee under Family Medical Act Leave Law.**

**RESOLUTION NO.172-12 RE: Authorize RFP's with respect to Supplemental Information Technology Services.**

**RESOLUTION NO.173-12 RE: Authorize the renewal and extension of the Cortlandt Heating Oil Program.**

**Discussion:** Councilmember Becker stated that the Cortlandt Heating Oil Program (CHOP) has been in existence since 2008 and keeps growing every year, about 2000 residents are signed up. He urged residents to take advantage of it with its \$5.00 membership fee. The list of oil companies have promised to give members their best price for oil and not more than 30 cents a gallon over their wholesale cost.

The **Supervisor** thanked Councilmember Becker for his work with this program.

All Voted **AYE**

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

**RESOLUTION NO.174 -12 RE: Authorize the settlement of Tax Certioraris with respect to Pike's Plaza.**

**RESOLUTION NO.174 A -12 RE: Authorize the settlement of Tax Certioraris with respect to a parcel located in the Village of Croton.**

**RESOLUTION NO.175 -12 RE: Authorize DOTS to evaluate alternate proposals with respect to access to the Sprout Brook Park facilities.**

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

**Award a Contract with respect to an upgrade to the Cortlandt Ridge sewer pump station.**

**RESOLUTION NO.176 -12 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare design plans and evaluate locations with respect to a new water storage tank.**

**RESOLUTION NO.177 -12 RE: Authorize DOTS to prepare design plans with respect to the Rt. 6 Cortlandt Blvd. streetscape improvements.**

**RESOLUTION NO.178 -12 RE: Authorize survey services with respect to the Cortlandt Waterfront Park.**

**RESOLUTIONS, (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION NO.179 -12 RE: Authorize the purchase of radios and related equipment to upgrade**

**RESOLUTION NO.180 -12 RE: Authorize a License Agreement with respect to a parcel located on 6th Street in Verplanck.**

**RESOLUTION NO.181 -12 RE: Authorize the cancellation of tax liens with respect to property on Watch Hill Road.**

**RESOLUTION NO.182 -12 RE: Authorize a contract amendment with respect to the taping of the Cortlandt "Taking Care of Business" show.**

**RESOLUTION NO.183 -12 RE: Authorize amending the V&T Code and authorize DES to install a stop sign at the intersection of Strang Blvd. and Putnam Road.**

**Discussion:** Supervisor Puglisi stated that the improvements for Cortlandt Blvd. came from a federal grant of 80% expenditure and the 20% expenditure from the Town. The Supervisor urged residents to watch "Taking Care of Business" of which Councilmember Becker is the coordinator and the Board members take turns going to the small businesses to showcase their business.

All Voted **AYE**

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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**Receive and File the Following:**

**RESOLUTION NO.184 -12 RE: Authorize the Director of Technical Services to retain a Contractor to install a cofferdam with respect to a culvert crossing Sprout Brook Road.**

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**

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**SECOND HEARING OF CITIZENS**

**Rosemary Boyle Lasher**  
**Verplanck**

Here to mention that there is an upcoming **First Responders Golf Outing**, an annual outing and that this is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of this event. She stated that Ken Sherman, Recreation Department, has done a great job every year. This is for the first responders and they will get a discounted rate to play at the Hollowbrook Golf Course for this event. It will be \$140 per person if you are not a volunteer and it will be held on Monday, October 22.

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**HEARING OF CITIZENS, cont.**

Ms. Boyle Lasher encouraged everyone to come out to support the first responders and play in the outing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Becker and Councilmember Lindau-Martin.

All voted **AYE**

Respectfully submitted,

**JO-ANN DYCKMAN,  
Town Clerk**