

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Nadia Rajsz opened the meeting at 6:58 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Nadia Rajsz
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr
Councilman Jay Shafer
Councilman James Akt
Councilman William J. McKerrell

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Sophia Martyneec, and Bob Melvin, representative from O&R Utilities.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that before the Board members reviewed their Agenda she would like to introduce Bob Melvin from O&R Utilities who is here to discuss the recent energy audit O&R did for the Town. Melvin reported he sent out an updated energy audit report, noting they are handling the audits for 5 boroughs. Melvin reported these energy audits are free to the town with no commitment to take advantage of the recommendations that O&R makes. Melvin stated that O&R pays 70% of the cost of the project should the town agree to go with the changes. Melvin noted they provide properly licensed and trained contractors to do the work. Melvin reported the Town would pay 30% of the cost of the project. Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Highway Superintendent had some concerns about the lighting changes. Melvin reported that the new lights use less electricity and are more intense, noting they did the Town of Woodbury Highway garage. Melvin reported the Town would be saving \$3,900 a year at the highway garage, \$1,800 in the municipal building, \$156 in the Town Hall, and \$592 in the Senior Center. Supervisor Rajsz questioned the possibility of the use of sensor lights? Melvin stated that they can be used in the bathrooms or rooms not used continuously. Melvin reported the total cost of the recommendations would be \$14,200, with the cost to the Town of only \$4,200, of which there would be an economic payback within the first 8 months. Melvin noted the average business saves \$200 a month with the changes. Councilman Akt questioned if there was any difference in doing the work in the summer or winter? Melvin reported they have installers in all area year round. Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Grant Writer had reported there was a grant for 100% funding for these proposed energy changes, however, she looked into it and there was no such grant.

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Councilman Akt questioned if the audit results would change once O&R installed a new loop? Melvin reported the results would not change. Supervisor Rajszyk stated the Board members would discuss what step to take next regarding this issue. Melvin mentioned they recently had done the energy audit changes in the Town of Deerpark. Councilman McKerrell stated they should contact Deerpark to see how they made out. Supervisor Rajszyk questioned what the Board members wanted to do? Councilman Shafer stated they should check with the Highway Superintendent to see how he felt about the proposed changes to the highway garage. Councilman Shafer also noted they should see how the budget comes out at the end of the year and whether they would have the money to go ahead this year or whether they have to wait until next year to do anything. Councilman McKerrell stated that, if we are going to recoup our costs within 8 months, we will have the savings much before the end of next year. Supervisor Rajszyk stated she would call the Deerpark Supervisor to see how they made out. Councilman McKerrell questioned if the bus garage or the elementary school was included in the energy audit?

Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Highway Superintendent dropped off a quote he got from P&N Alarm Company for the alarm system needed in the highway garage, noting the quote was for \$8,408, with an additional cost of \$2,188. Councilman Akt questioned if that was the only quote received? Supervisor Rajszyk reported they had only asked the Highway Superintendent to check with P&N because we use them here at the municipal buildings. The Board members agreed they should get other quotes before making any decisions.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that the Upper Delaware Scenic Byways has a grant for signage along the byway, noting it would be no cost to the town except to ask the Highway Dept. to install the signs. Supervisor Rajszyk stated they would need to do a Resolution by January 25th. Councilman Shafer stated they should make sure the sign adheres to our zoning. Supervisor Rajszyk noted they will need approval by Resolution of the Town Board to get the signs.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she had the maintenance man start the flooring in the hallway to the municipal building. Supervisor Rajszyk noted the maintenance man was against using laminate flooring and suggested commercial carpeting. The Board members agreed they should stay with the tile for easier cleanup. Councilman Akt will talk to the maintenance man.

The Board members reviewed the Agenda. Supervisor Rajszyk noted they have 2 Public Hearings on Wednesday night for 2 Local Laws. Councilman Akt questioned the dog licensing fees. The Town Clerk reported that the State is mandating that \$1 be sent to

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them for the spayed/neutered licenses and \$3 for the unsprayed/unneutered licenses so she has recommended raising the \$2.50 license to \$3.50 and the \$10.50 license to \$13.50. The Town Clerk also noted it was discussed to charge Senior Citizens the \$1 for spayed/neutered licenses and \$3 for the unsprayed/unneutered license which gives them a little break.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the Town Board will need to do another Local Law by January for flood mapping. Supervisor Rajsz reported she called Sullivan County and talked to Heather Jacksey about training that is available. Supervisor Rajsz stated that she will send the Local Law to the Town Attorney and recommended the Town of Lumberland hold a training center because this issue is important. Supervisor Rajsz noted that most people do not know what resources are available in case of an emergency such as flooding.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she received a copy of the Town of Highland's resolution regarding gas drilling and would like to blend the resolution from Peter Comstock and the Town of Highland's together for the Town of Lumberland resolution. The Board members reviewed both resolutions. Supervisor Rajsz also noted that the Board members have a packet of letters regarding the gas drilling that they will need to review before they decide whether to send them out or not.

Councilman Shafer noted the applicant for the LEC and questioned who the person was. The Town Clerk reported Susan Gregg has lived in the area for some time and was at the recent Town Board meeting.

The Board members discussed the meeting dates for the 2010 Year-End Meeting and the 2011 Re-Organizational Meeting. The Board members agreed to hold their 2010 Year-End Meeting on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building and their 2011 Re-Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Supervisor Rajsz requested the ad for the Re-Organizational Meeting also state to discuss any other Town business. Supervisor Rajsz reported she would like to hold the office Christmas party on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at noon in the Senior Center.

Councilman McKerrell questioned if the Supervisor had gotten a bill from the electrician for the proposed generator for the Town Hall? Supervisor Rajsz reported the engineering group she had been talking to had talked about sending down their electrical engineer at no cost to us to look at our Town Hall to see what we would need. Councilman Shafer noted the quote they had gotten from Ross Electric was the best price. Councilman McKerrell noted he had been looking into federal surplus items that are available.

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Councilman Shafer reported that Councilman Akt had received another application for the position of Grant Writer and questioned if the Town Board could interview the applicant at the year-end meeting? The Board agreed to have the applicant come in and meet with them at that time. Councilman Akt noted that the applicant is the grant writer for the Town of Highland and does an excellent job. Supervisor Rajszy will call the applicant and ask her to come to the December 29th meeting.

The Board members reviewed and initialed the vouchers.

Supervisor Rajszy reported she has a company looking at the phone bills from the last few years to see if there was tax charged that can be recouped for the Town.

Sophia Martynec questioned if there was anything new with the issue at Camp Simcha? Supervisor Rajszy reported no.

Councilman Akt made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk