

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Nadia Rajsz opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those members present were: Supervisor Nadia Rajsz
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr
Councilman Jay Shafer
Councilman James Akt
Councilman William J. McKerrell was Absent

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Roger Bisland, Keystones Associates representative Ken Gay, Historian Frank Schwarz, Chief Constable Patrick Cahill, Cemetery Committee Chairman Lewis Powell, Sophia Martynec and Joan Rosenfelt.

The Board members met with Chief Constable Patrick Cahill to review the application for the appointment of a per diem constable. Cahill reported that the applicant was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be at the Wednesday night Town Board meeting. Cahill reviewed the applicant's credentials. Supervisor Rajsz questioned if this appointment would be within the 2011 Constabulary budget? Cahill reported that it would be, noting he is recommending this applicant.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that Councilman McKerrell was not present tonight because she requested he attend the Town of Deerpark's Town Board meeting to get information on a representative that will be speaking at their meeting on negotiating contracts.

Supervisor Rajsz introduced Ken Gay from Keystone Associates who has been working on the feasibility study for the town and the need for more space for the municipal offices. Gay gave a presentation on the projected expansion of office space with extending the existing municipal building. Gay reported he met with all the departments as to their needs and gave out questionnaires for the offices to fill out. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the server room for the computer system would need to be temperature controlled. Gay presented the proposed drawings, noting these are not definite plans but just a proposal of what could be possible. The Board members discussed the various ways they could expand the existing building. Roger Bisland questioned if they were taking into consideration that the community is growing and suggested that the offices may need to be bigger than projected? Supervisor Rajsz questioned how much it would cost to enlarge the existing building? Gay reported that there are a lot of logistics to

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consider but we should figure approximately \$200 per square foot. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that there are grants out there for the courts, and we need to build a secure facility. Frank Schwarz reported there are block grants out there but it is being considered to phase them out. Joan Rosenfelt reported that Jewish synagogues are designed to accommodate both large and small areas, with sliding doors to close off an area when it is not needed. Gay noted that when you are dealing with federal or state monies you will have to deal with SHIPO, which oversees any aspect regarding historical buildings. Gay reported that the next step would be for the Board members to review what is available and he will come back with different proposals discussed tonight. Lew Powell questioned building out from the back of the senior center? Gay noted they would have to build on piers which he would not recommend. Councilman Carr stated that the seniors will not want their building changed in any way. Councilman Shafer stated that they could add to the back of the senior center, giving the seniors the newer space and use the back of the existing senior center as our much needed storage area. Frank Schwarz noted that federal funding could be jeopardized if you change the Town Hall, which is a historical building. The Board members agreed it would be better to expand the existing building than to build a separate building. Supervisor Rajszyk Thanked Gay for coming and requested he come back in a couple of weeks with the other options they discussed tonight.

The Board members reviewed the Agenda. Supervisor Rajszyk noted the Supervisor's report will be available for the Wednesday night meeting. Supervisor Rajszyk also noted she will be adding an additional Resolution for Wednesday night's meeting.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she talked to the Board of Elections regarding surplus of the old lever voting machines. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the Town will be allowed to scrap the machines and the Town will retain the money.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that on March 28th there will be a Waterfront Revitalization Program seminar, noting there is a grant to revitalize Route 97. Supervisor Rajszyk noted there is a steering committee for this program and she has appointed Susan Weber to be a member of the committee since she is a resident of Pond Eddy and interested in improving the area.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she met with the new CEO from Eagle Creek that bought the Mongaup/Rio Dam facilities regarding the corner property on Ct. Rt. 31 & Rte. 97. Supervisor Rajszyk noted there were grants out there that could be used to clean up the corner property.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported her office has opened new interest bearing cds. Supervisor Rajszyk also reported they had gotten a donation check from Kadampa Meditation Center

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for \$6,350, of which they have requested \$350 go to the Cultural Series, \$1,000 for the Constabulary, \$2,000 to the Highway Dept. and \$3,000 to the General Fund.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Town received paperwork from the Millennium Pipeline that included money for a pilot distribution, which was in lieu of taxes, in the amount of \$12,940.00..

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she had been contacted by a phone review company that would review all our phone bills from the last couple of years to see what, if any, taxes we were charged that we should not have paid. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that we have receiving credit for \$1,103 for taxes we paid out that shouldn't have been paid.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported the Town of Lumberland now has deferred compensation for anyone that would like to save money. Supervisor Rajszyk also reported that the annual financial report for the Town has been filed on time.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that she went to the annual Association of Towns training in NYC last month, which she felt was very informative, and stated that she would like all the Board members go next year.

Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the Town of Lumberland Resolution that was passed on tax exemptions was included in the program at the training. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that Councilman McKerrell was attending the Town of Deerpark meeting tonight to listen to someone speak on negotiating contracts. Supervisor Rajszyk noted she also sent her assistant to the Deerpark meeting.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that at the Association of Towns conference she met with a company that does employee manuals for municipalities, noting they have the option to have a person from this company come talk to the Board about the services they offer. Councilman Carr recommended finding out what these companies charge before having them come to the meetings.

Cemetery Committee Chairman Lewis Powell presented maps for the new section of the Glen Spey Cemetery and reported on the work that will be done next. Powell noted he talked to the Highway Superintendent about cutting trees down. Councilman Shafer noted that the Highway Dept. will do the work and then bill the Town and the monies will come out of the cemetery fund.

Resident Joan Rosenfelt questioned if anything is being planned for the Pond Eddy park, noting there are no more swings or a slide for the kids. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that Councilman McKerrell has been looking into it, noting he is trying to get some

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people from Pond Eddy to work on the project. Supervisor Rajszyk suggested Rosenfelt attend the next meeting of the Parks Committee.

Joan Rosenfelt questioned if the Supervisor had an answer to the question of whether anyone was making available to the residents to have cats spayed? Supervisor Rajszyk reported she talked to TARA and that a facility is available in Orange County not Sullivan County, but noted she will be calling them again. Supervisor Rajszyk reported she had asked TARA if the Town had a facility here would they manage it but she did not get an answer. Rosenfelt stated she is willing to make phone calls if that's what it would take for someone to come here to do the spaying.

Joan Rosenfelt stated she had a concern with the trees that were leaning over the roadways and falling into the roads. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that O&R had a tree trimming company trimming trees in the area but she will call to see if they are done with the project.

Frank Schwarz stated that he had spoken with the Supervisor about the possibility of an Eagle Scout project to do over the green shed that is in the park. Schwarz noted he will have the Scouts come to the next meeting with their proposal.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to close the Workshop Meeting at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Carr made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried. The Board members met with Bisland Insurance Agent Roger Bisland to discuss pending litigation.

Councilman Carr made a motion to close the Executive Session at 9:29 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Shafer made a motion to reopen the Workshop Meeting at 9:29 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

The Board members reviewed and initialed the vouchers for Abstract #3, 2011.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn, Town Clerk

