

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2017

The Lumberland Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Jenny Mellan opened the meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Jenny Mellan
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Leigh Sherman
Councilman Joseph Carr
Councilman James Akt
Councilwoman Zoriana Gingold

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski, Chief Constable Patrick Cahill, Constable Robert Maas, Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker, Code Enforcement Officer David Sparling, Rose Carr, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr., Supervisor's Bookkeeper Jeanne Mulcahey, Historian Frank Schwarz, Code Enforcement/Assessor Clerk Laurie Terry, Planning Board Chair Sharon Sparling, Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle, Jake Knibbs, Faith & Eric Robles, Dave Hook, Cathy Sterling, Debbie & Vinnie Martino, Dave Hulse from the River Reporter and Kaitlin Haas from the Sullivan County Democrat.

MINUTES

Councilman Carr made a motion to accept the Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2017, the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2017, and the 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Supervisor
 - b. Highway Superintendent
 - b. Town Clerk
 - c. Buildings
 - d. Constables
 - e. Fire Dept.
2. Grant Writer Updates
3. Planning Board Resolution – Smyth
4. Delaware River Basin Commission – Resolution – Natural Gas Development
5. Cultural Series Concert Report
6. DEC report- Outdoor Pavilion Construction
7. NYS Constitutional Convention schedule & Info
8. Court Justice Certificate of Training Completion – McKerrell
9. Upper Delaware Scenic Byway -2018 allocation request
10. UDC letter to Sullivan County – Emergency Telephones along Rt. 97

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11. NYS Senator Bonacic letter- Restore NY Grant
12. UDC Correspondence -2018-2019 State Funding Request (Late File)

Supervisor Mellan reported Item #7 was in regards to the issue of having a constitutional convention which will be up for a referendum vote on the back of the ballot in November. Supervisor Mellan noted that Item #12 was a late file that was received today from the UDC. Councilwoman Gingold made a motion to accept Correspondence #1 through #12, holding #10 & #12 for discussion, seconded by Councilman Sherman, all in favor, so carried.

Supervisor Mellan reported that Item #10 the Town Board discussed at the Workshop Meeting, noting this was a proposal to install emergency phones along Rt. 97 but it would cost the town \$24,000 for equipment and installation and another \$2,000 to maintain annually. Supervisor Mellan reported the Town Board members agreed that they were not interested in this expense.

Supervisor Mellan reported Item #12 was received today from the UDC requesting the towns do a resolution to support the UDC's request to seek funding from the DEC for the year 2018-2019. Supervisor Mellan reported the UDC provided a budget request justification statement that shows the UDC is seeking \$24,000 for a TAG grant supplemental funding and \$26,000 for substantial conformance reviews of municipal local laws, plans and ordinances. Dave Hulse reported that more information on the status of the funding request. The Board members agreed that the town would not send a letter in support of the UDC's request.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS

- #117 – Sand Bid Award
- #118 - Peak Powers Contract Renewal – Town Generators Maintenance
- #119 - Schedule 2018 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing
- #120 – Zoning Review Committee Appts.
- #121 - Town Support for Welcome Sign Purchase
- #122 - Upgrade Street Lighting Agreement with O&R
- #123 - Fire Dept. Emergency Radios Money Disbursement
- #124 - Municipal Offices Security Panic Buttons Purchase Approval
- #125 - Highway Truck Purchase Approval

Supervisor Mellan reported she made an error in the calculations on the proposed 2018 Preliminary Budget, noting the bookkeeper caught the error and it has been corrected. Supervisor Mellan stated she inadvertently omitted one of the bond payments to both the General & Highway Budgets, noting it was a \$5,000 difference. Supervisor Mellan reported she took the needed monies from the Contingency Fund line which does not change the final totals to the budget, noting we are still under the 2% cap. Councilman Akt

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stated he still wanted to take a look at the Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Mellan stated that they can still go to Public Hearing.

Supervisor Mellan reported on the upgrading of the street lights, noting she looked into other options and this was the least expensive way to go.

ABSTRACTS

Councilman Carr made a motion to approve Audit and Approval of General Fund & Highway #10, 2017, with General Fund Prepaid Claims in the amount of \$ 10,880.34, General Fund Claims G17-#365 through #407 in the amount of \$ 15,834.22, Highway Prepaid Claim in the amount of \$ 13,032.20, Highway Fund Claims #H17- #416 through #449 in the amount of \$ 104,663.06, with a total of Abstract #10, 2017 of \$ 144,409.82, seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor so carried.

Proclamation

New Business

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Councilman Akt stated there had been no Planning Board meeting this month.

Councilman Carr reported he attended the Fire Dept. meeting and it was reported that our ambulance has responded to 100% of its calls whereas some of the other departments in the county have not. Councilman Carr also noted that the Fire Dept. has covered their calls also and within minutes of the initial call which ranks them, along with the ambulance, among the top in the county.

The Chief Constable reported on the Constabulary monthly activity.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported they have been busy and have plans for the 8th new house coming in since 2012. The Code Enforcement Officer questioned when the first zoning review committee meeting would be held? Supervisor Mellan stated it is up the committee to decide when they want to meet. The Code Enforcement Officer stated that the newest member of the committee will have to review what has already been done, noting there are a couple of issues that need to be addressed. Supervisor Mellan reported that the setup for the new committee was to address the issues in phases. The Attorney for the Town stated that the first phase will be to review what has already been done. The Attorney for the Town requested the email contact info of the newest member.

The Town Clerk reported that they have been contacted by a member of a family that is requesting permission to put cremains in with 2 family members already buried in the Glen Spey Cemetery, noting that the cremains are that of the daughter of the two people buried. The Town Clerk noted that the Town gave previous permission for a similar situation. The

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Board members agreed to grant permission to allow the family member to be buried in the existing family plots.

Cultural Series Director, Frank Schwarz, reported that the recent Cultural Series Concert was excellent, noting the Supervisor attended the concert and there were a lot of new faces in attendance.

The Grant Writer, Frank Schwarz, reported they got a couple of quotes that he submitted for the Plans & Progress grant, noting they requested more than one quote for the proposed new town sign. Supervisor Mellan noted the Board members had the submitted quotes. Schwarz reported that they are processing the check for the SAM Grant. Schwarz reported that for the #6499 SAM Grant he has not heard back yet and will schedule a conference call with them and the Supervisor. Schwarz noted he is still waiting for the GDA to fill out and submit for reimbursement.

Planning Board Chair, Sharon Sparling, reported they had no meeting last month but have been working on a lot change with an applicant who wants to create two lots. Sparling noted the November Planning Board meeting will be held in the Senior Center because of Election Day.

The Highway Superintendent thanked the Town Board for the approval to buy a new truck.

Fire Dept. President, Ann Steimle, reported EMS is the hot topic in Sullivan County right now, noting that Legislators and Supervisors are looking at EMS. Steimle reported the Town of Lumberland Fire Dept. is doing great, unlike others, noting County wide the response is at 35%. Steimle noted that the population in the area swells in the summer with more calls. Steimle noted that there will be a change in the shift in EMS and thanked the Town Board for the money that will be used towards the cost of the new emergency radios.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle and Fire Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Terry Knibbs presented the Town with a new AED (defibrillator) kit that was purchased with donated money to the Fire Dept. Steimle reported it had been discussed to donate the unit to the town for a public access defibrillator to be installed outside the town buildings. Steimle stated that the person donating the funds wanted to do something for the community. Supervisor Mellan noted that it had been discussed that the unit needs to be installed where it will be the most secure. Supervisor Mellan stated that the Board will do a resolution at the November meeting accepting the donation.

Sharon Sparling stated that she would like to speak to the Town Board as a citizen, noting that she has done several appraisals in town but that one of the most detrimental sites in town is the condition of the road over Rio Dam. Sparling submitted pictures of the bridge's damage and questioned why the owners, Eagle Creek, are not doing anything to repair it?

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Sparling stated it is an eyesore and they should revitalize and maintain the area, noting it is a complete shame to have let it go to this condition. The Attorney for the Town stated she will be in touch with Eagle Creek's attorneys.

The Town Clerk reported they had an issue with a vehicle that drove straight through Circle Park during the day, noting it was lucky no children were out playing in the park at the time. The Town Clerk suggested they may have to put up a sign to stop anyone from driving on the grass or put up a fence to prevent them from doing it.

Supervisor Mellan read the Special Announcements.

Councilwoman Gingold made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn, Town Clerk