

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2017

The Lumberland Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Jenny Mellan opened the meeting at 7:01 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 was Absent

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski, Constable Robert Maas, Historian Frank Schwarz, Rose Carr, Cathy & Bill Konival, Supervisor's Bookkeeper Jeanne Mulcahey, Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle, Caroline Akt, Robert King, Mike Rajs, Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker, Yaron Fidler, Dave Hulse from the River Reporter, Steven Kosmacher, 3 representatives from the Kadampa Meditation Center and two unknown attendees.

MINUTES

Supervisor Mellan stated she would like the Meeting Minutes approved separately since she was not present for the February 15th meeting.

Councilman Carr made a motion to accept the Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2017, Seconded by Councilman Sherman. Councilman Carr made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2017 as written, seconded by Councilman Akt, 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. Orange/Sullivan Hospice Spring Volunteer Training notification
3. Grant Writer Mid-Term Report – Highway Software Program
4. Grants Writer Reports – Energy & Fuel Oil Costs Comparisons
5. Time and the Valleys Museum notification
6. Planning Board Mtg. Minutes - Dec.
7. Sullivan County Press Release—Annual Tree & Shrub Sale
8. SC Division of Planning - notification of completed continuing education course of TOL Planning Board members

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Supervisor Mellan reported she had a late file Correspondence to add, noting it was notification from the Town of Forestburgh that they will be Lead Agency for their Comprehensive Plan Update. Councilman Sherman made a motion to accept Correspondence #1 through #9, seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS

- #64 - Town Donation –Youth Program - Akt
- #65 - Schedule Public Hearing – Time Warner Cable Contract Renewal
- #66 - UDC Grant Purchase Approval – Highway Software Program
- #67 - Advertise River Corridor Trash Cleanup Bid
- #68 - Advertise Stone & Gravel Bid (Late File)
- #69 - Court Judge Request- Judicial training (Late File)
- #70 - Use of Ball Field Request –Modified Softball (Late File)
- #71 - Town Road Dedication Approval – Shafer Heights Road (Late File)
- #72 - Continued Landfill Monitoring Approval – Barton & Loguidice (Late File)

Yaron Fidler questioned if the Public Hearing for the Time Warner Cable was a separate meeting from the regular meeting? Supervisor Mellan reported the Public Hearing on the Time Warner Cable franchise would be held at 7:15 the night of the regular Town Board meeting on April 12th.

The Town Clerk verified that the Town received a Certificate of Insurance from the Modified Softball League who was requesting use of the Town Ball Field.

Supervisor Mellan verified that the amount Barton & Loguidice would be charging for the Landfill monitoring has been the same amount for the last couple of years.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Constable Robert Maas reported the Chief Constable was not available and noted the Monthly Constabulary Report.

Councilman Akt reported that the Code Enforcement Officer was away at school and that the Planning Board has one application they are addressing.

Councilman Sherman reported the Cemetery Committee is still looking for members. Councilman Sherman reported the maintenance man is insulating the windows in the offices and painting in the municipal building. Councilman Sherman reported they have been looking for bids to do the roofing on the Records Room.

Councilman Carr reported the Seniors are out of hibernation. Councilman Carr congratulated the Fire Dept. and the Highway Dept. for the cleanup after the storm, noting that the Mohican Lake area got hit the hardest.

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Supervisor Mellan reported there are fliers available regarding the Post Office's Passport Event on March 18th and the Route 97 closure in Sparrowbush from March 22nd to June 29th. Yaron Fidler stated it was ridiculous for that work to take 3 months.

Supervisor Mellan reported they received the refund check from Time Warner Cable for \$40,480.22 for franchise fees not paid and they spent \$1,192.50 for the attorneys that reviewed the contract to recoup the monies.

Supervisor Mellan reported that they are saying the storm 2 weeks ago was a micro burst, noting that when she spoke to Ann Steimle during the storm they realized that the Town's Emergency Management Plan was outdated and needs to be reviewed. Supervisor Mellan stated the contacts need to be updated, noting the Town of Highland addressed in their plan what needs to be done during different types of events.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector reported they are winding down the tax collecting season.

The Attorney for the Town reported she went to training on the new "Zombie Law", noting that the training only scratched the surface of the law and that the law mainly deals with bank foreclosures. The Attorney for the Town stated the Town will have to address any other issues, noting that the training did discuss regulating short term rentals.

Grant Writer, Frank Schwarz, reported they can now go ahead with the Highway Software Program and he will contact the Highway Superintendent. Schwarz recommended we try to apply for the TAG Grant for the updating of the Emergency Management Plan.

Historian Frank Schwarz reported he has done the comparison with the energy bills, noting we have saved considerably with the insulating of the Town Hall and conserving on usage. Schwarz noted we have gone from \$13,059.49 in 2015, to \$10,219.85 in 2016. Schwarz reported the fuel oil that heats the buildings has gone from \$5,778.48 in 2014, \$2,252.58 in 2015 to \$1,746.41 in 2016. Yaron Fidler noted that in 2014 we had the coldest winter we ever had. Councilman Sherman agreed. Steven Kosmacher questioned what the difference was with the cost of fuel oil during those years? Supervisor Mellan noted that in 2014 the cost was high because of the cold. Schwarz noted it was encouraging to see the costs lowering.

Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle reported that a microburst event taxes our Fire Dept, Highway Dept. and Constables who responded during the recent storm. Steimle reported several people donated food and had it delivered, noting by Sunday afternoon when the utility workers showed up to see if they could get any food and drink the Fire Dept. had more than enough to share. Steimle reported that the Fire Chief and his wife welcomed a new baby girl today. Steimle stated they did a great job cleaning up after the storm.

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OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Caroline Akt questioned if the Board was going to discuss the LOSAP paperwork since it was noted on the agenda? Supervisor Mellan reported the Board members discussed it among themselves since it contains personal information and cannot be discussed in public.

Frank Schwarz noted that the Association of Municipal Historians of New York State will have a meeting in the Senior Center on April 29th in Eldred. Schwarz noted he would also like to attend the national meeting in Poughkeepsie for credit.

Yaron Fidler questioned if the storm that hit Mohican Lake was a tornado? Ann Steimle reported they have determined it was a straight line storm.

Zangmo from the Kadampa Meditation Center reported their annual event will be coming up soon which will result in a lot more traffic in town and that they will be having more public hours in their café.

Yaron Fidler questioned if Time Warner Cable was the only choice the Town has? Supervisor Mellan reported they could not get another company that will come into the area.

ABSTRACTS

Councilman Carr made a motion to approve Audit and Approval of General Fund & Highway #3, 2017, General Fund Prepaid Claims in the amount of \$11,122.21, General Fund Claims G17-#094 through #130, in the amount of \$13,328.30, Highway Fund Prepaid Claims in the amount of \$ 13,486.47, and Highway Fund Claims #H17-#075 through #143 in the amount of \$ 76,694.07, with a total of Abstract #3, 2017 of \$ 114,631.05, seconded by Councilman Sherman, all in favor so carried.

Supervisor Mellan noted the Special Announcements.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Councilman Sherman, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn, Town Clerk