

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2016

The Lumberland Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 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.

The Town Board members met at 6:45 p.m. and reviewed and initialed vouchers.

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, Rose Carr, Herb Baxter, J.J. Hansen, Kristen Hansen, Becky Ryman, Mathew Campanella, Cathy & Bill Konival, Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle, Chief Constable Patrick Cahill, Code Enforcement Officer David Sparling, Hattie Brush, Susan Wade, Historian Frank Schwarz, Sharon Sparling, Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker, Peter Comstock, Supervisor's Clerk Heidi Spannos, Bohdan Kandiuk, Zangmo and Amy Schwartz from Kadampa Meditation Center, Christine Smetaniuk, Griffin Major and Dave Hulse from the River Reporter.

Supervisor Mellan reported that the Board members reviewed the vouchers before the meeting. Supervisor Mellan reported that there will be a brief presentation from the "Can't Hurt Steel Foundation" that has been recently formed.

J.J. Hansen reported he had been previously diagnosed with brain cancer and was given 4 months to live while he was living in Florida. Hansen reported he made the decision to come back home to this area and he is now in full remission. Hansen stated the community was a big help and he felt it was time to give back to the community, noting everyone faces difficult challenges. Kristen Hansen reported that the community rallied around their family and they formed the "Can't Hurt Steel Foundation" that they hope will provide financial assistance and wellness programs in the community. Becky Ryman reported she has reached out to Orange & Sullivan Counties with the hope their foundation will piggyback off of their organizations and that all donations are tax deductible. Mathew Campanella reported that they have several events planned, noting one was a Gala at Camp Konia and one was a K5 event. Supervisor Mellan stated if they have fliers please bring them in so we can post it on the Town website and on the sign posts.

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Councilman Carr made a motion to accept the Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2016 as written, seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Supervisor
 - b. Town Clerk
 - c. Buildings
 - d. Highway Superintendent
 - e. Constables
2. Emails –Opposing Highland Compressor Station
3. Time Warner Cable notification
4. Grant Writer Update
5. Catskill Regional Medical Center – notification of event
6. Tax Collector 2015 Annual Report
7. Delaware Liquor License Services Letter request- Lake House Restaurant, Inc.
8. NYS DOT – bridge replacement notification – Rt. 42 in Deerpark
9. Highway Superintendent 2016 Expenditure of Monies
10. Can't Hurt Steel Community Foundation letter
11. Planning Board Mtg. Minutes- Jan. 5th
12. SC Division of Public Works notification (Late File)
13. SC Soil & Water Conservation District – Annual Tree & Shrub Sale (Late File)
14. UDC Homeland Security Funding Proposal notification (Late File)

Supervisor Mellan reported that Item #2 was various letters received in support of the opposition to the compressor station that is proposed in the Town of Highland, Item #3 was a listing of channels that Time Warner Cable were eliminating, Item #5 was notification of an event to recognize emergency responders, Item #7 was a request for a 30 day waiver letter from the Town for a liquor license application for the Lake House Restaurant, Item #8 was notification of a bridge closing on Rt. 42 in SparrowBush and Item #12 was notification by DOT regarding line striping on the roads.

Councilman Sherman made a motion to accept Correspondence #1 through #11, Seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Carr made a motion to waive the 5 day rule for late file Correspondence #12, #13, and #14, seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS

- #60 – State of NY Authorize Use of Best Value Award Methodology
- #61 - Amend Mileage Reimburse Rate
- #62 - Advertise Bid- Grant Project
- #63 - Continuing Landfill Monitoring Approval
- #64 - Advertise Stone & Gravel Bid
- #65 - Use of Town Ballfield- Eldred Modified Softball Team (Late File)

Councilman Sherman questioned the specs on the windows and doors replacement project?

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The Town Clerk reported she received what the Grant Writer gave her. Frank Schwarz, the Grant Writer reported that they will also need to include in the specs that the sills must be flat for handicap accessibility. The Grant Writer noted he has the specs for the original windows and doors. Councilman Sherman questioned who determined that the windows and doors were insufficient? The Grant Writer stated that the funds were available through the State and Municipal Facilities Grant and this phase will complete the grant.

ABSTRACTS

Councilman Sherman made a motion to approve Audit and Approval of General Fund & Highway #3, 2016, General Fund Prepaid Claims in the amount of \$19,179.67, General Fund Claims G16-#0106 through #162, in the amount of \$60,393.94, Highway Fund Prepaid Claims in the amount of \$ 12,029.92, and Highway Fund Claims #H16-#80 through #144 in the amount of \$ 42,722.74, with a total of Abstract #3, 2016 of \$ 134,326.27, seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor so carried.

Proclamations

New Business

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Mellan reported everything was going well in the offices and the Town website is being updated. Supervisor Mellan reported we are moving forward with putting information from 2016 into the website and will try to go back to previous years if possible to update further.

Councilman Sherman reported he sat in on the conference call with the Supervisor and Time Warner Cable. Councilman Sherman reported the Highway Superintendent is getting ready for paving season.

Councilwoman Gingold reported the UDC is looking into showing people what they can do in the area, noting they will have their annual river cleanup and they are working on a new workbook with local municipalities. Councilwoman Gingold reported that the UDC is submitting a letter to Senator Schumer to get funding for emergency call boxes along the river corridor. Frank Schwarz questioned if the call boxes would be in the Town of Lumberland? Councilwoman Gingold replied that there will be 10 call boxes from the Mongaup to Barryville.

Councilman Carr reported the Seniors had an Executive Meeting and the regular monthly Senior Club meetings will start in April, noting most of the snow birds will be back by then. Councilman Carr reported the Seniors have planned their calendar for the year.

The Town Clerk reported they are working on wrapping up the tax season at the end of this month, noting her office will be open the last Saturday in March.

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The Code Enforcement Officer reported the town offices will be using the old Constable vehicle for town business. The Code Enforcement Officer reported his office got their 1st house permit for the year, that the cell tower being put up cost a lot of money and that he felt that the call boxes were a good idea.

The Chief Constable reported on the Constabulary monthly activity, noting they have a mutual aid agreement with the Town of Highland.

Historian Frank Schwarz Thanked the Supervisor's Clerk, Heidi Spannos, for updating the Town website. Schwarz reported he is working on processing the historical markers brochure and he attended the Comp Plan Review committee meeting.

Cultural Series Director Frank Schwarz reported the first concert this year will be on May 1st with the Middletown Choral, noting the admission is \$10 and it will be at 3 p.m. Schwarz reported there will be the Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m. on May 30th.

Historian Frank Schwarz reported that the Town got involved a couple of years ago in an energy saving program and he compared the bills for the two town buildings from February 2015 to February 2016, noting that this winter we had milder weather and better insulation in the Town Hall. Schwarz reported there was a savings of \$330 within the last year on heating costs for the Town Hall and the Municipal Building. Schwarz reported he put a LED bulb in the one ceiling light in the Town Hall, noting it is the equivalent of a 300 watt bulb and only uses 38 watts. Schwarz recommended changing the other lights to the same energy efficient bulb, noting each bulb cost about \$50 and are only available on amazon.com. Schwarz reported each bulb has a 32 year life expectancy.

Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle reported they had a fire in February that burned out a family on the coldest night of the year, noting that the community has rallied around this family with their support. Steimle reported they responded to their 55th & 56th calls so far this year, noting #56 was a brush fire. Steimle stated there is a burning ban on from March 14th to May 16th and let everyone know around you that you cannot burn outside during this time.

Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle reported that on Memorial Day Mystery Land will be playing again at Bethel Woods, noting they are allowing 19 year olds to attend this year which will bring a host of drinking problems. Steimle reported our area campgrounds are already booked for the event. Steimle reported she will be writing an article each month for the Sullivan County Democrat newspaper. Steimle noted they have 7 EMT's and are helping the Town of Highland and Port Jervis with ambulance calls. Supervisor Mellan questioned if the LOSAP paperwork was done? Steimle noted it was done.

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OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Griffin Major reported there will be a Eldred School Board meeting tomorrow night to discuss elections and the budget and urged everyone to come out and get involved.

Kadampa Meditation Center reported their annual Festival will be held the end of April into May with about 600 people attending. Supervisor Mellan questioned if the Center will be needing the back parking lot of the buildings for parking? Kadampa noted that they will be using the school for parking.

Peter Comstock reported the Town of Highland had passed their resolution in opposition of the Compressor Station and Thanked the Town of Lumberland for their support for Highland. Comstock noted that the Homestead School received an award from the Renaissance.

Supervisor Mellan noted the Special Announcements.

Councilman Akt made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn, Town Clerk