

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
& 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET WORKSHOP PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 1, 2017

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a monthly Workshop Meeting at 7 p.m. & a 2018 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 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 was Absent

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski, Constable Robert Maas, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr., Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker, Supervisor's Clerk Heidi Spannos, Billy McKerrell, Code Enforcement/Assessor Clerk Laurie Terry, Caroline Akt and Yarron Fidler.

The Town Board members reviewed the Agenda. The Board members reviewed the Meeting Minutes, Monthly Reports, Correspondence and Pre-filed Resolutions. Supervisor Mellan reported that the inspection by the Health Department shows no violations. Supervisor Mellan reported that County Waste sent a notification that they would no longer be servicing our waste hauling because of legal issues when they brought the company from Sullivan First. Supervisor Mellan reported they have reached out to Thompson Sanitation who will be doing the garbage pickup for the town for \$5 less per month starting November 1st, noting that County Waste was not going to be able to start up again until December 1st.

Supervisor Mellan reported they will be doing a Proclamation for Phyllis Knapp who passed away recently and had worked for the Town and as involved in other organizations in Town.

Supervisor Mellan reported that they have received the completed feasibility study that was done for the possibility of establishing a sewer district. Supervisor Mellan noted the cost of the feasibility study was covered by a grant. Supervisor Mellan stated that the study will be in her office for anyone that would like to review the 300 page document and she suggested they wait until January to address it.

Supervisor Mellan reported the Board members received a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the accumulation of garbage on a property in Mohican Lake, noting the Code Enforcement Officer is requesting the Town schedule a Public Hearing and have the Town clean up the garbage. The Attorney for the Town stated there is a law that gives the town the authority and the town will bill the owner of the cost. Supervisor Mellan reported there are co-

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Owners, noting one lives in North Carolina and the other owner is deceased. Councilman Sherman noted letters have been sent to the owners. The Attorney for the Town will contact the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the issue.

Councilman Sherman reported the replacement of the records room roof is completed.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC

Yarron Fidler questioned the judgement on the lawsuit with the Eldred School District and if it will affect the town? Supervisor Mellan stated that the Town has nothing to do with the School District and she would not comment on another Board's business.

Billy McKerrell reported the Halloween event was a success and the bathrooms will be closing soon. McKerrell reported the wooden bear statue at the entrance to Circle Park had to be taken down and a replacement would cost around \$5,000. McKerrell questioned if Parks and Rec could legally hold a fundraiser for the cost of the replacement statue? The Attorney for the Town will check into it. McKerrell noted they had discussed creating a go-fund-me site but was not sure if it was legal and they want to do everything legally. McKerrell reported the Highway Department has been working in the park and it has been great.

Don Hunt, Jr., Highway Superintendent, reported they should be getting delivery of both new trucks by the middle of December. Councilman Sherman questioned if the big truck will be ready to use to sand roads? Hunt reported it will not be set up yet. Supervisor Mellan reported they had a delay in ordering the big truck because they had to wait for the State for the grant approval. Hunt reported he filed for CHIPS money and FEMA reimbursement, noting the CHIPS money should be here in December but not sure when the other checks will be coming in.

Supervisor Mellan noted the streetlight in the municipal parking lot has been fixed and another one at the intersection in town went out recently, noting that was not one on the list to be fixed but may have to have that one done first.

Deputy Town Clerk, Michele Myslinski, questioned if the maintenance man could possibly put a chain up to prevent cars from driving through Circle Park? Billy McKerrell reported they used to have something put up but had to take it down. Councilman Akt reported the chain was taken down for ambulance access. The Attorney for the Town stated that if anything is put up it is for property protection. Supervisor Mellan reported she talked to Roger Bisland regarding the liability of installing an AED unit outside the buildings and Bisland informed her it would be covered under the Town's liability insurance.

Yarron Fidler stated the School District has to pay out one million dollars, questioned if it would be out of the insurance coverage or the school budget? The Attorney for the Town stated that sometimes it is covered under insurance. Supervisor Mellan reported that \$500,000 could be covered because of negligence, however, punitive damages are not covered under insurance.

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Caroline Akt questioned why the Town Board was having the Budget Public Hearing at the Workshop Meeting instead of the Regular Meeting? Supervisor Mellan reported that it had to be put out before the regular meeting so if there was anything that needs to be changed it will be done before the final approval which needs to be done by next week. Akt requested copies of the Preliminary Budget. The Town Clerk noted she has had them available since the ad for the Public Hearing was posted that they were in her office.

Councilman Carr made a motion to recess the Workshop Meeting and Open the Public Hearing For the 2018 Preliminary Budget at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Councilman Sherman, all in favor, so carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 P.M. – 2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

OPEN FLOOR FOR THE 1ST TIME.

No Comment

OPEN FLOOR FOR THE 2ND TIME

Caroline Akt questioned if the Assessor was getting paid under another title of photographer? Supervisor Mellan reported that is a separate position, noting it is for the data collector verifying the Assessor is only getting paid as the Sole Assessor. Supervisor Mellan stated that is for when the Assessor hires someone to come in to take pictures of different properties. Caroline Akt stated that she knows we are comparable with Highland and we have a full time Assessor and in Highland Lorry King, who is the Assessor, is part time. Caroline Akt questioned if our Assessor gets benefits and if she has an assistant? Supervisor Mellan reported that Code has an assistant. Caroline Akt questioned if the Tax Assessor has an assistant? Supervisor Mellan verified the Tax Collector is the Town Clerk. Caroline Akt stated she meant the Assessor. Supervisor Mellan stated the Assessor does not have an assistant.

OPEN FLOOR FOR THE 3RD TIME

No Comment

Councilman Carr made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen the Workshop Meeting at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

Councilman Sherman stated it was nice to see one of the candidates running in next week's election out to the Budget Public Hearing.

Councilman Sherman made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn, Town Clerk