

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Nadia Rajsz opened the meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Nadia Rajsz
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr
Councilman Jay Shafer
Councilman James Akt
Councilman William J. McKerrell

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Historian Frank Schwarz, Richard Hotzler, Sophia Martyneec, Betty Hallock, Assessor Judi Fliieger, Donald Hunt, Jr., Ann Steimle, Bill & Cathy Konival, Jason Ward, Mike Warne, Fran Bucksbee, Faith & Eric Robles, Wayne King, Ron Thiele, Herb Baxter, Howard Thiele, Karen & George Turner, Charlie Fallon and John Campbell.

Supervisor Rajsz stated there was only one correction to the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting held on May 9th, on page 3, paragraph 6, noting it should read that the flag “pole” was being installed for the Eagle Scout project.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she had the bookkeeper print up the actual numbers in all the Town bank accounts and cds, noting each total for both General Funds and Highway Funds. Supervisor Rajsz also reported she had the bookkeeper print up a list of all receipts for revenues for all departments.

The Board members reviewed the Monthly Reports and the Resolutions. Supervisor Rajsz noted there was a resolution for a proposed Local Law to indemnify the Town employees. Supervisor Rajsz noted there was a copy of the Local Law attached to the resolution. Councilman Shafer questioned the 2 indemnification resolutions for Pythian Camp deed agreement? The Town Clerk explained that they were both sent by the Town Attorney.

The Town Board reviewed the Correspondence. Supervisor Rajsz reported that at the last UDC meeting a pediatrician spoke about the health related issues from the fracking process.

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Supervisor Rajszyk reported that the Town of Roscoe won the best fishing town title. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that Sheila Hocker is looking for regulations for Bingo gaming. The Town Clerk reported she will contact Hocker with the information.

Supervisor Rajszyk submitted additional items for the Correspondence, noting they were DEC regulations for crossbow hunting, volunteer fire Assistance grants information, the Delaware Sojourn schedule and the Sullivan Renaissance scholarships notification.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that the Miller Environmental Group dug out the old fuel oil tank behind the Town Hall, noting that in the middle of the removal the power went out. Supervisor Rajszyk stated that they will need to excavate the site and take samples because the tank had holes in it. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the Fire Dept. provided a portable generator to Miller Environmental during the power outage. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that during the power outage the Assessor's computer was fried, noting that the computer technician is going to try to hook the Assessor up with a temporary computer while evaluating the damage. Councilman McKerrell questioned if the computer loss would be covered by insurance? Supervisor Rajszyk noted that the deductible is probably more than what a new computer would cost. Supervisor Rajszyk stated they will have the Town Board Wednesday night meeting in the Senior Center because the air conditioners in the Town Hall were disconnected with the excavating of the old fuel oil tank. The Town Clerk reported she has already talked to Sue Morley from the Senior Advisory Board about using the Senior Center.

The Town Clerk discussed with the Board members the problems they have been having with the mobile DMV for the last year with the DMV unable to hook into our computer system without bypassing our firewall protection and knocking all the offices off the internet while they are here. The Board members agreed that they should request the DMV no longer come into the offices and that people can go to the Town of Highland every other month to conduct their business with the DMV. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that, during the recent power outage, we again had no phones in the municipal building. Supervisor Rajszyk stated she will call Frontier to see if we can get service during emergencies.

The Town Clerk requested the Town Board discuss the salary for the Deputy Town Clerk position that she has advertised for, noting that she would like the Board to tell her what the starting salary would be for anyone she would like to hire to take her present Deputy's position. The Board members agreed the starting salary should be \$11 an hour.

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The Town Clerk discussed the Town pavilion use, noting she has had a request from a non resident to use the pavilion on October 1st. The Town Clerk noted she has informed this person that we usually only reserve the pavilion to town residents and last year had used September 30th as the last day to reserve the pavilion due to uncertain weather conditions that time of year. The majority of the Board members agreed that reservations to use the Town of Lumberland pavilion should be limited to town residents.

Councilman McKerrell noted that they have discussed getting a generator for the town buildings and that the Highland Lake Fire Dept. is getting rid of their old generator. Don Hunt, Jr. noted that the generator is manually operated. Supervisor Rajsz stated she felt they would need something more updated, and requested Councilman McKerrell talk to Rich McKean about the generator the Highland Fire Dept. wants to get rid of.

Councilman Shafer questioned if anything had come in about the MMTF resolution? Supervisor Rajsz reported she made a phone call to see if the resolution was available but has not heard anything yet.

Councilman Carr questioned if we had heard anything about cell tower service yet? Supervisor Rajsz reported she has heard nothing and she would like to send a letter to Congressman Schumer to request the need for better communications during emergencies. Supervisor Rajsz recommended everyone write a letter requesting better service. Cathy Konival reported she talked to Verizon and they won't bring service this far out. Supervisor Rajsz stated that Verizon has coverage in the Town of Tusten which is farther out than we are. Councilman McKerrell reported there is a work order from Verizon for the tower on Mohican Lake Road but it takes 6 – 9 months to complete.

Supervisor Rajsz stated the Town Board needs to have a brief Executive Session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Carr made a motion to close the Workshop Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Councilman Shafer, all in favor, so carried. Deputy Highway Superintendent requested he go into the Executive Session if they were going to discuss him. Supervisor Rajsz stated she was going to request Turner join them.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to close the Executive Session at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Carr made a motion to reopen the Workshop Meeting at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Councilman Shafer, all in favor, so carried.

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Cathy Konival presented the Town Board with a petition requesting that the Deputy Highway Superintendent be appointed as the temporary Highway Superintendent until the end of the year. Supervisor Rajsz stated that the Town Board will have a decision as to who will continue as Highway Superintendent at the Wednesday night Town Board meeting. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the decision will be to everyone's satisfaction. Councilman Akt stated it was nice to see everyone that is attending the meeting tonight, however, he noted that he has not seen anyone here tonight that has been at Circle Park helping out when help was needed. Supervisor Rajsz stated that after discussing with Deputy Highway Superintendent George Turner regarding the opening for the temporary Highway Superintendent position she apologized to him for not contacting him right away when they received Charlie Hallock's resignation as Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she left a message for Jesse G's Landscaping about the repair work needed on the rock wall at the Paye Cemetery. Councilman Akt reported he has talked to Ed Gavalla from Jesse G's about the damage to the wall.

Betty Hallock Thanked all the men on the highway department for their work during the recent storm, noting that some worked until 2:30 a.m. and then went back out at 7 a.m. that same morning. Karen Turner noted that the men were out until at least 8 p.m. that night. Supervisor Rajsz reported that the wind sounded like a freight train coming through town. Councilman Akt stated he appreciated all their work. Supervisor Rajsz reported that Charlie Fallon took her for a tour of the damage from the storm and was amazed at the amount of damage done.

Resident Howard Thiele approached Councilman Akt before leaving the meeting to take care of a personal matter, however, Councilman Akt verbally rebuffed Thiele.

The Town Board members reviewed and initialed the vouchers for the Abstract.

Supervisor Rajsz stated that George Turner, as the Deputy Highway Superintendent, will fulfill the duties of the Highway Superintendent and will be paid his regular hourly pay, plus 1/3 of the Highway Superintendent's monthly salary. Councilman McKerrell stated they should go back to having a Parks Commissioner, noting that there are holes that need to be filled at the ball field. Councilman McKerrell stated the Highway Dept. has the equipment and recommended they take care of the holes that need to be filled.

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Supervisor Rajsz questioned if, Heather Worzel, who they appointed as the temporary Tax Collector until the end of the year, was being paid the Tax Collector's salary? The Town Clerk verified that Worzel was appointed as the Tax Collector, therefore, because no other provisions were made when the appointment was made she would be paid the Tax Collector's salary.

Councilman McKerrell made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk