

## **LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**

**April 5, 2017**

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a monthly Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building 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, Constable Robert Maas, Rose Carr, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski, Caroline Akt, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr. and Steven Kostmacher.

Supervisor Mellan reported they need to act on Resolution #73 which was approval for the River Corridor Trash Pickup which had been discussed at the previous meeting, noting that this needed to be done now so they could submit it to the NPS. The Town Clerk verified we only got one bid.

Supervisor Mellan reported there will be a Public Hearing at next week's meeting for the Time Warner Cable franchise agreement. Supervisor Mellan reported after the Public Hearing next week the Sullivan County Legislative Chairman, Luis Alvarez will be coming to speak about his Address to the County and the highlights of what he is envisioning for the County in the coming year.

The Board members reviewed the Minutes and the Communications. Supervisor Mellan noted that the transfer station will now be accepting electronic waste items again. Supervisor Mellan reported we received a letter from Ben Brown from Camp Simcha praising the Highway Superintendent and the Highway Dept. for their work during the big snow storm. Supervisor Mellan noted the letter from the Sullivan County Legislature was notifying us of the scheduling of Chairman Alvarez coming to the towns which he is doing here next week.

Supervisor Mellan reported Item #9 was the Grant Writer updates. Councilman Sherman noted the Grant Writer is working on finishing up the existing grant that

is requiring all projects be submitted together and not as each individual one. Supervisor Mellan noted that they have put out requests for quotes for the refinishing of the Records Room roof but have received no quotes yet. Councilman Akt questioned what happened to the discussion on putting on a second floor to the Records Room? Supervisor Mellan reported the town does

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not have the money to do the second floor, noting that the Grant Writer is looking into a grant to scan documents which will solve part of the storage space for records. Councilman Akt questioned if this would be of help? The Town Clerk stated it would be, especially if they were to scan the building maps which take up a lot of the room but the project is extensive because you have to open each box, measure each piece and count how many pieces are in each box. The Town Clerk noted that if the Grant Writer gets a grant for this it will probably be a project that will be done next year. Councilman Sherman reported the Court also has records to be scanned. The Town Clerk verified there are court records in the town records room. Councilman Sherman reported the court will talk to their judicial system to see what they can do with their records. The Town Clerk reported the new microfiche machine is connected to the computer where you can print out from. The Town Clerk verified that no records have been scanned that would be put on microfilm, noting you would have to pay a company to do the scanning of records such as the building department maps. Supervisor Mellan stated we could scan regular documents and store them on a memory box which could be connected to the server so it would have easy access. The Town Clerk verified that most of the records in the records room are permanent retention, noting there are boxes of subdivision records which we are not sure if they are duplicate records and need to be looked at. The Deputy Town clerk noted that a lot of the boxes are Supervisor's records.

Supervisor Mellan reported they are in the last phase for the highway truck grant, noting there was an issue as to where the truck would be stored. Supervisor Mellan stated they had to verify that the truck would be stored on town property and had to send a copy of the deed to the highway garage. Councilman Akt stated with the delay the highway department will probably not get delivery of the truck before the next snow season. Councilman Akt questioned if the truck could be ordered without the plow? The Highway Superintendent reported that the county contract has changed so the price is a little higher than the first original price that was quoted.

Supervisor Mellan reported they received the Highway Expenditures report. The Highway Superintendent reported it is a rough estimate on what he plans to do this year but it is subject to change. Supervisor Mellan reported they received notification that there will be treatment program at Mohican Lake for watermilfoil that is an evasive plant. Councilman Akt reported they can do the treatment within a 7 acre area. Supervisor Mellan reported they received notification that Sullivan County will end the Snow & Ice Watch on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Mellan reported that the bids for Stone & Gravel will be opened tomorrow and the recommendation from the Highway Superintendent will be available for next week's meeting. Supervisor Mellan reported that the town is scheduling a Spring Cleanup Day on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the highway garage which is contingent on final approval from the County Legislature. Councilman Akt noted that they are only allowed a 7 ton allotment. The Highway Superintendent stated we always go over that limit.

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Supervisor Mellan reported they have a Noise Permit request, noting that the time frame requested is until 1 a.m. for each of the 3 days. The Board members discussed the usual time limits they have allowed and all members agreed to approve the request until 11:30 p.m. for each night. The Board members compared the approved requests from the previous years. Councilman Carr stated they should let them do it this one time. Caroline Akt stated this was in a residential area. Constable Maas stated the camps are also in a residential area and they are granted noise permits every year.

Supervisor Mellan reported that Resolution #78 was to approve a quote for work to be done on the Town Hall which there is a grant for. Supervisor Mellan noted there is only one quote because it is hard to find one person who will do all the work. Councilman Sherman reported that this quote was the same amount as the original quote submitted last year. The Deputy Town Clerk questioned if this project would require a PRC number, noting she will check on it.

The Board members reviewed the Noise Permits for Camp Lokanda that were received today. Supervisor Mellan reported they received a request from an electrical inspection company that would like to be added to our Town listing. The Town Clerk noted the Code Enforcement Officer stated he had no preference as to whether he needed another person on the listing since there were already 6 on the list. The Board members reviewed the request and deemed it not necessary to grant the request since the company was from out of town and there were already 6 on the listing.

Supervisor Mellan reported there had been a recent article in the newspaper about the local reservoirs and releasing water for NYC. Supervisor Mellan passed around the printout that was sent regarding this issue. Councilman Akt stated that FERC handles the water in the Mongaup. Constable Maas stated that the problem seems to be that they hold back waters until they let it go and cause flooding in the springtime which wipes out the local canoe liveries along the Delaware.

The Board reviewed the vouchers.

Supervisor Mellan reported they have 2 Proclamations, noting one was recognition of the 4 Eagle Scouts and the other was recognition of the local VFW for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Councilman Akt reported at the Planning Board meeting last night there is someone who is looking to have a road paved out to Kalin Weber Road if their request for a subdivision is granted which will affect the town. Caroline Akt reported the property was originally bought as a hunting camp which is located by the old town dump. Councilman Akt stated that the original agreement was the land was suppose to be kept for a hunting camp and now they want to subdivide. Caroline Akt stated they should put conditions on it. Supervisor Mellan stated she thought there were conditions put on it originally? Councilman Akt reported they have the engineers working on it. Caroline Akt stated the applicants of the subdivision should say what

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the purpose of the subdivision is and what are their intentions. Councilman Akt noted they have to go before the ZBA for a variance first, noting the owner does not have an engineer only a survey map. Councilman Akt stated that, eventually, Sullivan County will take over the old dump. Supervisor Mellan noted that when they looked into closing the old dump it came to light that the previous company that was monitoring it was not in compliance and now we can only wait for when the DEC says we can close it. The Highway Superintendent reported they never had to do any work at the dump until the new company doing the monitoring took over.

Steve Kostmacher questioned if the Highway Superintendent had looked at the road he reported had issues? The Highway Superintendent reported he did look at it, noting they will be sealing the road this year, explaining the different processes they could use and that he has decided to go with the cheaper process since the other process is much more costly. The Highway Superintendent reported they have a rotation process when doing the roads.

Councilwoman Gingold reported on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m. the Little League will have opening day. Councilwoman Gingold reported they will be working on the ball field here and at Pond Eddy this coming Sunday. The Highway Superintendent reported they had been talking about rebuilding the dugouts for some time and that the school is donating aluminum bleachers to replace the old wooden ones in Pond Eddy.

Supervisor Mellan reported she received an email from the school that they are excessing white boards and are offering to give them to the town at no cost. Supervisor Mellan reported that the Planning Board is interested in using one and the Seniors may want one. Councilman Akt noted that you can do power point presentations on them.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on the amount of tax monies we took in this year, noting we are getting ready to close the books and turn them over to County. The Town Clerk reported that there is a Tax Collectors meeting next Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Monticello, noting they will be addressing the issue of eliminating the e-check option of payment since that did not work well this year. The Town Clerk also reported they only had 2-3 bounced checks this year and every one of them was taken care of.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn  
Town Clerk