

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

June 1, 2016

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a monthly Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Jenny Mellan opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Those members present were: Supervisor Jenny Mellan
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Leigh Sherman
Councilman James Akt
Councilman Joseph Carr
Councilwoman Zoriana Gingold (arrived late)

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Rose Carr, Grant Writer Frank Schwarz, Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker, Christine Smetanuik, Town Engineer Joseph Gottlieb, Sullivan County Legislator Nadia Rajsasz, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski and David Mellan.

Supervisor Mellan reported they will have the Town Engineer talk about the doors replacement project. Town Engineer, Joe Gottlieb distributed paperwork to the Board members, noting that these projections are the normal for municipalities. Gottlieb reported that the replacement doors, except for the Records Room door, are all fiberglass and the same style we have now, noting the bottom 1/3 of the door is composite so it doesn't rot and the hardware is all commercial grade. Supervisor Mellan stated that the grant is for 7 door replacements but she would like to bid all 8 which will include a steel door for the Records Room and pay for that one separately. Gottlieb stated they can list the 8th door as an alternate door but you should keep it separate. Gottlieb noted the Records Room door has to be metal and they would also have to do the frame too. Councilman Akt stated that whoever gets the bid should be taking the old doors. Gottlieb stated that all the doors are paintable. Frank Schwarz stated that the painting can be done by the buildings maintenance man. Councilman Sherman noted it should be pvc trim which will need no painting. Schwarz stated the doors have to be handicap accessible. Gottlieb stated he will draw up the specs and get them to the Town Clerk. Supervisor Mellan requested they be done by next week's Town Board meeting. Councilman Akt stated we need to have the Town Engineer verify the work was done properly before payment is made.

The Board members reviewed the Agenda. Supervisor Mellan reviewed the Meeting Minutes and the Monthly Reports, noting the Supervisor's Report and the Highway Monthly Report would be available for next week's meeting. The Board members reviewed the Correspondence. Supervisor Mellan reported that there was a Cultural Series Concert report, notification from the UDC that they will be reimbursing the Town \$775 for the River Corridor Cleanup and a letter from Sullivan County DPW that they are doing a paving project on County Route 31, noting that is now delayed because they had to go elsewhere to finish up a project. Nadia Rajsasz

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reported there were a couple of people that have complained about the culvert pipe on Ct. Rt. 31 that is in front of their property but she contacted the County and it should be addressed.

Supervisor Mellan reported she received a letter from FERC that the Millenium Pipeline will be upgrading, noting it does not have anything to do with the compression station. The Attorney for the Town reported it does include the proposed compression station in Sullivan County, noting if anyone wants to make a comment on that project they have until June 10th to submit it.

Councilman Sherman noted that the fire suppression reports were for the stoves in the Town Hall and Senior Center kitchens. Supervisor Mellan noted the donation from Kadampa Center. Supervisor Mellan noted we received a letter from the County Legislature. County Legislator, Nadia Rajs, reported that Chairman Alvarez is envisioning to look forward in the County to improve Public Health and Collabration.

The Board members reviewed the Pre-filed Resolutions. The Attorney for the Town stated that the Town Board cannot schedule a Public Hearing to address the Comp Plan review proposal until after the committee presents the material at the informational meeting on June 9th.

Christine Smetanuik questioned if there can be camping at their annual Ukrainian festival, noting she spoke with the Code Enforcement Officer who did not see a problem. The Attorney for the Town will check with the Planning Board Attorney.

Supervisor Mellan reported that Resolution #91 was part of a Legislature Grant Frank Schwarz had gotten which was for the purchase of a projection screen. Schwarz noted he recommended the middle quote which would cost \$279.

Supervisor Mellan noted that Camp Simcha put in for Noise Permits and reported their annual bike-a-thons are coming up. Supervisor Mellan will put in a call to Ben Brown to discuss this along with the schedule for their helicopter rides. Supervisor Mellan noted the donation from Kadamp Meditation Center.

Supervisor Mellan reported they have a Proclamation recognizing Don Hunt Jr for his recent river rescue. Nadia Rajs suggested sending the Proclamation to the UDC who does an annual Life Saving Award.

Supervisor Mellan reported she received information regarding a camper parked on a neighbor's property at Mohican Lake, noting this was an issue last year.

Supervisor Mellan reported she received a request from Sullivan County for support in their effort to create a land bank. Nadia Rajs reported the County is working with the villages and towns, noting it is not to make money. Councilman Akt reported Bethel has already started land banking.

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Supervisor Mellan reported she has information on the MVP Health care plan, noting that New York State is looking to increase the cost by 10% to 15% effective January 2017.

The Attorney for the Town stated that maybe the Town should look into how this increase is going to affect their budget and they may have to consider overriding the 2% tax cap.

Supervisor Mellan reported she has already started working on the 2017 budget. Nadia Rajs reported the County will be overriding the 2% tax cap. Supervisor Mellan noted that if we do not go over the tax cap we can use what we didn't use last year. Nadia Rajs stated you can go online and see what you have available for this coming year. The Attorney for the Town stated she would look into the law to override the tax cap. Supervisor Mellan stated she would check with the Assessor. Nadia Rajs reported the County just passed the new jail project so that will affect the County line on the property tax bills, noting the impact to each individual taxpayers should be a \$50 to \$60 increase. Dave Mellan stated it should have been done way before this when the cost was not as much. Councilman Akt stated the County should have done the right thing with the dump but they didn't and now we have people who are eating cat food because they can't afford to pay their taxes. Nadia Rajs stated that they are hoping the casinos will bring in more business and jobs.

Nadia Rajs reported that she talked to Christine Smetanuik regarding the Summer Youth Program budget, noting that what was approved in January for the personnel budget should be enough to cover the expenses. Supervisor Mellan stated that the fund line does not reflect what was approved on the Salary page, noting that there was only enough to pay the Director, Assistant Director and the Assistant and only leaves \$110 for hiring aides to help out with the program. Supervisor Mellan reported Ann Steimle was hired last year on the 2nd week of the Program to administer medications but this year's budget did not reflect monies to hire someone again this year. Nadia Rajs noted she paid Steimle out of her personnel salary line last year.

Grant Writer, Frank Schwarz, reported they will need 2 more resolutions for next week's meeting, noting one was for the Plans and Progress Grant. Schwarz noted that the UDC Grant for the historical markers was ready to go to press and that ½ of the cost has to be paid up front, noting the full amount is \$1,500 so \$750 would have to be put on a voucher to be paid now. Schwarz noted this was in the budget line and is not one we do all along.

Nadia Rajs reported she talked to Dick Martinkovic about planes that have been practicing for air shows over the town to see if the planes can be tracked because it is a safety issue. The Attorney for the Town reported that Martinkovic has received the plans for the proposed cell tower and gave those plans to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Grant Writer, Frank Schwarz, reported the urns project was done, noting they planted the flowers the scouts got. Schwarz noted that they will install the columns in front of the municipal building and place a bench by the courtroom door. Schwarz reported that the electric bill for the Town Hall has gone down by \$200 in one month since the installation of the LED lights. Supervisor Mellan reported her Clerk has been reviewing the electric bills and that 3 or 4 years

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ago they had but a down payment on the highway garage, noting they now have a credit of \$2,200. Councilman Sherman stated the down payment was put on the garage because it was new construction.

Councilman Carr reported he checked in with Roger Bisland regarding the insurance that is now required for the use of the Senior Center, noting it may cost \$200 to get a certificate for one day. Supervisor Mellan stated they need to have a Certificate if they want to rent the hall. Councilman Carr agreed if they can't get the Certificate then they cannot rent the hall. Supervisor Mellan stated it should only cost \$50 for the rider. Councilman Carr reported he will take the matter to the Advisory Board. The Town Clerk reported that they had a request to use the municipal parking lots for a private party up the road from the offices, however, they were told they needed to get the insurance certificate and we did not get one so they did not use the parking lots.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk