

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
February 1, 2017

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a monthly Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 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 Joseph Carr
Councilwoman Zoriana Gingold
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Leigh Sherman was Absent
Councilman James Akt was Absent

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Constable Robert Maas, Laurie Terry, Rose Carr, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr., Liam Hunt, Heidi Spannos and Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker.

PRE –FILED RESOLUTIONS

- #51 – Cemetery Clerk Appt.
- #52 - Court Clerk Appt.
- #53 - Part Time Bldgs. Maintenance Appt.
- #54 - Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board Appt. – Hunt
- #55 – Highway Truck Funding Approval

Supervisor Mellan reported that the Justice Court had 9 applicants for Court Clerk and the Justices have made their recommendation for appointment. Supervisor Mellan reported that all Councilmen got copies of the resumes for the Part Time Buildings Maintenance position, noting the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor interviewed the applicants.

Supervisor Mellan requested the Town Clerk print up the email regarding the grant that has been secured to help pay for the proposed new highway truck. The Attorney for the Town recommended putting an amount, not to exceed, on the resolution. The Highway Superintendent reported on the estimated cost of the truck and it was agreed to amend the resolution to read: not to exceed, the amount of \$230,000.00. The Board members waived the 5 day rule since this resolution was done today. Supervisor Mellan requested the Town Clerk email this approved resolution to the bookkeeper and to the Grant Writer.

The Board members reviewed the Meeting Minutes, Monthly Reports and Correspondence. Don Hunt stated he will have the Fire Dept. Monthly Report for the next meeting. Supervisor Mellan noted that the regular Town Board meeting will be held on

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February 15th and not on the 8th as originally scheduled. Supervisor Mellan reported she received an additional piece of correspondence from Bruce Ferguson from the Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development requesting to come to a Town Board meeting and do a presentation regarding the opportunity to lower electric costs for residents and small businesses which she would like to add to the agenda for the regular meeting.

Supervisor Mellan reviewed the Resolutions that will be addressed at the regular meeting. Supervisor Mellan noted the budget transfers to reserve funds for the future purchases of a Constable vehicle and highway equipment. The Attorney for the Town stated that they should keep in mind that any future purchases from these accounts may be subject to permissive referendum. Supervisor Mellan noted the surplus of old office equipment was for phones and printers no longer in use.

Supervisor Mellan reported they need to replace the main office computer server equipment, noting that they originally had gotten quotes for a new battery backup but have since determined that the existing backup is still sufficient so they will only need the new switches. Supervisor Mellan noted they got 2 different quotes and she is recommending that they go with the Dell models because they are less expensive. Supervisor Mellan stated they need to change Resolution #58 to read that they need both of the Dell 48 port switch and the 24 port switch.

Supervisor Mellan reported they got two quotes to do the Senior Center floor cleaning, noting that there is a considerable difference in the prices. The Town Clerk reported she called the water company to see if they could fix the water cooler in the Senior Center and was told they would do within 4 weeks when they make the next delivery.

Supervisor Mellan reported she received a letter of interest from John Fuller to be appointed as the Town's Secondary Engineer.

Supervisor Mellan reported that the Grant Writer has been working on the energy efficiency of the old heaters in the municipal building and senior center, noting that the Grant Writer got one quote for replacements and she will be meeting with him next week to discuss it further. Supervisor Mellan noted there may be grant monies available to cover the cost of purchasing the new heaters and was hopeful they may have a new resolution for the purchase by the meeting on the 15th. Supervisor Mellan reported that Councilman Sherman met with two different local electricians regarding the installation of the new heaters. Supervisor Mellan noted that the heaters to be replaced are in the front hallway of the municipal building and in the hallway by the bathrooms in the Senior Center.

The Town Clerk reported there was an issue with the cemetery, noting she had someone come in who recently lost her father and does not have the money to bury his cremains.

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The Town Clerk reported this person would like permission to bury her father's cremains within the two family plots where her uncle and grandmother are buried. The Attorney for the Town stated she would look into the matter in the morning to see if there were any legal reasons why this cannot be done.

The Town Clerk reported she has received a request from the Board of Elections to certify any incumbent that will be running for re-election in the November, 2017 election. The Town Clerk noted she will contact Councilman Akt to have him verify he will be the incumbent for his Councilman's seat.

The Highway Superintendent questioned if they were going to have to move all the furniture out of the senior center to clean the floors? Supervisor Mellan reported they will have to do ½ of the floor at a time and will move the furniture to the side that is not being worked on. Supervisor Mellan also stated she would like to see the replacement heaters done before they clean the floors.

The Highway Superintendent/Parks Commissioner reported the Little League wants to redo the dugouts at the ball field this year but they are waiting for quotes on how much it will cost. The Parks Commissioner stated they do have plans but no quotes. Heidi Spannos confirmed the benches in the dugouts are really bad. Councilwoman Gingold reported the Little League is having a meeting next week.

Councilwoman Gingold made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Councilman Carr, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk