

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2016

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a monthly Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 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., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Jenny Mellan
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Leigh Sherman
Councilman James Akt
Councilman Joseph Carr
Councilwoman Zoriana Gingold

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Constable Robert Maas, Rose Carr, Jack Shafer, Caroline Akt, Anita Hunt and Rich Vanderberkt.

The Board members reviewed the Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Mellan noted she made a couple of corrections previously, Councilman Sherman had one change today and Councilwoman Gingold noted a minor correction to the Minutes of November 21st.

The Board members reviewed the Monthly Reports and the Correspondence. Supervisor Mellan noted the Supervisor's, Highway Superintendent and Fire Dept. Monthly Reports will be available next week. Supervisor Mellan reported Item #4 was a copy of her certification of completion for Homeland Security training. Supervisor Mellan reported they received resignation letters from Alex Grech from the Planning Board and Lewis Powell from the Cemetery Committee. The Town Clerk reported she received a phone call today from another Cemetery Committee member who does not want to be reappointed next year, noting an ad has been placed on the town website for two openings and will have to be updated to three. The Board members agreed to post the Cemetery Committee openings in the newspapers in January since there will be no meetings for the Committee until the spring.

Supervisor Mellan reported Item #10 was a letter of resignation from Nadia Rajsz as the town representative for the Upper Delaware Scenic Byways, noting there was also a letter of recognition from the Byways for Rajsz's service.

Supervisor Mellan reported there was another piece of correspondence to add that came in from the UDC regarding large scale solar systems. Supervisor Mellan noted she is not up to date on the subject and suggested giving this information to the Code Enforcement Officer for comment. Supervisor Mellan questioned if this issue is addressed in our town code? Councilman Akt stated they should ask the Code Enforcement Officer.

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PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS

#140 – Court Clerk 2016-2017 Salary

#141 - Court Clerk Training Stipend

Supervisor Mellan reported it had been discussed at a previous meeting that they need to adjust the salary for the new incoming court clerk. Supervisor Mellan reported the judges would like to have the appointment on a 3 month and 6 month probationary period, with reviews after each period and after final approval of the appointment after those probationary periods there would be a recommended increase to the salary.

Councilman Akt stated he voted No to Resolution #140 and to #141.

Supervisor Mellan reported 5 applications for the court clerk position, noting that the applicants will need to be interviewed by the judges, hopefully, by December 20th so that the required training can be done by the end of the year close out. Supervisor Mellan reported, she, along with Councilman Sherman, had a conference call regarding the procedure for hiring a court clerk and were told that the judges have to do the interviews and make their recommendation for appointment. Supervisor Mellan stated the Town Board cannot make the appointment without the judges' approval. Councilman Akt questioned who is running the town, noting the Town Board should be making the appointment? Councilman Sherman reported they talked to the New York State 3rd Judicial System who says it is the law that the judges pick their court clerk. Supervisor Mellan stated the judges have to agree to the appointment. Supervisor Mellan reported that Judge McKerrell requested a Town Board member be present at the interviews and Councilman Sherman will attend the interviews because is the liaison to the Court.

The Board members reviewed the Pre-filed Resolutions for next week's meeting. Supervisor Mellan reported that the Constables got a donation from Camp Konia, that she met with Parks and Rec to discuss establishing a reserve fund for their donations to be put aside for future projects, and noted that they had discussed replacing the town entrance sign at the corner of Rt. 97 & Ct. Rt. 31 which Parks & Rec have stated they would give \$750 towards the purchase price. Supervisor Mellan reported the Grant Writer researched for any grants for the purchase but found none.

Supervisor Mellan reported they have reviewed and updated the Constables Manual, noting they need to approve the minor changes. The Town Clerk reported Resolution #148 was a request from the County to approve the Town receive monies for Snow & Ice Removal, noting there is no change in the amount from the previous year but the County is requiring the Resolution.

Supervisor Mellan reported there is late correspondence from a Planning Board member requesting approval to attend training in NYC in February, noting the member will pay for her own hotel room but is requesting the town pay for her registration for the training plus mileage,

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with funds for the registration to be paid out of this year's budget and mileage out of next year's budget. Supervisor Mellan questioned if this training would be used towards the required continuing education? Councilman Sherman questioned what the normal cost was for a Planning Board member training? The Town Clerk noted that since the registration deadline is the end of January the funds can all be taken from next year's budget.

The Board members discussed scheduling their year-end meeting and January Re-Organizational meeting. The Board members agreed to have their Year End Meeting on Thursday, December 29th at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The Board members agreed to have their Re-Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall with their regular Workshop Meeting immediately after the Re-Org Meeting.

Jack Shafer questioned the status of the Town taking over Shafer Heights Road, noting he talked to the Attorney for the Town and she was doing up the paperwork. Supervisor Mellan stated she will call the Attorney tomorrow to what is going on. Councilman Akt stated that if it is ready to go they can waive the 5 day rule and get it done at next week's meeting. Supervisor Mellan stated she would contact Shafer as soon as she finds out anything.

Supervisor Mellan noted they still have vouchers to audit but requested a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk