

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2013

The Lumberland Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall 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 Ron Thiele
Councilman David Leamon
Councilman James Akt was Absent

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Hedwig Brush, Chief Constable Patrick Cahill, Sophia Martynek, ZBA Chair Lewis Powell, Fire Dept. President Ann Steimle, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr., Kaitlin Haas from the Sullivan County Democrat, Town Attorney Danielle Jose-Decker, Tax Collector Heather Worzel, David Riley, Caroline Akt, Herb Baxter, and Kevin Kearney from the River Reporter

MINUTES

Councilman Ron Thiele made a motion to accept Minutes of December 10, 2012, December 12, 2012, December 27, 2012 and January 2, 2013 as written, seconded by Councilman Joseph Carr, all in favor, so carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Supervisor
 - b. Town Clerk
 - c. Buildings
 - d. Highway Superintendent
 - e. Constables

2. Comptroller's Newsletters
3. Historian , Museum, & Grant Writer Annual 2012 Reports
4. SC Historical Society Newsletter
5. Planning Board Training Certificates
6. Court Justice Training Certification – McKerrell
7. Upper Delaware Scenic Byways Mtg. Min- Nov.
8. NYS AG & Markets Municipal Shelter Inspection Report
9. Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development Newsletter

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10. Delaware Highlands Conservancy Newsletters
11. ZBA Mtg. Min. –Nov.
12. Town Clerk Annual 212 Report
13. Highway Expenditure of Monies Report

Supervisor Rajsz noted that the Scenic Byways did not meet in December due to the holidays. Supervisor Rajsz reported that she has been put on a committee for the Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development.

The Highway Superintendent explained that his report on the expenditures of Highway monies was to show what he will be doing with his CHIPS money, noting these monies are used for the maintenance of the roads. The Highway Superintendent reported they will be working on the 1st trail at Mohican Lake which they did not do last year and on a couple of other roads.

PRE-FILED RESOLUTIONS

- #31 - Supervisor's Training – NYC
- #32 - Cemetery Committee Officers Appts.
- #33 - Amend Resolution #5, 2013 – Mileage Re-imbusement
- #34 - LEC Re- Appts.
- #35 - Planning Board Appt.- (Late File)
- #36 - 2012 General Fund Budget Transfers (Late File)
- #37 - 2012 Highway Fund Budget Transfers (Late File)
- #28 - Planning Board Member Appts. (Tabled from Jan. 2nd Mtg.)

Supervisor Rajsz reported that any of the Council people are encouraged to attend the annual Association of Towns conference in New York City in February. The Town Attorney noted that they will also have a program for continued education for attorneys and she will be attending.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the federal government changed the mileage reimbursement rate right after the Town Board approved the initial rate. Supervisor Rajsz reported the Planning Board met last night and made their recommendations for appointments. Supervisor Rajsz reported the 2012 budget modifications that need to be approved are the final modifications. Councilman Leamon questioned the overage in the buildings fund? Supervisor Rajsz stated she would check with the bookkeeper for verification of the overage.

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Supervisor Rajsz reported that the other two resolutions that were tabled from the Re-Organizational meeting held on January 2nd are still being reviewed by the auditors. Supervisor Rajsz reported that the Town still has an opening on the Board of Assessment Review, an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals and two openings for alternate members on the Planning Board if anyone is interested.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Councilman Thiele reported that the new maintenance mower is on it's way to the dealership and he would like the maintenance man to go pick it up and go over it before taking delivery.

Councilman Carr reported he had no complaints from the Seniors and that the Fire Dept. is doing fine.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the Town Board needs to schedule the 2012 Departmental Book Audits, noting that they normally should be done by January 20th but the Town Clerk will not be available next week and requested the audits be scheduled the following week. The Board members agreed to hold the book audits on Wednesday, January 23rd, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the municipal building.

The Board members reviewed the Liaison listing the Supervisor presented, noting that she has openings for the Alternate Members for the UDC and the Scenic Byways. Councilman Carr stated he would be the alternate for the Scenic Byways. Supervisor Rajsz requested Councilman Leamon consider becoming the alternate for the UDC, noting the Liaisons should attend the meetings and report back to the Town Board.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she got an email requesting a letter be sent by electronic email to the Governor addressing the fracking issue and requesting putting the brakes on the approval of the requirements for fracking. Supervisor Rajsz requested all the Board members go onto the website and sign the letter also.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the CPA firm has met with the various departments to review their procedures and will be writing up recommendations and sending a written analysis of their assessment. Supervisor Rajsz noted that one of their recommendations was to get a security system in the municipal offices and the highway garage, noting that a camera system was also considered. The Town Attorney reported that there is a camera system available through the phone company which cost around \$400.

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Supervisor Rajsz reported one of the other recommendations from the CPA firm was for cross training personnel, especially the bookkeeper. Supervisor Rajsz reported she called the Supervisor in the Town of Highland who will check with his Town Board and personnel to see if that is an agreeable option. Supervisor Rajsz reported that Jean VanderMark is the bookkeeper for the Town of Highland and would back up our bookkeeper and the Code Enforcement Officer would be using backup from Deerpark. Supervisor Rajsz reported it was also recommended getting a backup or cross training for the Court Clerk but when it was mentioned to our judges they were against it. Supervisor Rajsz noted that several people have been coming into the Town Clerk's office to pay fines because the Court Clerk is not always there. Councilman Leamon stated that if it is mandated for the Court they have to follow what the mandate is. The Town Clerk reported they tell people there is nothing their office can do for them and they will have to contact the Court Clerk. The Board members were in agreement to having the backup for the bookkeeper and the Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Rajsz noted that when they can confirm agreement with the other towns they will do the approval in the form of a resolution.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that when the power outage occurred last Friday she called the O&R representative and was told he was on vacation. Supervisor Rajsz reported she was told the outage was due to a 3 year breaker blowing and it couldn't be repaired but was spliced together to get the power back on. Supervisor Rajsz noted that they are still working on the issue and she has been informed they have a new O&R representative.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the wiring is done on the town generator and they are waiting for O&R to do their thing for the hookup. Supervisor Rajsz recommended the Lumberland Code Enforcement Officer overlook the monthly testing of the generator.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she has submitted additional paperwork to FEMA which included volunteer hours and the cost of the temporary generator, noting the Fire Dept. is submitting their paperwork separately. The Highway Superintendent reported his paperwork will be considered along with the town paperwork.

Supervisor Rajsz reported the Millennium Pipeline would like to make a \$500 donation to the town, noting that they get a tremendous abatement. Supervisor Rajsz noted she suggested they pipe some of the natural gas into the Town of Lumberland. Supervisor Rajsz recommended the donation be put into the Summer Youth Program and the Board members agreed.

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Supervisor Rajszyk congratulated the Fire Dept. on their recent river rescue of a deer on the ice. Ann Steimle reported on the rescue noting their new air boat worked perfectly. Steimle noted there were a lot of people watching the rescue and they were glad they had a happy ending to the rescue, noting they took the deer in the ambulance to the firehouse and it took off from there.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported she would like to have a brief meeting after the Board meeting tonight with members of the Board, the Town Attorney and the Highway Superintendent on the road usage law. Supervisor Rajszyk stated she is forming a committee on updating the emergency plan, noting she would like Fire Dept. personnel involved, along with Shelia Hocker from the Seniors, a representative from the school and a couple of the Town Board members.

Supervisor Rajszyk stated that her goals for 2013 are to finalize the Ethics law which the Town Attorney is working on, updating the Emergency Plan and to finalize the Knight Cemetery ownership. Supervisor Rajszyk stated she would like to appoint members to the Ethics Board.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that at the last meeting they had discussed paying off the bond on the highway truck, noting that since she has taken office the town is now down by almost 1/2 of the debt they were in. Supervisor Rajszyk stated she would like to further reduce the debt, noting that there was a consolidation of the Hollow Road project and the Highway Garage project which is now in a bond that they are saying cannot be paid off early. Supervisor Rajszyk requested Councilman Leamon look into this issue since his background is in that field. Supervisor Rajszyk requested Councilman Leamon review the bond to see if there was anything they could do to pay it off early. The Town Attorney reported that a bond is used as an investment tool which is probably the reason it was made to not be paid off before it comes due.

The Town Clerk reported her office has been busy with paperwork and that the Tax Collector has been busy collecting taxes. The Tax Collector reported she has had 200 people in already to pay their taxes. Supervisor Rajszyk reported she has gotten an email from Real Property that they will be meeting with the Assessor to consider doing a reval on properties. The Tax Collector reported she has had to explain to people that the increase in the taxes was not on the Town level and they would need to contact the County as to the increase on their level.

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The Highway Superintendent reported they have been busy.

The Chief Constable reported on his monthly activity. Supervisor Rajsz questioned if the DCO has had any cat calls, noting she talked to the DCO and was told that she would be consolidating her trips to the Humane Society. The Chief Constable reported that the DCO updates the dog population each month.

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Ann Steimle reported she has been busy with the LOSAP paperwork. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the Town has to approve the paperwork before it is submitted.

Sophia Martynec stated that the County talks about mandates but questioned if they are doing anything about those mandates? Supervisor Rajsz reported there is a coalition of Counties that is working on decreasing those mandates but there is no moving on this issue. Councilman Carr stated there is no moving from the State. Supervisor Rajsz stated the only way to address this is to have petitions signed and send on to Albany.

Supervisor Rajsz noted the Special Announcements. Councilman Carr reported his house has now been completely repaired from the damage of Hurricane Sandy.

ABSTRACTS

Councilman Carr made a motion to approve General Fund & Highway 2012 Final Abstract, with General Fund Pre-paid Claims A12-020 through 021 in the amount of \$257.60, 2012 General Fund Claims G12-# 1015 through # 1040, in the amount of \$ 17,376.39 , and Highway Fund Claims H12-# 549 through #602, in the amount of \$ 130,142.23, with a total of Abstract 12, 2012 (Final) of \$147,776.22, and 2013 General Fund & Highway #1, 2013 General Fund Claims G1-#1 through #011, in the amount of \$9,401.18 , Highway Fund Claims #H1- #1 in the amount of \$ 8,619.29 , with a total of Abstract #1, 2013 of \$18,020.47, seconded by councilman Thiele, all in favor, so carried.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Councilman Thiele, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk

