

**LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Nadia Rajsz opened the meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those members present were:

Supervisor Nadia Rajsz  
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr  
Councilman James Akt  
Councilman Ron Thiele  
Councilman David Leamon

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Caroline Akt, Sophia Martynek and Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr.

The Board members reviewed the Minutes, Monthly Reports and Correspondence and Pre-filed Resolutions. Supervisor Rajsz reported that each Board member was given a copy of the County Emergency Flood Mitigation Plan to review and that the Town needs to accept the plan. Councilman Carr noted that a lot of what was done in the County plan was already done within the Town plan. Supervisor Rajsz reported that this County plan was updated in 2010 and the Town now needs to accept the plan.

Supervisor Rajsz reported there are resolutions for the Assessor to buy envelopes to send out reassessment letters and the Tax Collector needs to buy envelopes to send out delinquent letters. Supervisor Rajsz also noted that Resolution #41 is to approve that the annual book audit for the Tax Collector be changed from January to May.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that resolutions #42, #43, and #44 came out of the Supervisors meetings, noting #42 was for support in reestablishing a Board of Supervisors and eliminating the County Legislators. Councilman Akt noted that there would be considerable savings by getting rid of the legislators. Supervisor Rajsz stated there has been a disconnect with the legislators and the Towns and the legislators are not listening to the people. Supervisor Rajsz stated that by approving this resolution they are requesting the legislators put this issue on a referendum vote to the people, noting if there are enough signatures on petitions the legislators would have to respond to the request.

Supervisor Rajsz reported Resolution #44 was to approve that the purchase for the upgrade for emergency radio communications move forward. Supervisor Rajsz noted this

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is a health and safety issue. The Highway Superintendent reported he has heard that they have waited too long and they can't get the frequencies that are needed. Supervisor Rajsz stated they are trying to move forward even though it is fiscally challenging but they need to invest in things that will help people.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that Resolution #43 was in support of the second amendment which was the right to bear arms, noting that this resolution started in the Town of Deerpark and there was a letter attached to the resolution from the New York State Sheriff's Association that was sent to the Governor regarding the recent gun law. Supervisor Rajsz noted that she has included sending the resolution to Assemblywoman Annie Rabbit because, with the redistricting, she believes Rabbit may cover a portion of land in the Town of Lumberland. Councilman Carr questioned when are we getting the redefined district lines? Supervisor Rajsz reported they are still waiting for them.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that Resolution #45 was to support the traffic ticket plea bargaining process that the State wants to get rid of, noting it is just another way of limiting the town's power. Supervisor Rajsz stated this would impact on the judges' plea bargaining process, noting that the Town of Thompson has already passed this resolution along with the Association of Supervisors. Supervisor Rajsz stated the towns should have the power to plea bargain tickets. Sophia Martynec suggested taking the wording "Prevention of " off the resolution listing on the Agenda.

Supervisor Rajsz reported Resolution #46 was for better notification of vacant or decaying structures, noting it would be a better process to go after the owner. Councilman Leamon stated he is in favor of this resolution because it would empower the town to deal with the situation better.

Supervisor Rajsz reported Resolution #47 was to approve the appointment of a backup for our Code Enforcement Officer when needed. Councilman Leamon questioned if Bob Emerson from the Town of Deerpark would be working on a regular basis as a backup? Supervisor Rajsz noted we would not be sure of the length of time he would be working, noting the resolution states it is when needed.

Supervisor Rajsz reported Resolution #48 was to approve the findings for the MMTF, noting there were some changes made to the law. The Town Clerk reported that the Board would need to schedule a Public Hearing relating to Resolution #49 which is for the proposed Local Law for the Road Preservation. Supervisor Rajsz suggested holding the Public Hearing at the regular Town Board meeting in April. The Board members

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agreed. Supervisor Rajszyk reported that Luis Aragon, Commissioner of the Sullivan County Planning Division, has resigned.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that she just received by email the Delta Road Protection forms which she has copied for the Board members. Supervisor Rajszyk also reported she had copied the packet of resolutions that will be addressed this next week at the Association of Towns conference which she will be attending. Supervisor Rajszyk noted that some of the resolutions that involve gas drilling have already been pulled from the agenda. Supervisor Rajszyk reported they will have a Proclamation for Wednesday night's meeting for a Town of Lumberland resident, Walter Balaban, who will be turning 100 years old this month. Supervisor Rajszyk reported she designated Charlie Fallon as the Safety Manager for the offices, noting Fallon is looking into how to protect the town workers.

Supervisor Rajszyk questioned if anything had happened with the request to lower the speed limit on Ct. Rt. 42? The Town Clerk reported she has not received anything on the request. The Highway Superintendent reported nothing had been done when it was previously requested. Councilman Carr questioned if we could just put up a reduced speed sign? Supervisor Rajszyk stated that the road is governed by the State, noting that the request first goes to the County and then is forwarded onto the State for approval.

Councilman Carr questioned if a guardrail could be put up on Ct. Rt. 31 by the pond before someone slides off the road and into the water? The Highway Superintendent reported there used to be a guardrail there and it is a County Road.

Councilman Leamon reported he has reviewed the bond paperwork but did not bring his notes with him.

Supervisor Rajszyk reported that she received paperwork from the Parks Service regarding audio disturbances, noting the paperwork lists the Parks office is on Rt. 97 in Barryville when it is actually in the Town of Lumberland.

Councilman Carr made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Councilman Leamon, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn Town Clerk