

LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Lumberland held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012, 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.

Roll Call was administered to those members present:

Supervisor Nadia Rajsz
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Joseph Carr
Councilman James Akt
Councilman Ron Thiele
Councilman Jay Shafer

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Carol Roig from Sullivan County Alliance for Sustainable Energy, Richard Hotzler, Susan Morley, Sophia Martynech, ZBA Chair Lewis Powell, Billy McKerrill, Highway Superintendent Don Hunt, Jr. and two representatives from the Kadampa Meditation Center.

Supervisor Rajsz stated that, before going over the Agenda, they would like to have Carol Roig, from the Sullivan County Alliance for Sustainable Energy, present information about their program for sustainable energy. Roig reported they are working with Sullivan County regarding energy and sustainable issues, noting Dick Reisling is working on the Green Jobs, Green New York program that provides free energy audits. Roig explained they have two stands they are doing, one being making the County buildings more energy efficient and the other working on a town to town basis to make them more energy efficient. Roig stated they are spreading the information on renewable energy and sending out a climate smart community pledge which she hopes every town adopts. Roig reported that Governor Cuomo has presented a cleaner, greener program, noting that monies will be coming from the government for municipalities to help implement this program. Roig noted that, Thanks to Orange County, there will be a regional get together for one application from the regional group to apply for these monies. Roig reported that Dick Reisling will be representing Sullivan County. Roig stated that this pledge will need to be adopted by all the townships in the County to participate. Supervisor Rajsz reported that NYSERDA has already done an energy audit and some of the suggested upgrades for the Town of Lumberland have been done. Roig stated that Lumberland may be ahead of the others with upgrades, noting that they will also be doing a green house gas inventory of the area. Roig noted all information gathered will be fed into a computer program, noting Susan Gregg is working to collect the information from the towns. Roig stated that a survey form will be sent out for everyone to fill out. Supervisor Rajsz questioned how

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they could get everyone to comply? Roig noted they will have incentives. Roig requested the Town Board look at the Pledge, noting it can be edited to fit each individual town and hoped that this could be adopted within the next month. Roig reported that the EPA information is on line for technical assistance. Supervisor Rajsz questioned if it was possible to get public transportation through the rail service that runs along the river? Roig reported the County is dreaming of the possibility. Roig gave the Board members paperwork on what we can all do to save money through energy savings. Supervisor Rajsz stated she would like to see more municipal recycling, noting we should be encouraging more recycling. Roig stated she would take the recommendations to the County. Richard Hotzler reported they are now doing mainstream recycling, noting that at the transfer station they do not recycle anymore. Roig reported that Sullivan County Community College just put up their 1st turbine windmill. Susan Gregg reported that the windmill is sustained at 10 miles per hour minimum and they sell the energy they don't need back to the electric companies. Roig reported they are looking at individual and commercial windmills. Susan Gregg reported that, at the Earth Day festivities, there will be a presentation on energy audits. Gregg also noted that she will be offering free assistance for 2 hours a month to fill out forms for an energy audit, noting that the audit will be free for households with a medium annual income of \$121,400. Supervisor Rajsz requested information in writing so she could put it on the website and in the newsletter. Sophia Martynec questioned how many people took advantage of the free energy audit since the information first came out, noting that she had the audit done but some of the recommendations are too costly to do. Roig noted that there are loans available up to \$25,000, with payments that would not be any more than the savings per month that you are getting from doing the upgrades. Supervisor Rajsz reported that one town set aside monies for their residents to borrow and they paid back the town.

The Town Clerk discussed the Local Law for Alarms with the Board members, noting that she has so few people that actually register their house alarms and renew their registration every year that she is requesting the Board review the law. The Town Clerk noted that these alarms should be registered with the Fire Department and the Constables rather than the Town Clerk's office. The Board members will review the law.

The Board members reviewed the Agenda. The Board members reviewed the Minutes, Monthly Reports and Correspondence. Supervisor Rajsz noted the letter from Senator Bonacic regarding training notification. Supervisor Rajsz noted that the Court got a grant for a air conditioner/heating unit, safe, and desk. Councilman Carr noted the letter regarding a cell tower in the Town of Thompson and questioned what is happening with

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getting a cell tower in the Town of Lumberland. Supervisor Rajsz reported that the cell tower company could not get a provider for the area.

Supervisor Rajsz noted that the UDC is inviting the Planning, Zoning and Town Board to training on March 24th for River Management. Susan Morley reported that the AARP Defensive Driving Course is being held the same day so she will not be able to attend the UDC training.

The Board members reviewed the Pre-Filed Resolutions. Supervisor Rajsz reported that they will be approving tonight Resolution #47 to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #1, 2012, for the proposed Zoning laws. Supervisor Rajsz reported that they will be paying off one of the bonds the town has. Councilman Shafer questioned how much the new highway truck will cost? The Highway Superintendent stated that he has \$210,000 available for funding, noting he has a preliminary estimate of \$206,000. The Highway Superintendent reported that the old truck that would be replaced by the new one should not be driven and will surplus the old one once he has the replacement.

The Board members reviewed the Resolution for the bid award for surplus office equipment. Councilman Carr reported there was one bid for just the chairs and it was a higher bid than the other bid for all the equipment. Councilman Carr recommended awarding the bid for just the chairs and to go out to bid again for the remaining equipment, minus the chairs. The Board members agreed.

Supervisor Rajsz reported they have a Resolution for Camp Lokanda Noise Permits for their season coming up, noting they also received a letter from the Loch Ada Taxpayers Association about the noise coming from Camp Lokanda. The Town Clerk stated that the Noise law clearly states that the only use for amplification is for emergency announcements. Councilman Thiele reported you can hear the noise from the camp in the Black Forest. The Town Clerk suggested the Supervisor's office write a letter to the camp and attach the Local Law for Noise. Councilman Shafer suggested contacting the camp and have them come down and talk to the Town Board, noting they can wait to approve the noise permits. Lew Powell noted they had the same problem with Camp Champion. Supervisor Rajsz stated she will send out letters to all the camps. Councilman Thiele reported when he called the Constables regarding the noise from the camp he was told that they had a noise permit and there was nothing they could do.

Supervisor Rajsz reported that the contract for the landfill monitoring had been extended last year for Upstate Labs, but noted that they never came because their offices were

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wiped out by a storm. Supervisor Rajsz reported she called Upstate Labs and they are willing to do the monitoring this year for the same amount they agreed upon last year. Supervisor Rajsz reported she called the DEC to inform them of the situation and they are requesting we scan over to them the previous years reports.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she called Luzon Environmental regarding the highway fuel tanks being in compliance. The Highway Superintendent reported that the DEC is saying the tanks are not registered, noting he has been working with Conklin Environmental. Billy McKerrell stated the tanks in the Town Hall and at the Bus Garage should also be registered. Supervisor Rajsz stated they should have the reports of the inspections on file.

Councilman Carr reported that the Fire Dept. wants to know about the LOSAP Program? Supervisor Rajsz reported she talked to the LOSAP program representative in NYC and requested they come in to have another presentation done, hopefully at the April meeting.

Councilman Carr reported that the Seniors have been looking into getting new air conditioning/heating units, noting they are looking for any grant available for the cost. Supervisor Rajsz reported that, according to the Town Attorney, the Fire Dept. and the Seniors would have to write their own grant, not the Town Grant Writer. Councilman Carr reported he asked the Grant Writer to write a grant but was refused, noting he will talk about this at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday night. Susan Morley reported she will ask Frank Schwarz, Grant Writer, if he could do a grant or help the Seniors do a grant, noting the Seniors will pay Frank if he does help them. Supervisor Rajsz Thanked the Kadampa Meditation Center for providing housing for the choir that will be performing this next weekend at the Town Hall. Supervisor Rajsz also Thanked the women that will be feeding the choir.

Supervisor Rajsz reported she has the Town Center Survey attached to the Town Newsletter, requesting everyone fill one out.

The Town Board addressed Resolution #47, which was to schedule another Public Hearing on Local Law #1, 2012 for the proposed new Zoning laws. The Town Board approved the Resolution, scheduling a Public Hearing for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.

Billy McKerrell requested he be taken off the call list for the alarm company for the town buildings. Supervisor Rajsz stated she would take care of that.

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Billy McKerrell reported the Parks Committee is submitting a Renaissance grant to put water in different spots in the park to water the flowers and the cleanup area. McKerrell also noted they are going to finish working on the hill by the bathrooms and plant trees. McKerrell stated that the Board should look into the leach field for the septic for the buildings, noting it may need to be changed with the proposed walkway from the Senior Center and the pavilion. McKerrell requested they consider branching the walkway off to the outdoor bathrooms when they put the walkway between the pavilion and the Senior Center to make it easier to use the bathrooms when outside. Councilman Shafer stated they would have the Engineer look at it. Supervisor Rajszyk noted they still have to interview the applicants for the part time maintenance position. McKerrell reported he has to talk to the bookkeeper about the park's accounts. Supervisor Rajszyk questioned if the Pond Eddy park project was done? McKerrell stated they will be planting some flowers but it was basically done. McKerrell noted they have looked into putting a swing set in at the playground but they are not sure there is enough room. Supervisor Rajszyk stated they would like to kick off the opening of the Pond Eddy Park on Memorial Day. Supervisor Rajszyk also requested a list of Parks Committee members so that they can make the appointments.

The Highway Superintendent reported they will be getting \$9,500 from FEMA, with more to come.

Richard Hotzler reported he can give the Board information on the former rail service on the Pennsylvania side of the river that ran years ago. Hotzler noted they are scheduling the closing of the Pond Eddy Post Office in May. Supervisor Rajszyk stated she would call Congressman Hinchey's office about that.

The Board members reviewed and initialed the vouchers.

Councilman Shafer made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Councilman Thiele, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn
Town Clerk